Use Case Documents

Documents that go with the Use Cases to describe the different elements of the use case. These are used primarily as descriptors to give a good idea or feel for what the primary components of the use case are and how they relate to each other.

Different things that can be expressed in a Use Case Document:

- **Related Requirements**: A list or indication of which requirements this use case will fulfill

- **Goal in Context**: The use case’s place within the system

- **Preconditions**: Things that need to happen before the use case can be executed

- **Successful End Condition**: What conditions should be present upon successful execution

- **Failed End Condition**: Conditions present upon a failed execution

- **Primary Actors**: The main actors in a use case

- **Secondary Actors:** Actors that participate, but are not the main ones

- **Trigger**: The event triggered by an actor to cause the use case to execute

- **Main Flow**: The place to describe each of the most important steps in a use case’s execution

- **Extensions**: Description of steps alternate to the main flow

**Use Case Relationships**: This describes how the different elements correlate and work together.

Sample use case document:

