Sample Use Case Narrative

Use Case Name	xxxxxxx
Use Case Id	
Priority	
Source	
Primary Business Actor	
Other Participating Actors	
Description	Should describe the purpose of the use case in a few sentences. The actor that initiates the use case can be documented here.
Preconditions	A precondition is a constraint on the system or indicates another task or use case that must be completed before beginning the use case.
Trigger	

Typical Scenario	Actor Action	System Response
	Step 1:	Step 2:
		Step 3:
	Step 4:	etc

Alternate Scenarios	Actor Action	System Response

Conclusions	
Post conditions	Defines a constraint on the system when the use case has terminated.
Business Rules	
Implementation Constraints	Specify any non-functional requirements that may impact the realisation of the use case

Example:

Use Case Name	**List DVD**	
Use Case Id	15	
Priority	4	
Source	Admin	
Primary Business Actor	Administrator	
Other Participating Actors		
Description	Admin wishes to access the details of all DVDs that might be rented. This requires the system to produce a DVD list which can be presented in order of DVD title, release date or age rating.	
Preconditions	DVDs must be registered on the store's system before they can be listed.	
Trigger	A Listing of all DVDs within the system is requested.	
Typical Scenario	**Actor Action**	**System Response**
	Step 1: The administrator requests a list of current DVDs.	**Step 2:** The system retrieves details of all current DVDs from the DVD file and displays them in default order of DVD title.
	Step 3: The administrator specifies a sort order for the listing (title, release date or age rating).	**Step 4:** The system retrieves details of all current DVDs from the DVD file and displays them in the order specified.
	Step 5: The administrator requests a print copy of the listing.	**Step 6:** The system generates a print file based on the retrieved data and sends to the default print device.
Alternate Scenario	**Actor Action**	**System Response**
No DVDs to list		**Step 2:** The system retrieves no details of current DVDs from the DVD file. **Step 3:** The system alerts the administrator to the fact that there is no data available for the listing (A message is displayed on the User Interface)
Conclusions	A Listing of all DVDs within the store is generated/printed.	
Postconditions	Details of the DVDs displayed cannot be amended or deleted.	
Business Rules	DVD details may only be viewed, not changed or deleted, when displayed in this way. The list should include only current DVDs.	
Implementation Constraints		