Use Case Name: The name of the use case

Iteration: Use cases typically evolve in a series of iterations. For example, first we do a draft version, then we fill out the exact interactions, and, finally, we wrap up all the details.

Summary: A one or two sentence description of the use case. Do not just reiterate the steps in the course of events section.

Basic Course of Events: This is the meat of the use case. Here you record the steps the user would go through to achieve the goal. Focus on the most common and simplest course of events, if there are alternative ways, they can be recorded below or in a separate use case.

Alternative Paths: If there are some alternative ways of achieving the use case, this can be recoded here (or in a separate use case).

Exception Paths: Here we record what to do if there are errors, for example, incorrect input. This can also be recorded in separate use cases.

Extension Points: If this use case is an extension of some other use case (or vice versa), this relationship can be recorded here.

Trigger: The event that leads to this use case being performed.

Assumptions: Any assumptions you make about the environment or user for this use case to work correctly.

Precondition: The contract between this use case and the outside world. All things that are outside the scope of the system, but are required to be there for the use case to work.

Postcondition: What will hold after this use case is completed.

Author: Who wrote it down?

Date: TBD