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This page catalogs use cases reflecting contractual and regulatory concerns that are driving the work of the UMA Legal subgroup. Understanding this document requires understanding technical UMA concepts at a broad level; the UMA Technical Roles and Responsibilities section of the [UMA in Contractual and Regulatory Contexts](#) draft document provides descriptions of these concepts.

Conventions

We definitionally distinguish technical *entities* (which can involve services, applications, devices, people, organizations, and so on all interacting with each other) from contractual *parties*.

We use the classic [placeholder names](#) Alice, Bob, and so on for simplicity when referring to individuals. We add the suffix "Co" when referring to a private-sector organization and "Gov" when referring to a public-sector organization.

Basic access grants by and to individuals with legal capacity

This high-level use case category maps UMA technical entities to contractual parties one-to-one, as a first step in parsing all other use cases.

- The resources of the **resource owner** entity Alice relate to her, so she is also the **resource subject** party.
- Alice controls access to those resources herself, so she is also the **grantor** party.
- Alice's **authorization server** entity is run by an **authorization server operator** party.
- Each of the **resource server** entities hosting Alice's resources is run by a **resource server operator** party.
- When Alice shares access to a resource with Bob, he is a **requesting party** entity acting on his own behalf, so he is also the **grantee** party.
- A **client** entity gaining access to a resource of Alice's is run by a **client operator** party.