

LTI LAUNCHER

Starting an LTI-app without an LMS

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Standards

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IMS LTI

Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI)

Beheerorganisatie: IMS Global

<https://www.imsglobal.org/activity/learning-tools-interoperability>

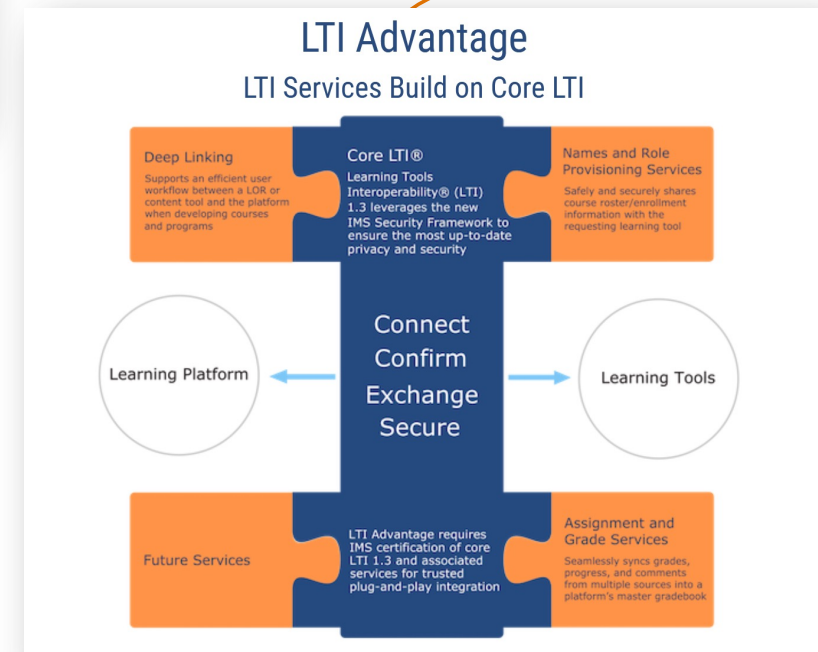
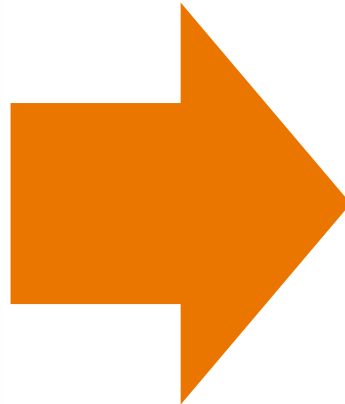
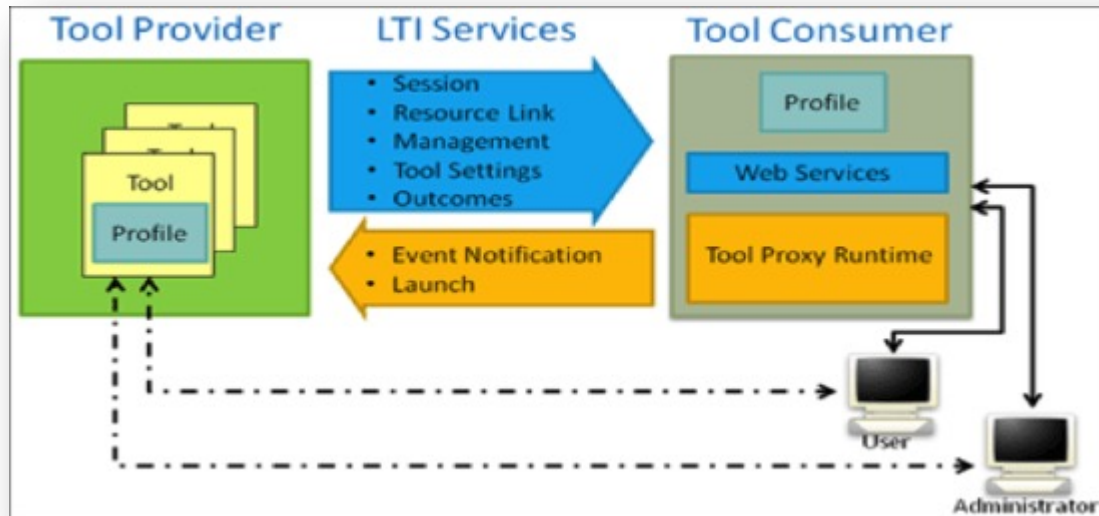
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In ontwikkeling Actueel Verouderd

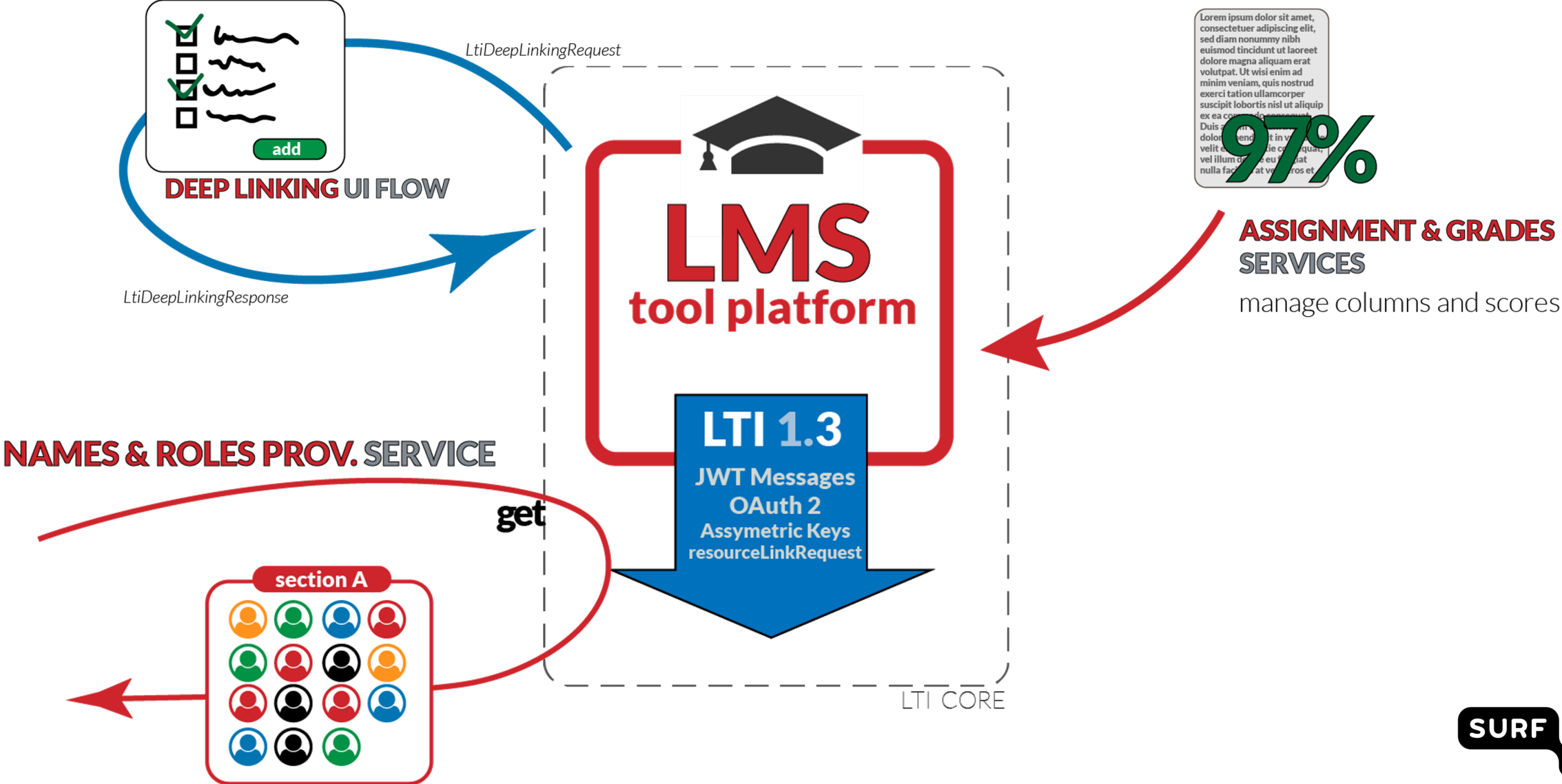
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TO 1.3 (OAUTH 2.0 AND OPENID CONNECT)

FROM 1.2 (OAUTH 1.0)



LTI Advantage = LTI 1.3 + 3 services



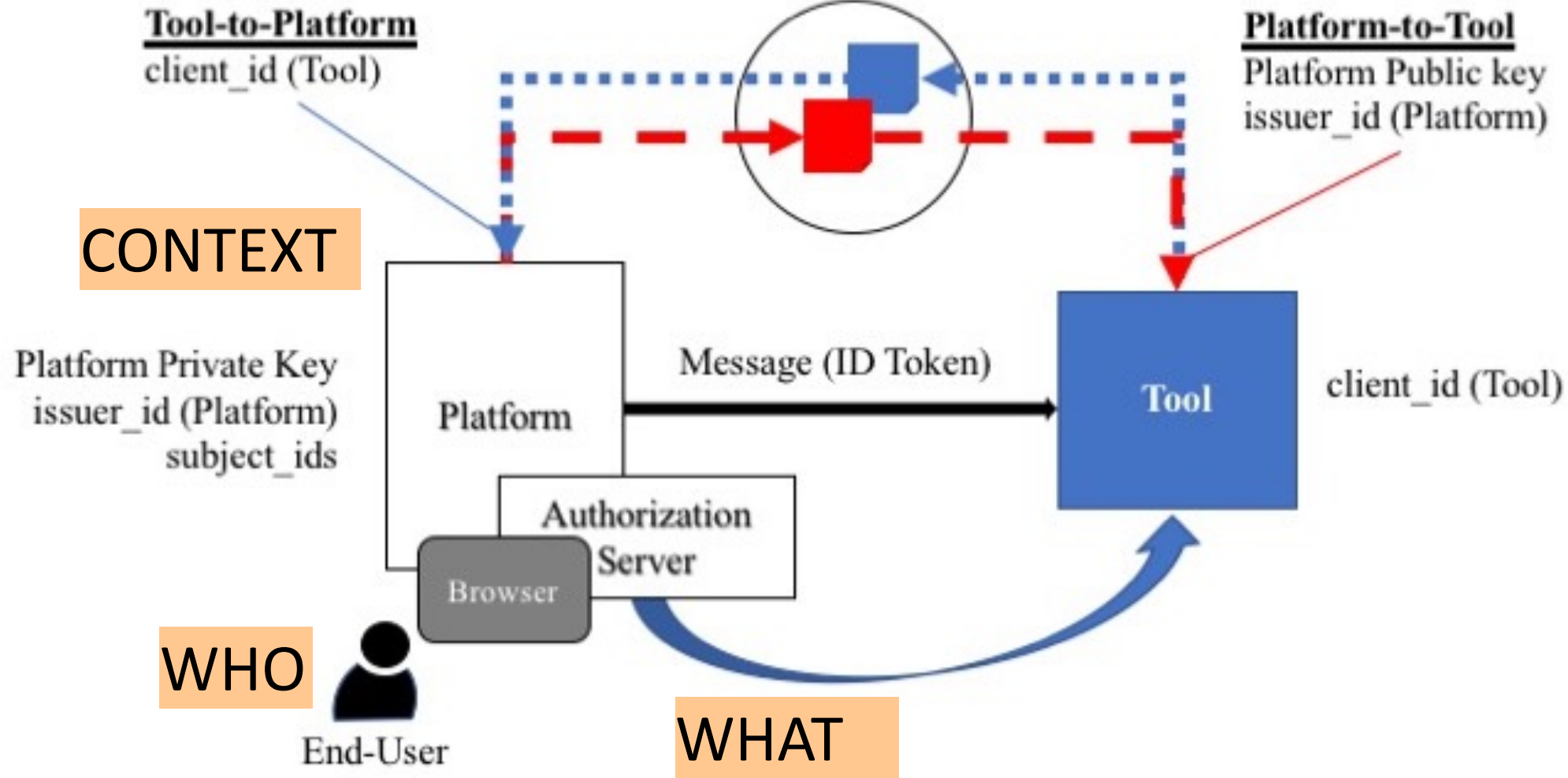
Example tool details registered with the platform:

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client_id: "100000000001"  
keyset_url: "https://tool.example.edu/.well-known/jwks.json"  
oidc_login_url: "https://tool.example.edu/login"  
redirect_uris: "https://tool.example.edu/launch"  
target_link_ui: "https://tool.example.edu/launch"
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auth_token_url: "https://platform.example.edu/access_tokens"  
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Out-of-band Registration Processes



Why a separate LTI-Launcher (1)

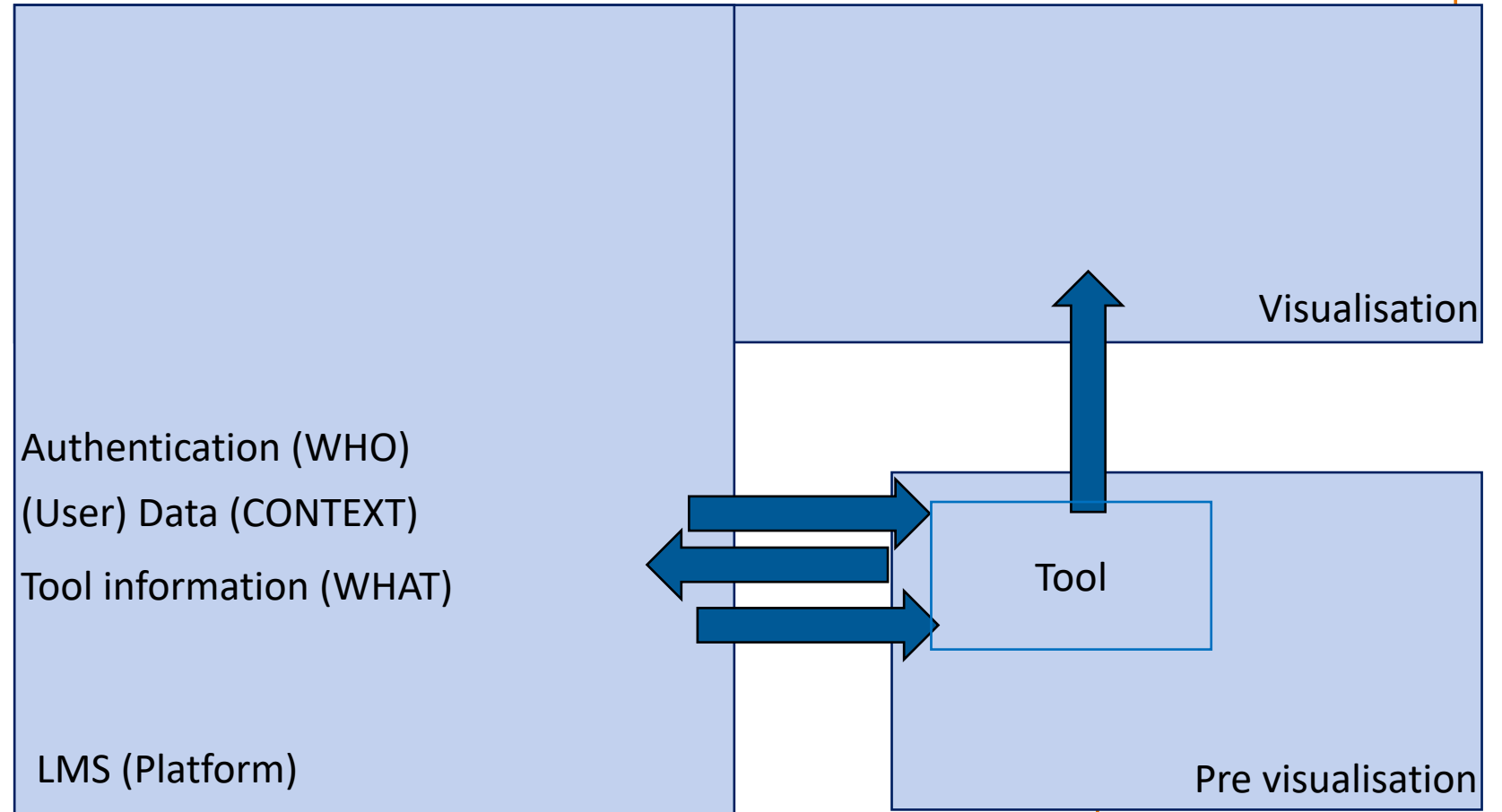
- Launch without an LMS
 - **Decouple** LTI tools from the LMS
 - Enable **more entry points** for a tool
 - Provide **extra focus** on a tool
- Add context manually
 - Context is not always required or can be fixed
 - Pass additional context to the launcher (using JWT)

Why a separate LTI-Launcher (2)

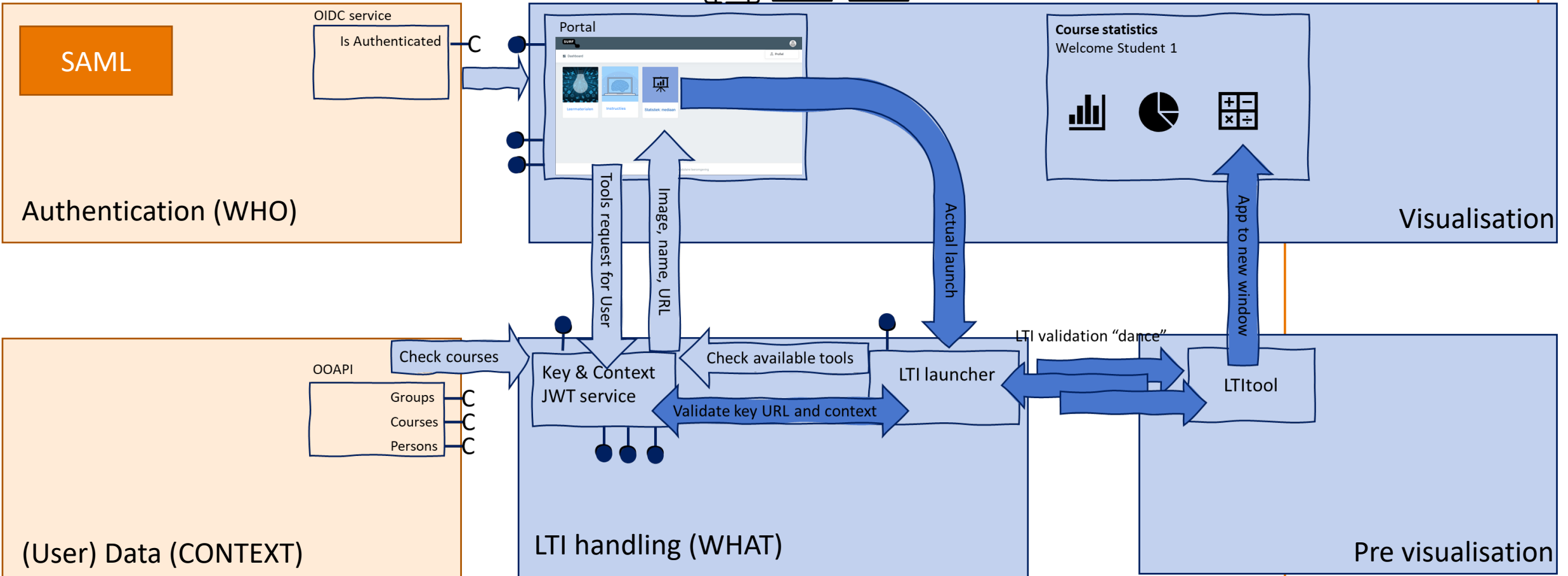
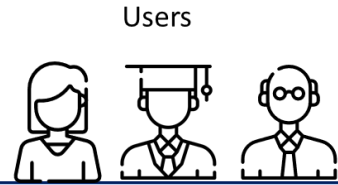
- Version agnostic
 - Platforms don't care about used LTI version
 - New versions of LTI standard can be fixed in a single location
- For **easy** testing
 - Test LTI capabilities of tools and **using underlying open standards** without using a full LMS

How does the LTI launcher work

Overview



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How does it work (information gathering)

- **Manage tools**

- The launcher offers an administrative interface to set-up tools including security credentials.

- **Get the WHO**

- The Launcher is directly linked to a Single Sign On (SSO) service.
 - Only supports OpenID Connect for now.

How does it work (information gathering)

- **Get the WHAT**

- A user 'selects' the tool by going to a specific URL (or click a link):

- **Get the CONTEXT**

- The generator of the link can add context by adding a JWT to the URL:

`https://lti-launcher.com/launch/<tool_id> ? context=xxx.xxx.xxx`

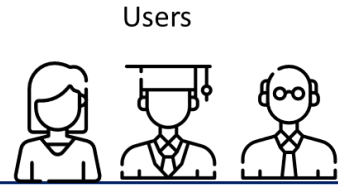
How does it work (the LTI 1.3 dance)

- **Launching the LTI “dance”**

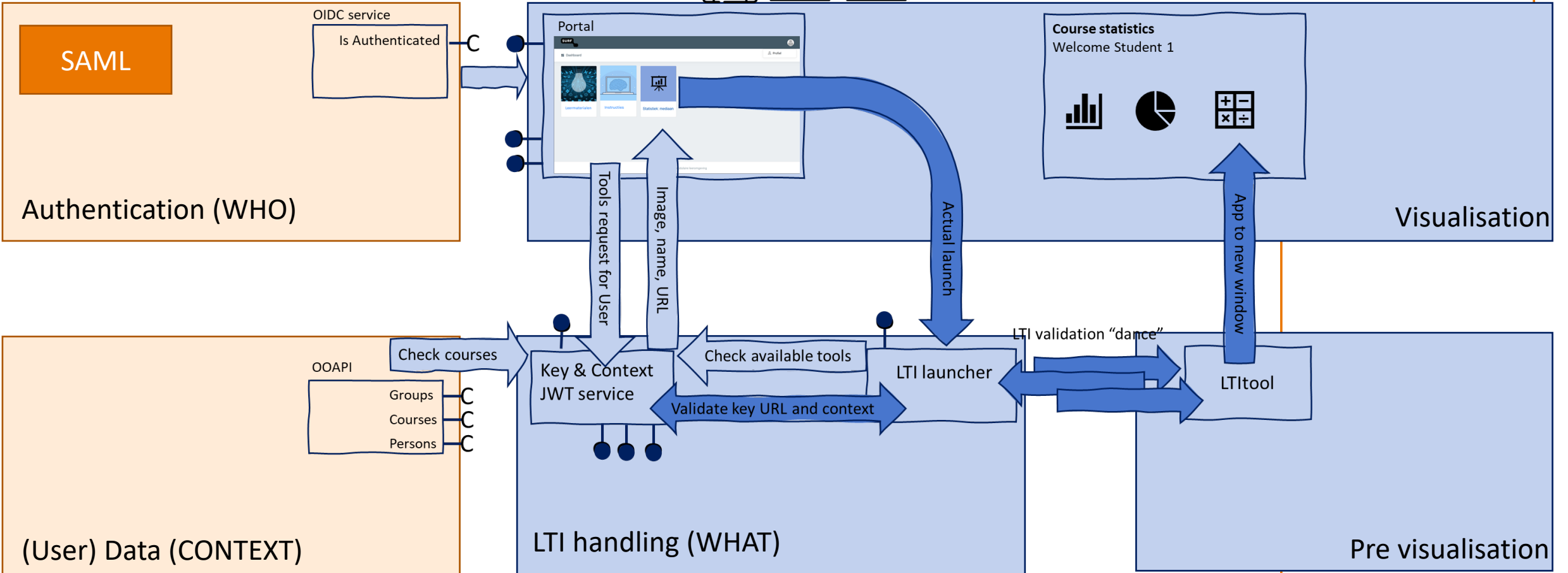
1. User navigates to: https://lti-launcher.com/launch/<tool_id>?context=xxx.xxx.xxx
2. Launcher redirects user to SSO service to get user information
3. User logs in if needed and gets redirected to the launcher
4. Launcher starts Open ID Connect flow with LTI 1.3 tool
5. User gets redirected back to the launcher
6. Launcher performs the final launch

Visuals

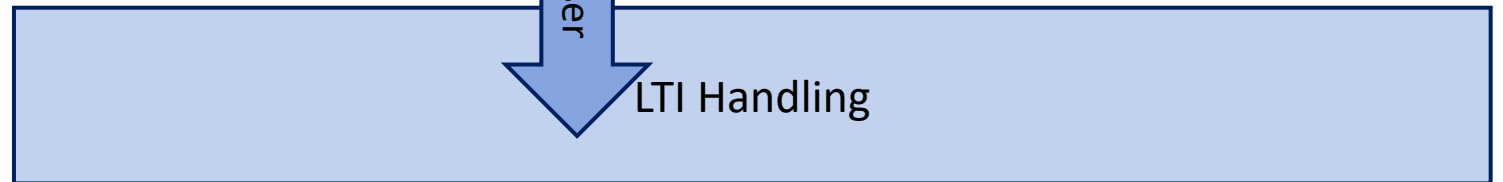
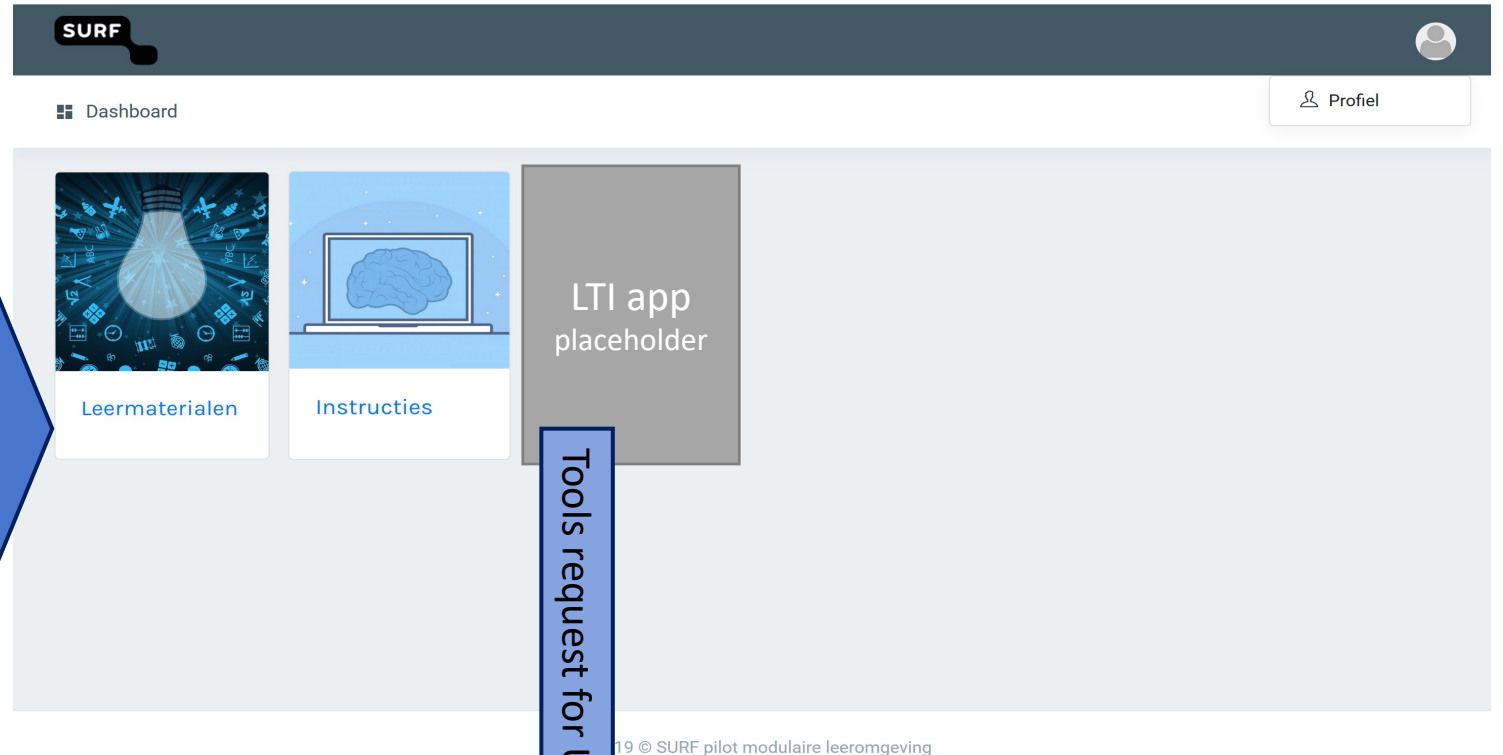
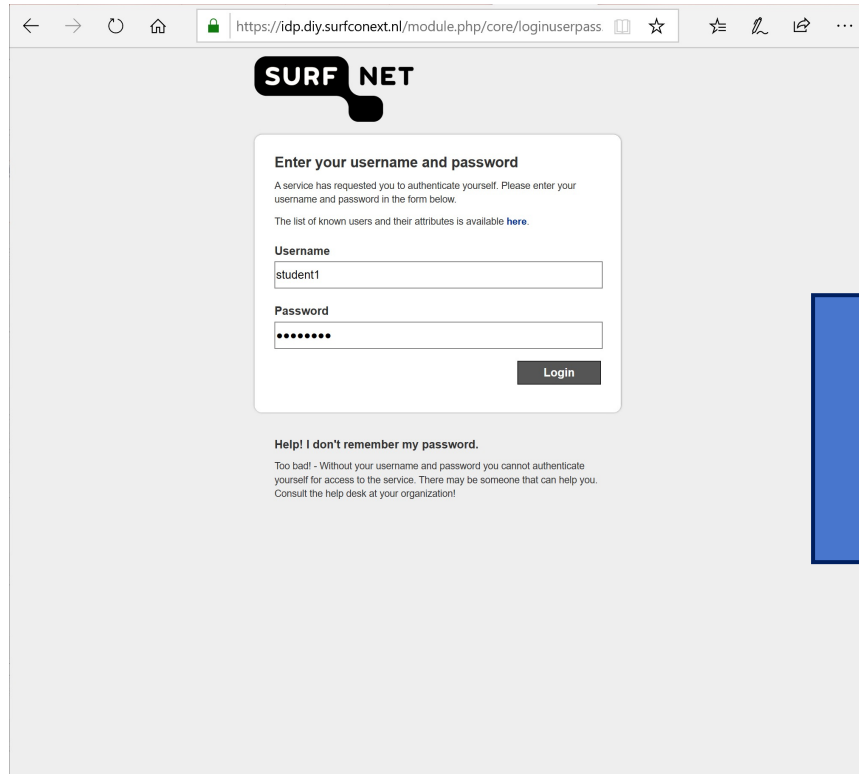
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Users



Student opens portal site and logs in



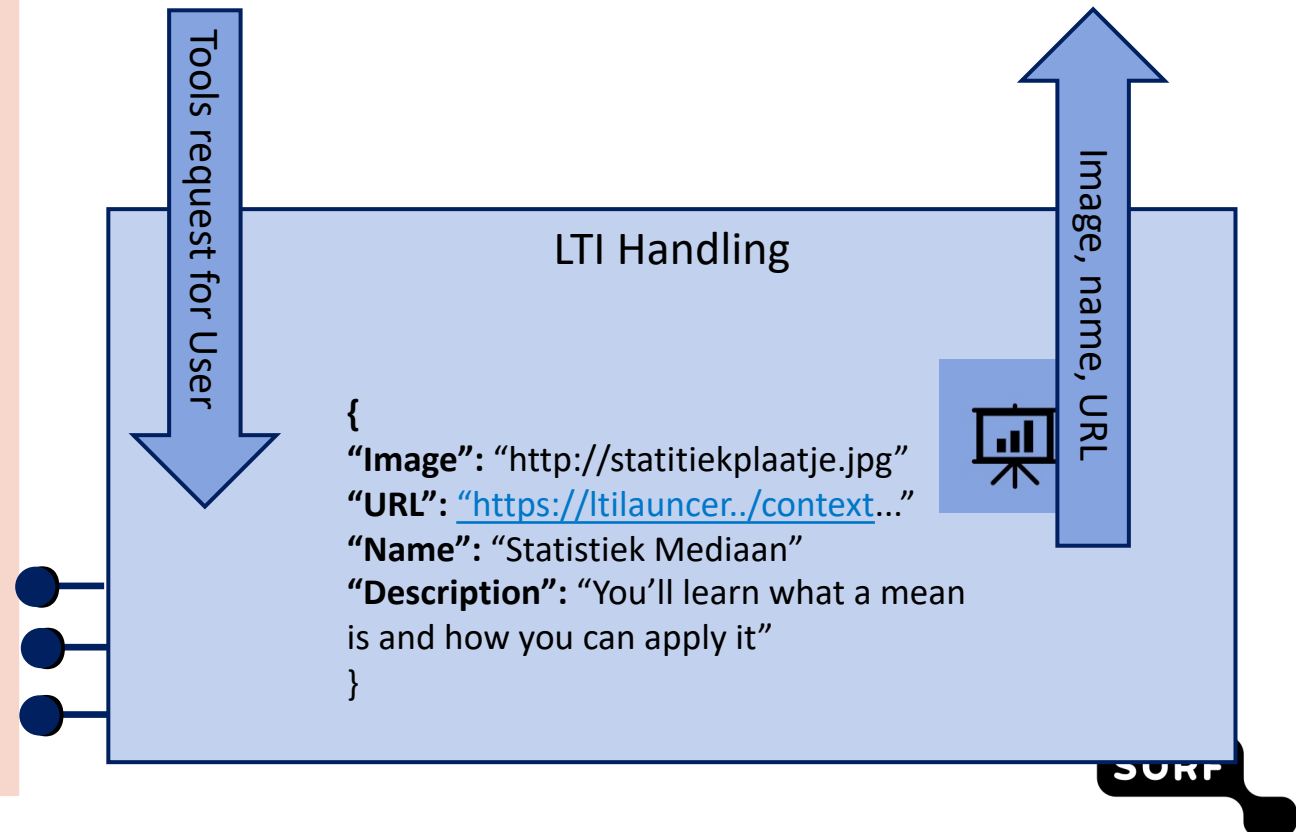
Generate the tile for the portal

JWT Service:

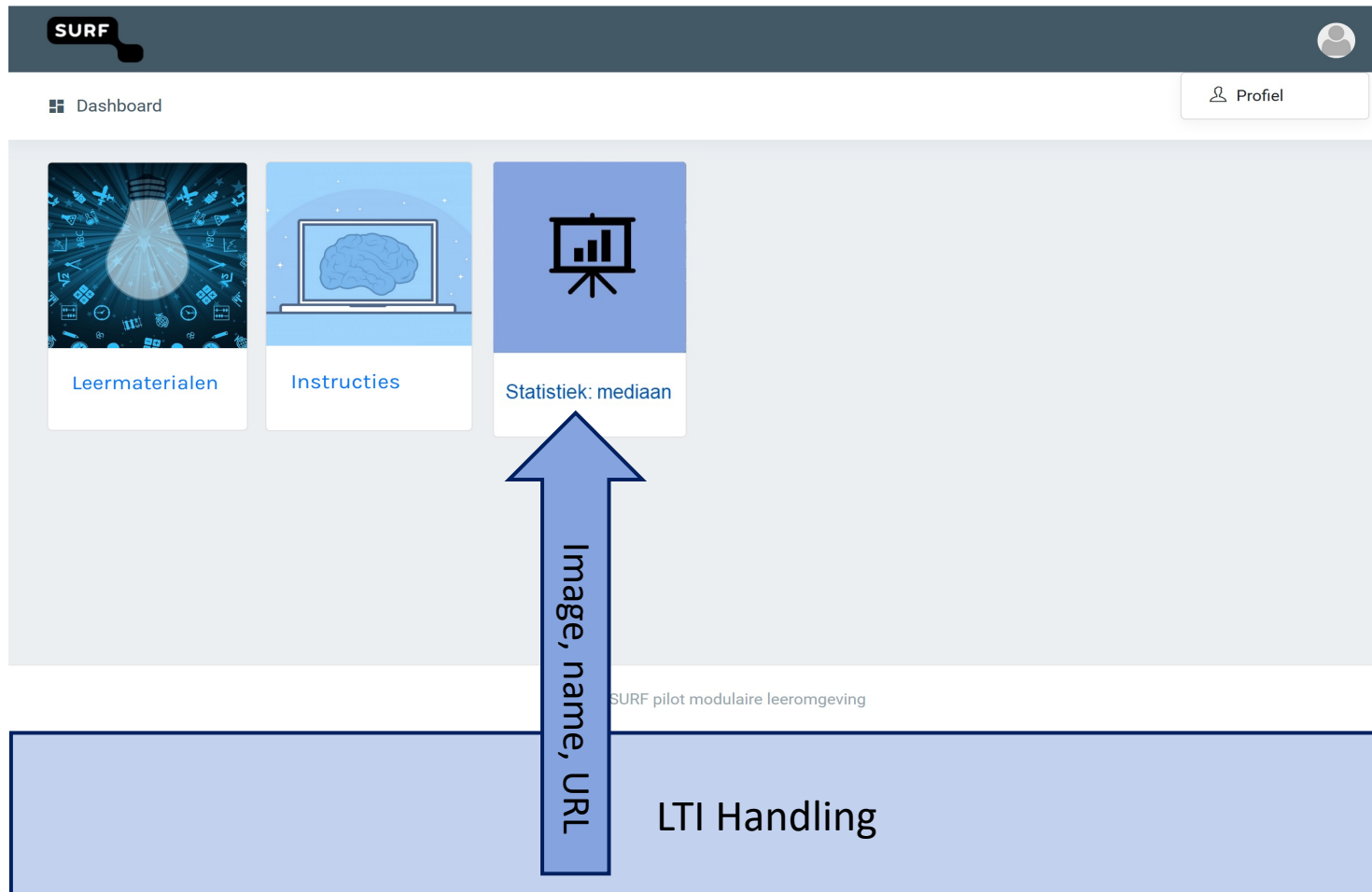
Search OOAPI

- Person (find out current role)
- Courses of student (which courses is student currently active in)
- LTI resources of sed courses

- Generate context for each resource
- Search metadata for LTI resources in LTI launcher
- Create package for portal:
 - Combine context and launcher URL
 - Image of tool
 - Name of tool
 - Description of tool

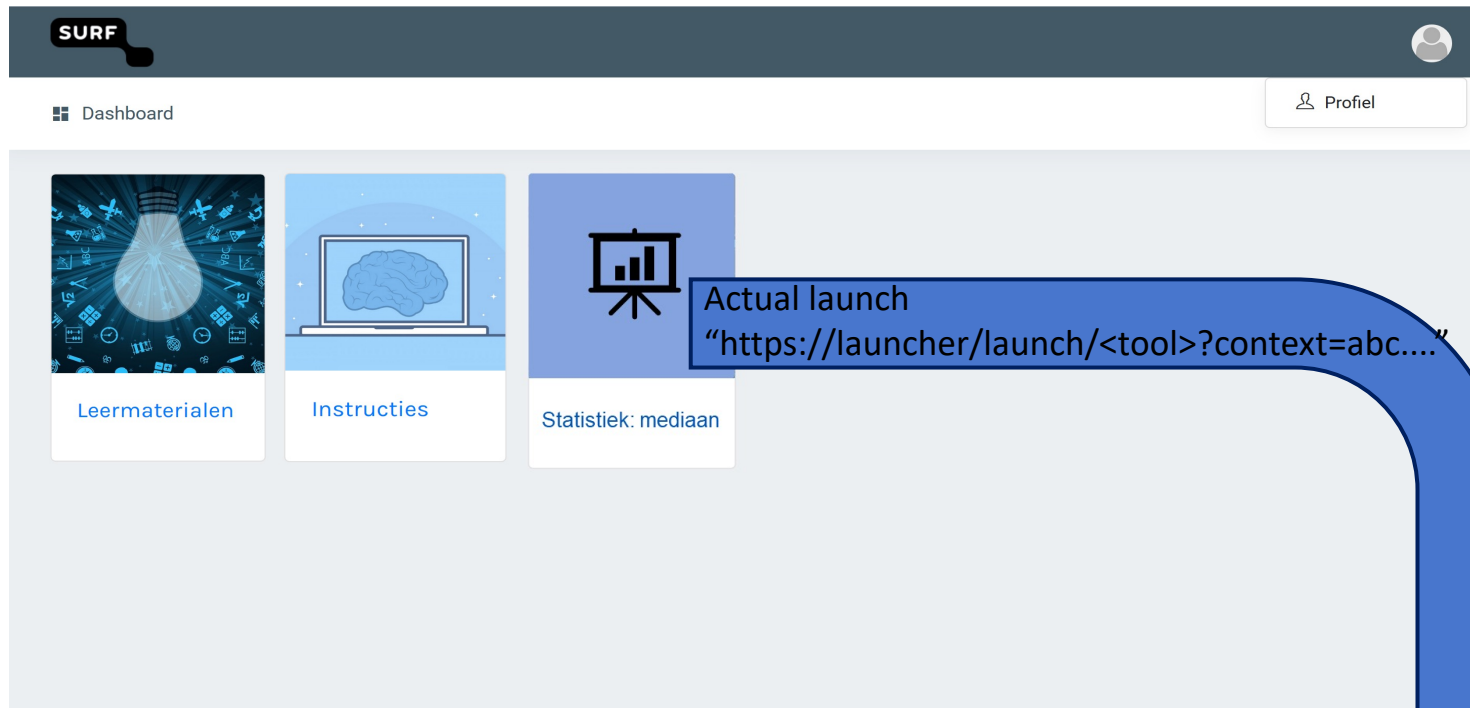


Portal is generated based on the LTI tools with context that are available to the student



- Portal generates tile based on information provided by JWT service

Student launches LTI tool



Actual launch
"https://launcher/launch/<tool>?context=abc...."

- Portal redirects student to new page that opens LTI launcher URL.
- This is a URL get:
"https://launcher/launch/<tool>?context=abc...."

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LTI Handling

LTI launcher

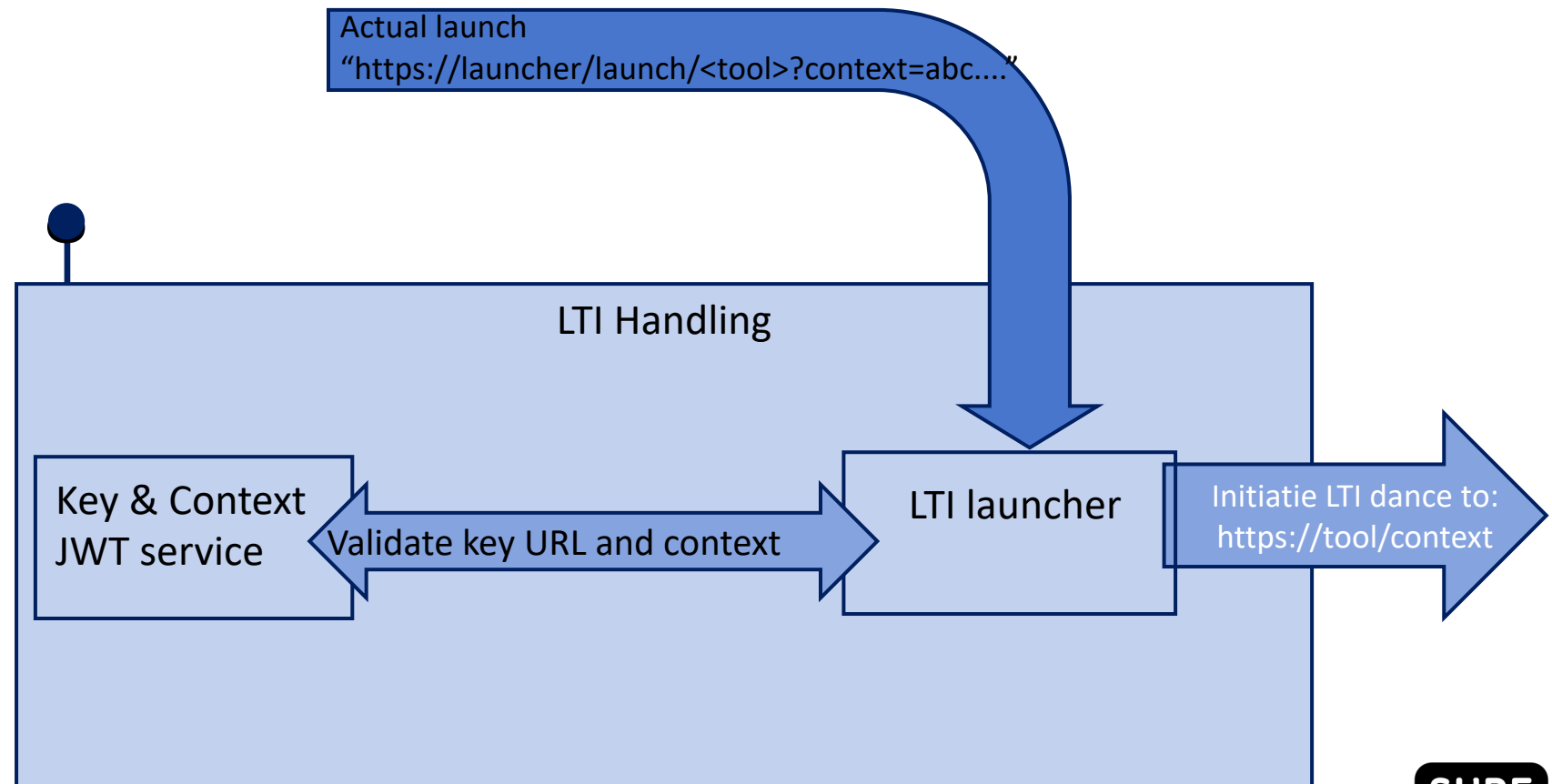
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The LTI launcher handles the launch call

LTI launcher

Receive initial call:

- Check / validate context and key @ JWT service
- Check OIDC
- Forward call to LTI component associated with tool number in URL, initiating "LTI dance"
- From here on LTI tool URL is used in sted of launcher



“LTI DANCE”

LTI-launcher

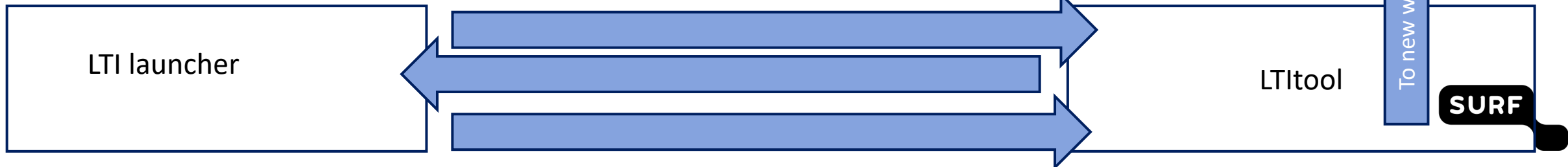
Call URL of Tool to launch with context

Authentication request received:
Verify tool (based on public key)
Handle authentication through OIDC
Redirect auth response to tool

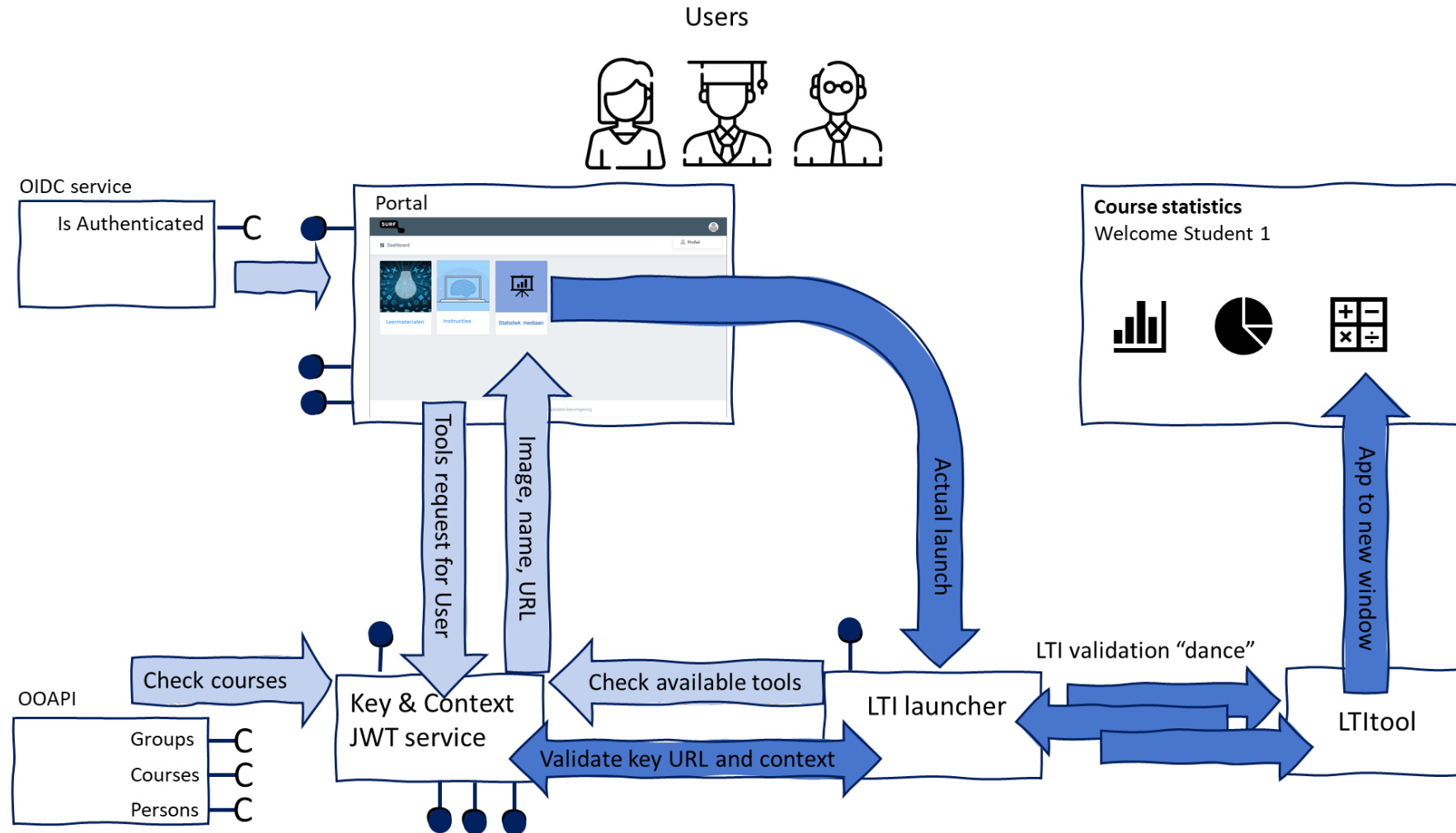
LTI-tool

Receive call (through user browser)
Send for authentication request @ launcher

Validate auth response
Display tool in new window of user



The whole LTI journey for a student

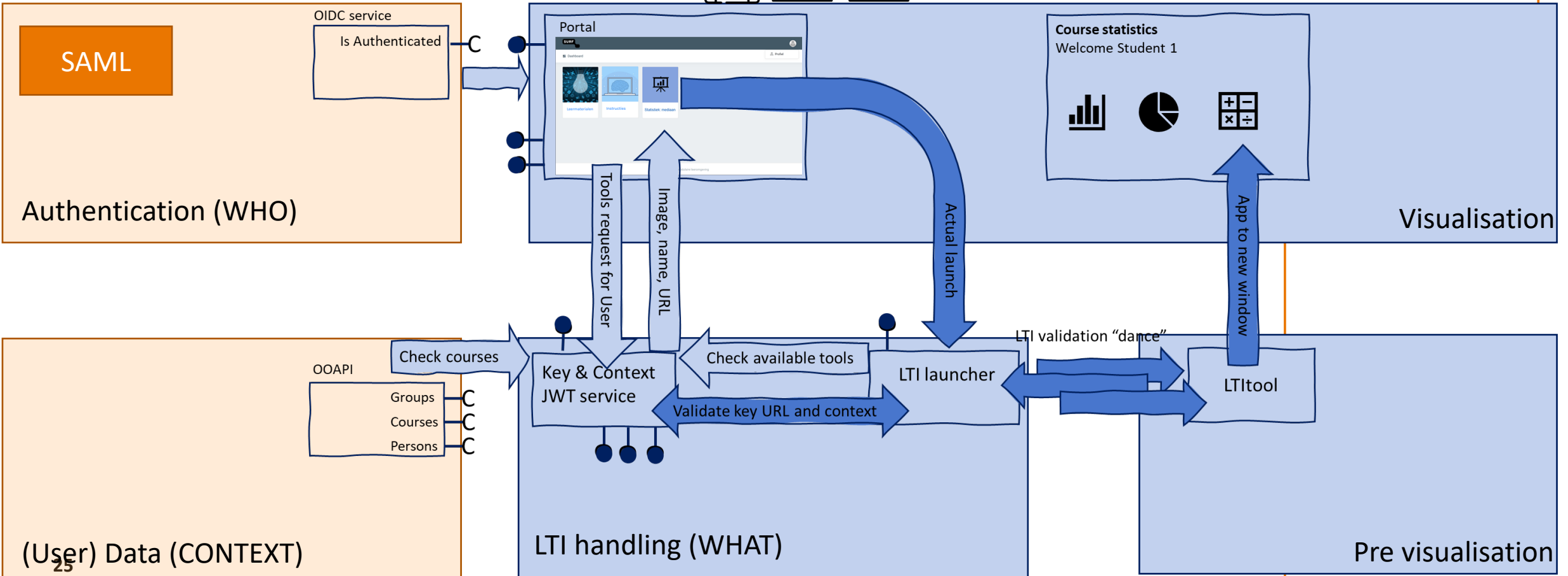
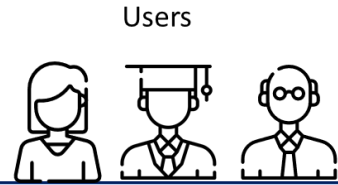


Tool demo

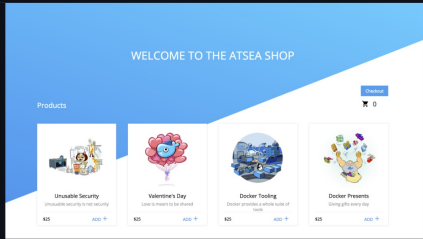
- Demo can be found here:
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- https://www.imslobal.org/sites/default/files/EUsummit2020/lti_laucher_v3.mp4

Recommendations for Future Work

Overview



Packaging comparable to AtSea



AtSea Shop Demonstration Application

- The AtSea Shop is a demonstration application comprised of:
- a Java REST application written using Spring Boot,
 - a database for product inventory, customer data, and orders,
 - a React shopping cart,
 - a NGINX reverse proxy implementing https,
 - a payment gateway to simulate certificate management

Requirements

This example uses features in Docker 17.05 CE Edge. Install this version to run the example.

Building and Running the AtSea Shop

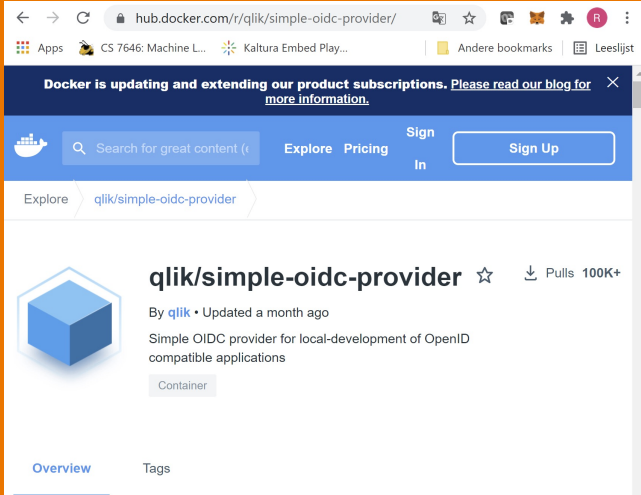
Secrets

This application uses Docker secrets to secure the application components. The reverse proxy requires creating a certificate that is stored as a secret and the payment also requires a password stored as a secret. To create a certificate and add as a secret:

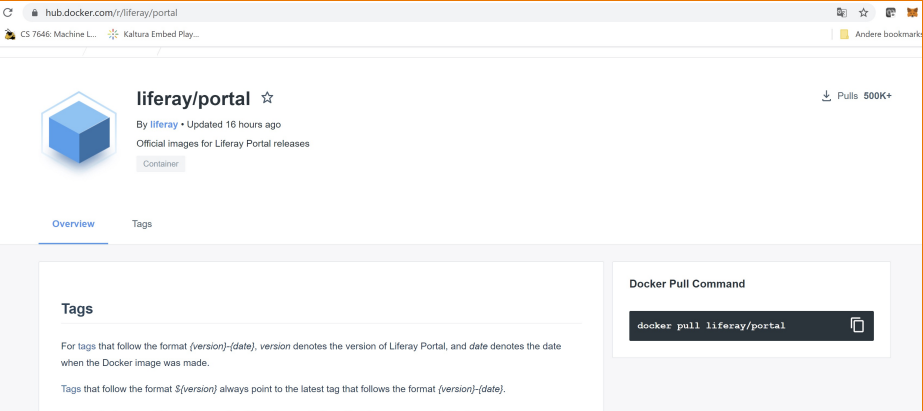
```
mkdir certs
openssl req -x509 -nodes -sha256 -keyout certs/domain.key -x509 -days 365 -out certs/domain.crt
docker secret create respnx_cert certs/domain.crt
docker secret create respnx_key certs/domain.key
docker secret create postgres_password certs/domain.key
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To create a secret for staging the payment gateway:

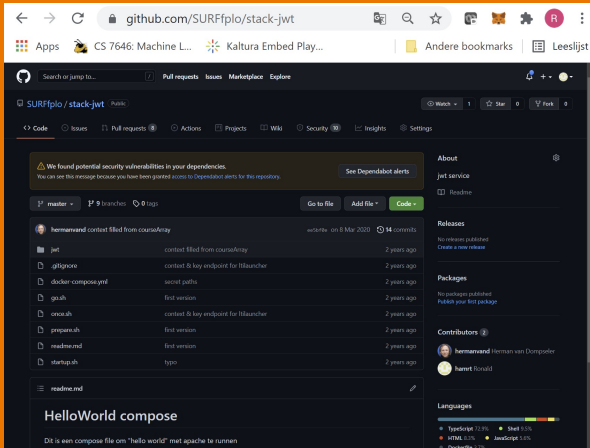
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echo staging | docker secret create staging_token -
```



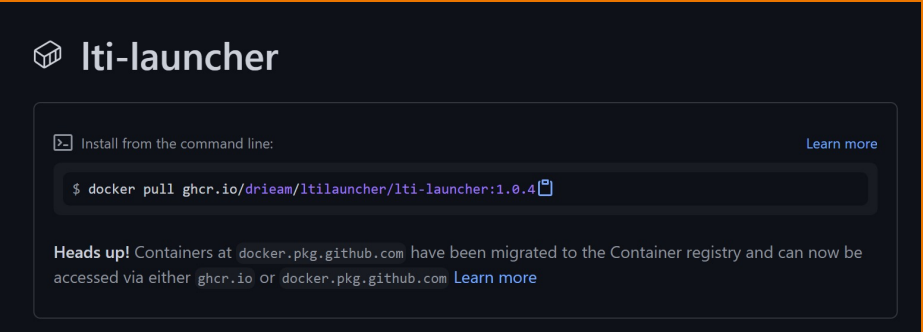
Separate OIDC (WHO)



Separate portal (VISUALISATION)



Separate JWT service (WHAT+CONTEXT)



Separate LTI-launcher (WHAT)

LTI-tool (for demo perposes)

Resources

- <https://www.surf.nl/regie-op-de-digitale-leeromgeving/techniek> (Dutch)
- <https://drieam.github.io/LtiLauncher/>
- <https://site.imslobal.org/certifications/drieam/lti-launcher>
- <https://www.imslobal.org/spec/lti/v1p3/>

Questions

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- Would you be interested in further developing of the LTI launcher
- How is LTI implemented in Swedish HE with regards to data provisioning and GDPR



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