


# Use Cases and Scenarios

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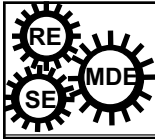


## We Will Cover

- What is a use-case
  - Use-case versus user interaction
- Use-Case diagrams
  - The constructs in the use-case diagrams
- Capturing the use-case
  - High-level use-case
  - Extended use-case
  - Difference between use case and scenario

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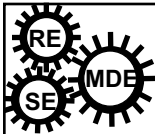
## What is a Use-Case

- A use-case captures some user visible function
- This may be a large or small function
  - Depends on the level of detail in your modeling effort
- A use-case achieves a discrete goal for the user
- Examples
  - Format a document
  - Request an elevator
- How are the use cases found (captured or elicited)?

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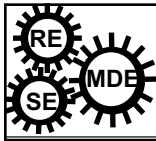
## User Goals versus User Interactions

- Consider the following when formatting a document
  - Define a style
  - Change a style
  - Copy a style from one document to the next
- versus
  - Format a document
  - Ensure consistent formatting of two documents
- The latter is a user goal
  - Something the user wants to achieve
- The former are user interactions
  - Things the user does to the system to achieve the goal

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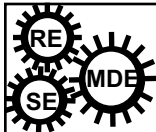
## Goals and Interactions

- There is a place for both goals and interactions
- Understand what the system shall do
  - Capture the **user goals**
- Understand how the user will achieve the goals
  - Capture **user interactions**
  - Sequences of user interactions
- Thus, start with the user goals and then refine the user goals into several (many) user interactions

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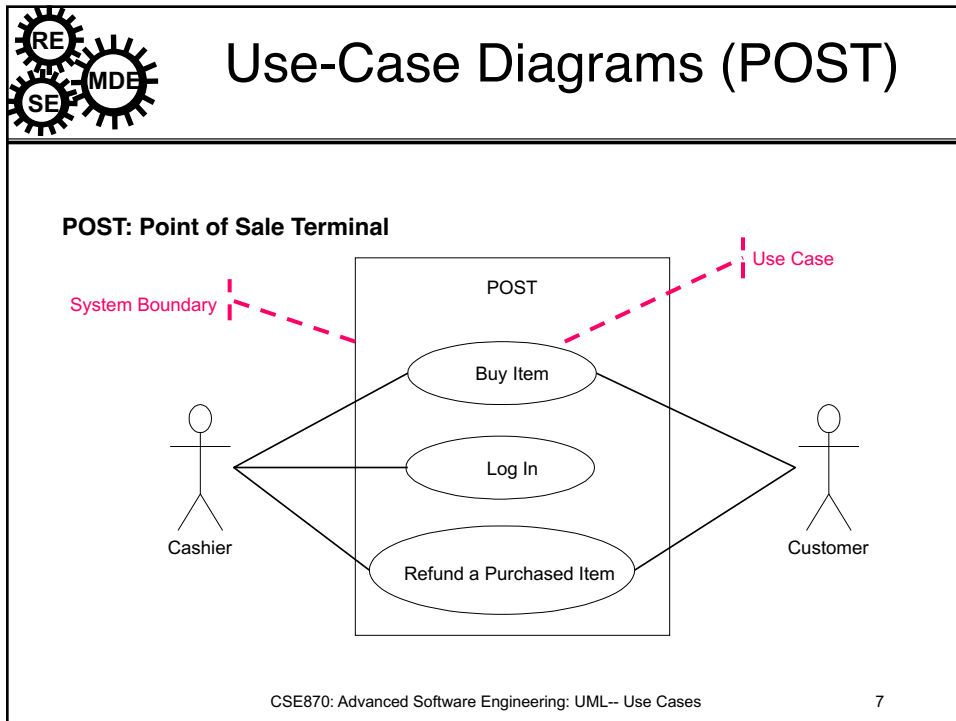
## Point of Sale Terminal (POST)

- Computerized system to record sales and handle payments
- Typically used in a retail store
- Includes HW components, such as computer and bar code scanner
- Software to run the system
- Goals of system:
  - Increase checkout automation
  - fast and accurate sales analysis
  - automatic inventory control

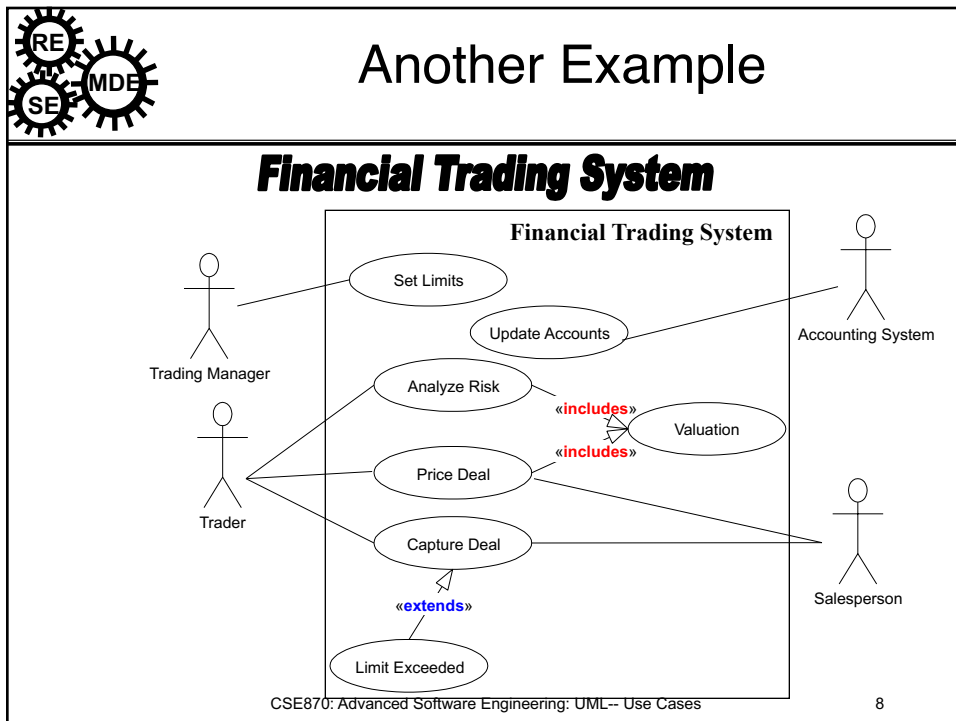
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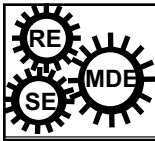
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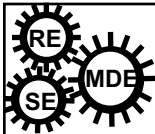
## Includes and Extends

- Includes/Uses
  - You have a piece of behavior that is similar across many use cases
  - Break this out as a separate use-case and let the other ones “include” it
  - Examples include
    - Valuation
    - Validate user interaction
    - Sanity check on sensor inputs
    - Check for proper authorization
- Extends
  - A use-case is similar to another one but does a little bit more
  - Put the normal behavior in one use-case and the exceptional behavior somewhere else
    - Capture the normal behavior
    - Try to figure out what can go wrong in each step
    - Capture the exceptional cases in separate use-cases
  - Makes it much easier to understand

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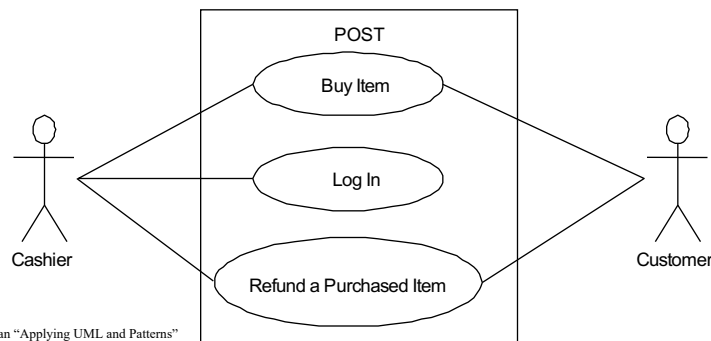
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## Setting the System Boundary

- The system boundary will affect your actors and use-cases

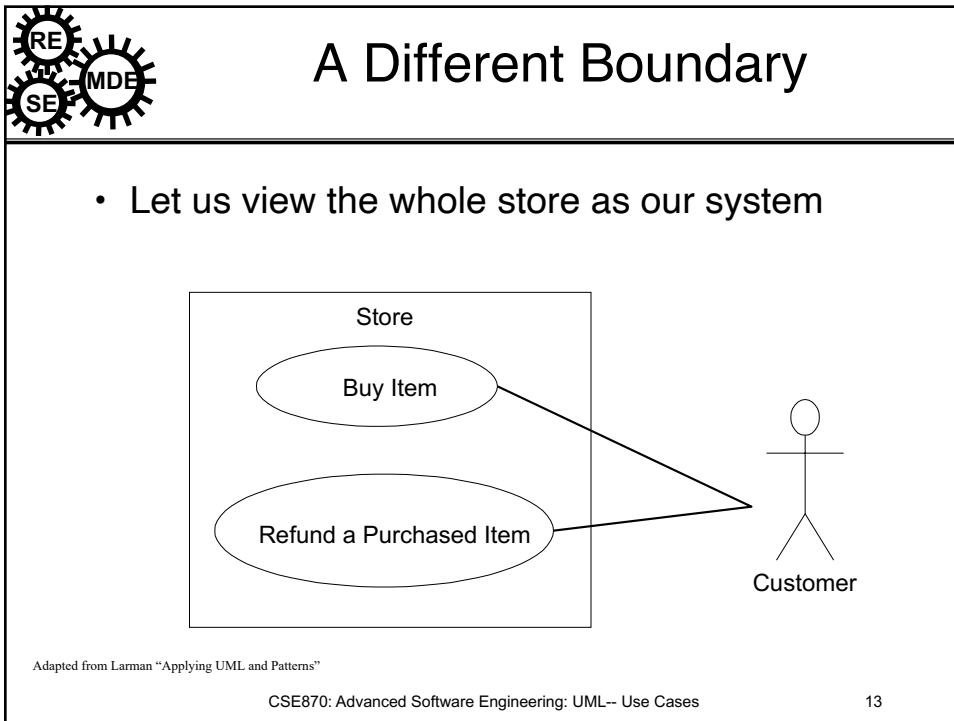


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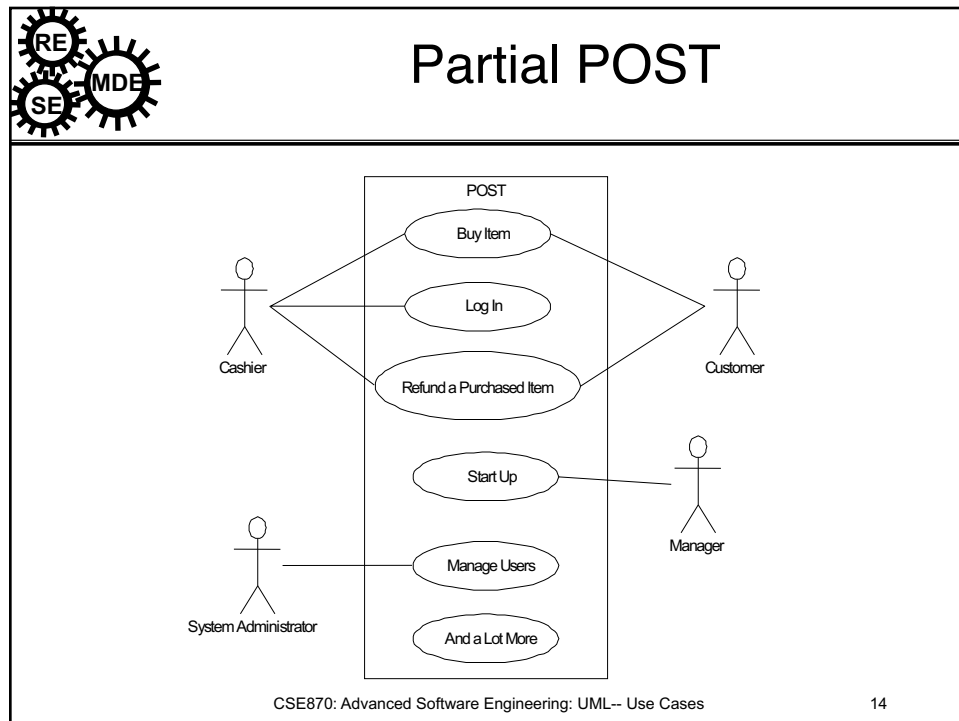
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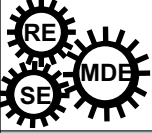
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POST Use-Case

**Use case:** Buy Item


**Actors:** Customer (initiator), Cashier

**Type:** Primary

**Description:** The Customer arrives at the checkout with items to purchase. The Cashier records the purchase items and collects a payment. On completion the Customer leaves with the items

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POST Expanded Use-Case

**Use case:** Buy Item

**Actors:** Customer (initiator), Cashier

**Type:** Primary and essential

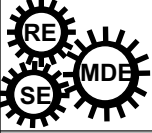
**Description:** The Customer arrives at the checkout with items to purchase. The Cashier records the purchase items and collects a payment. On completion the Customer leaves with the items.

**Cross Ref.:** Requirements XX, YY, and ZZ

**Use-Cases:** Cashier must have completed the *Log In* use-case

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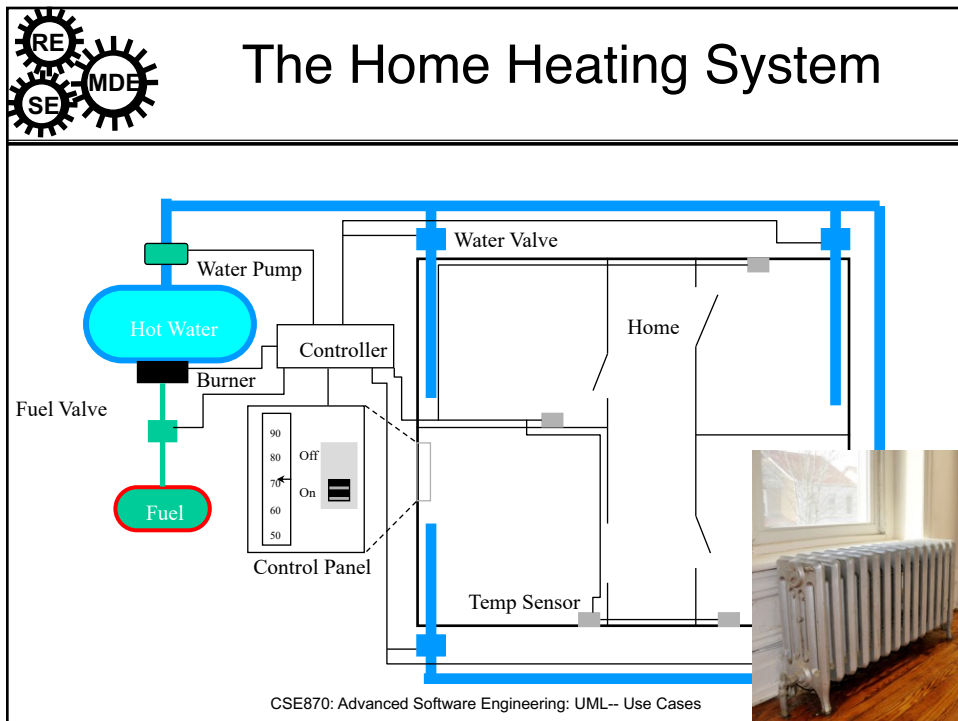


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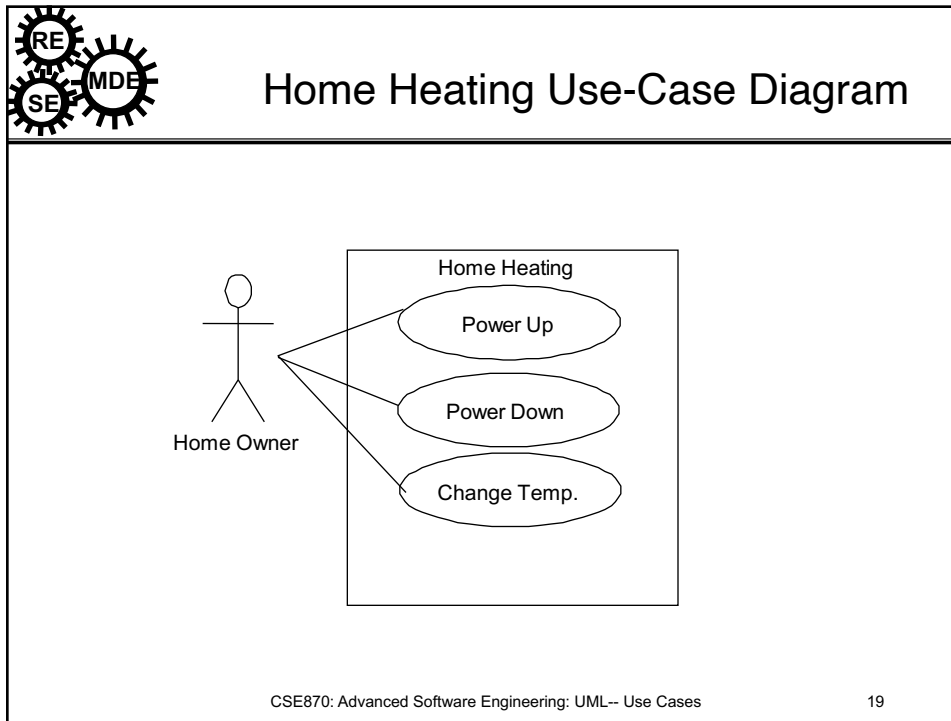
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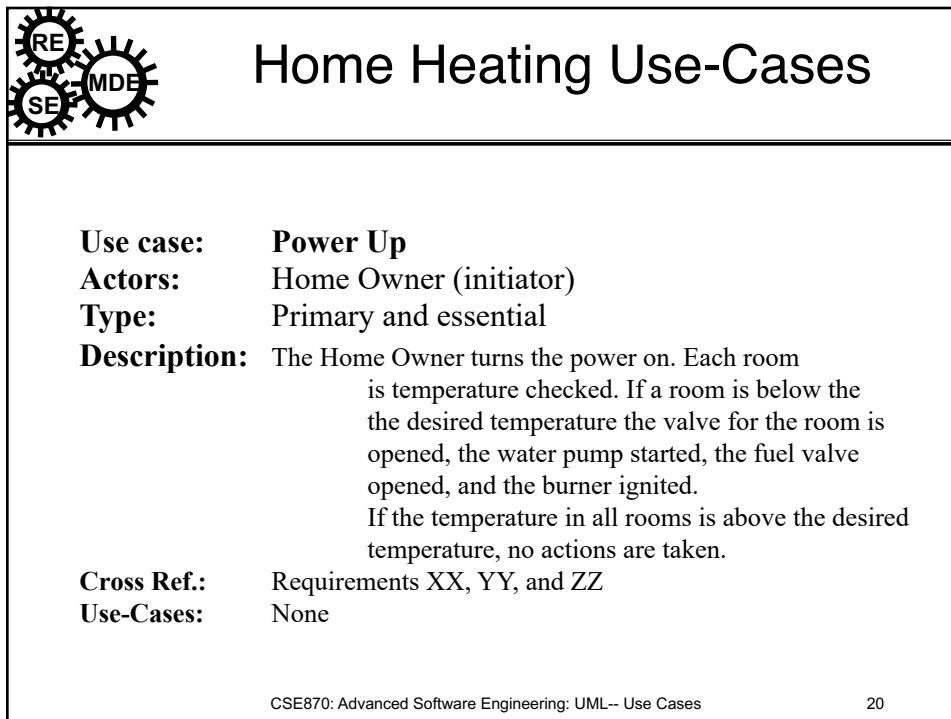


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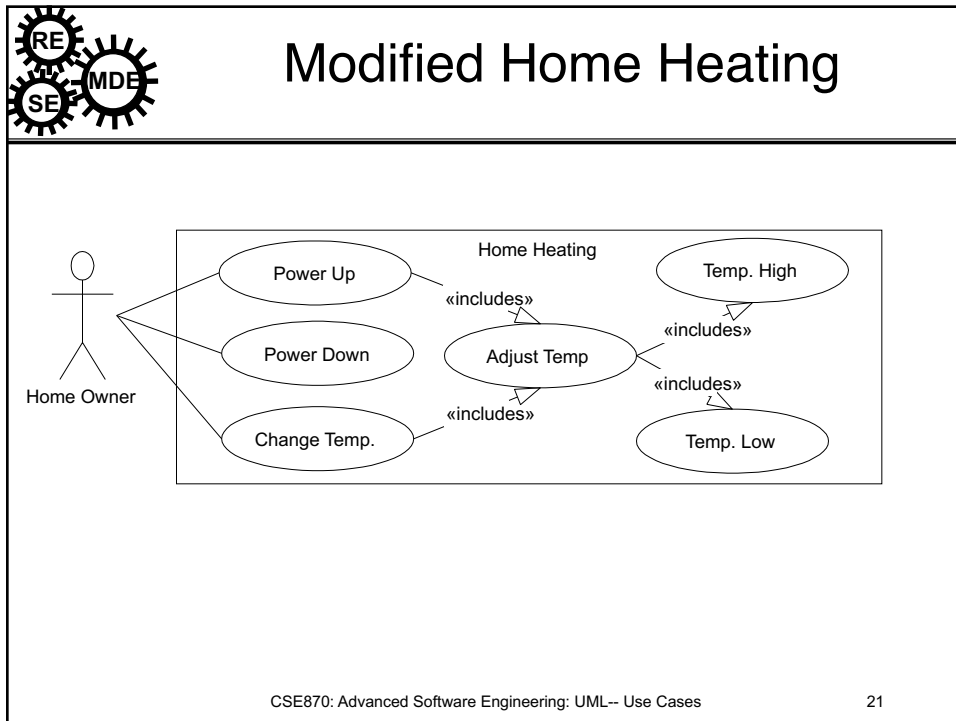




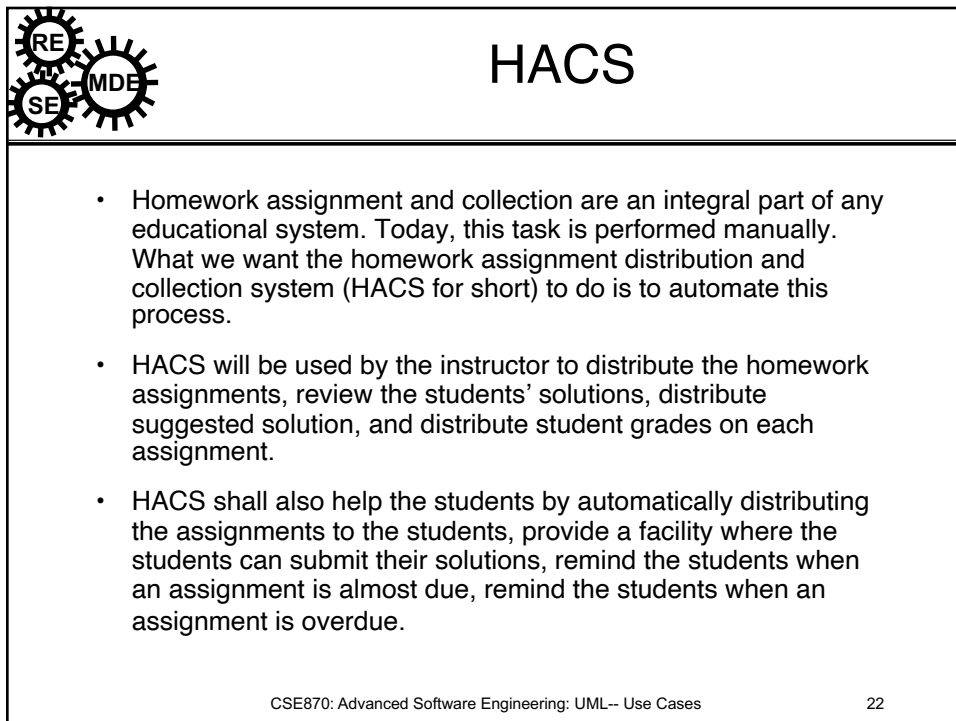
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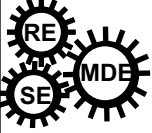
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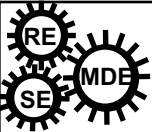


## If Time Permits

### In-Class activity

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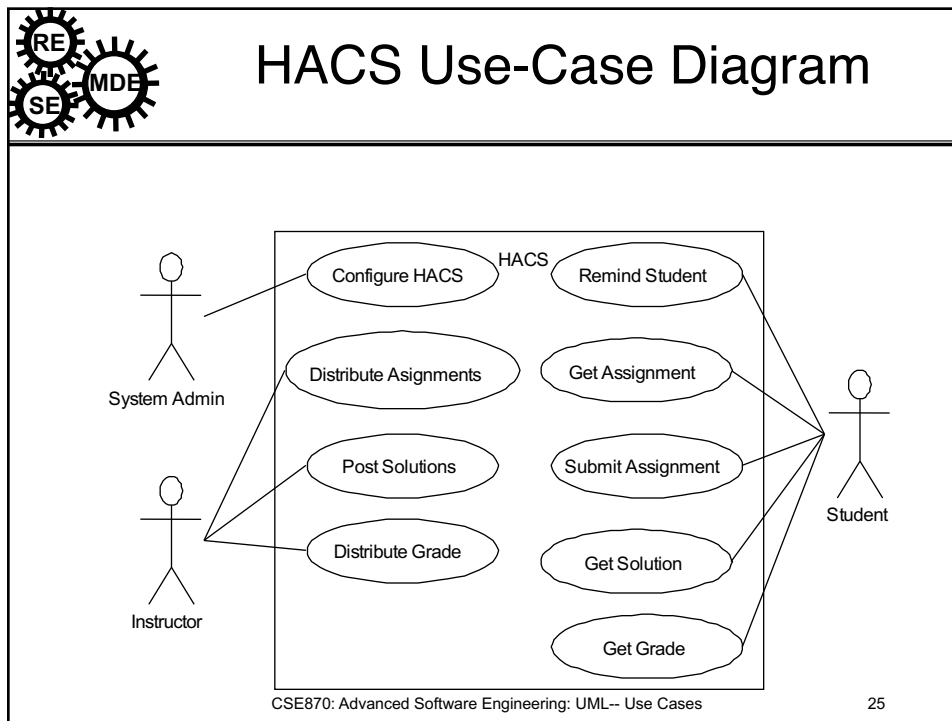
## In-class exercise

Work in Pairs

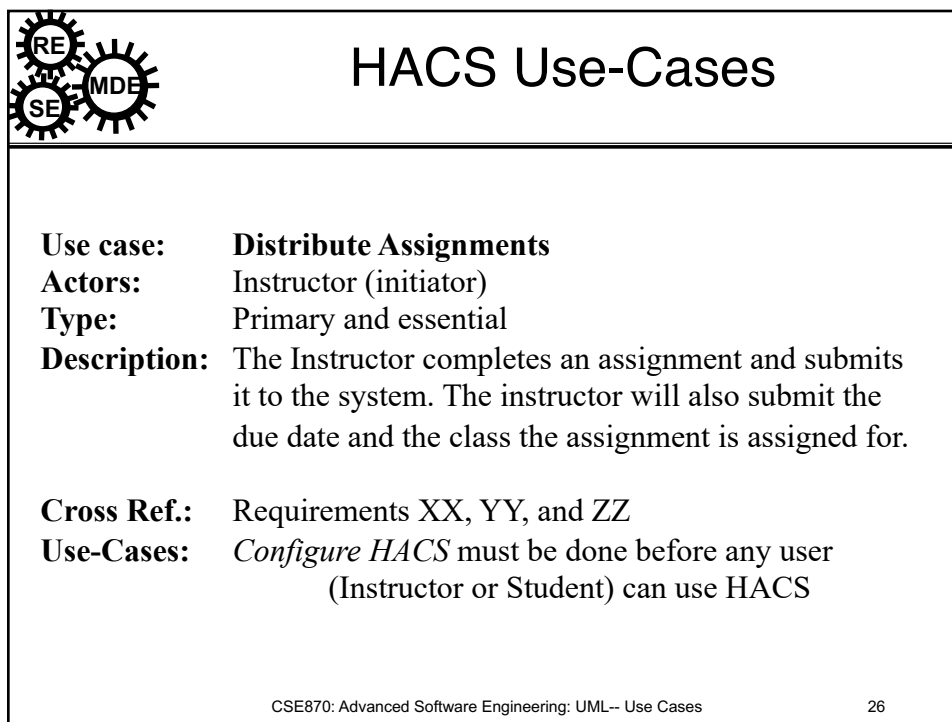
- Create use case diagram
- Have an example of <<includes>> relationship
- Bonus: have an example of <<extends>> relationship
- Remember to include key elements of UC diagram.

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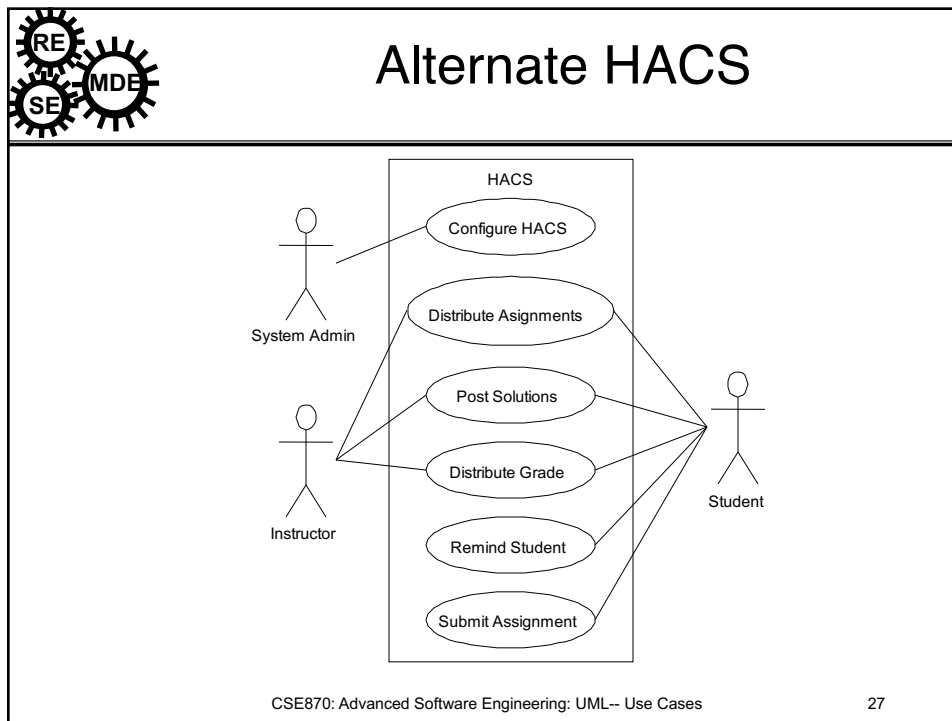
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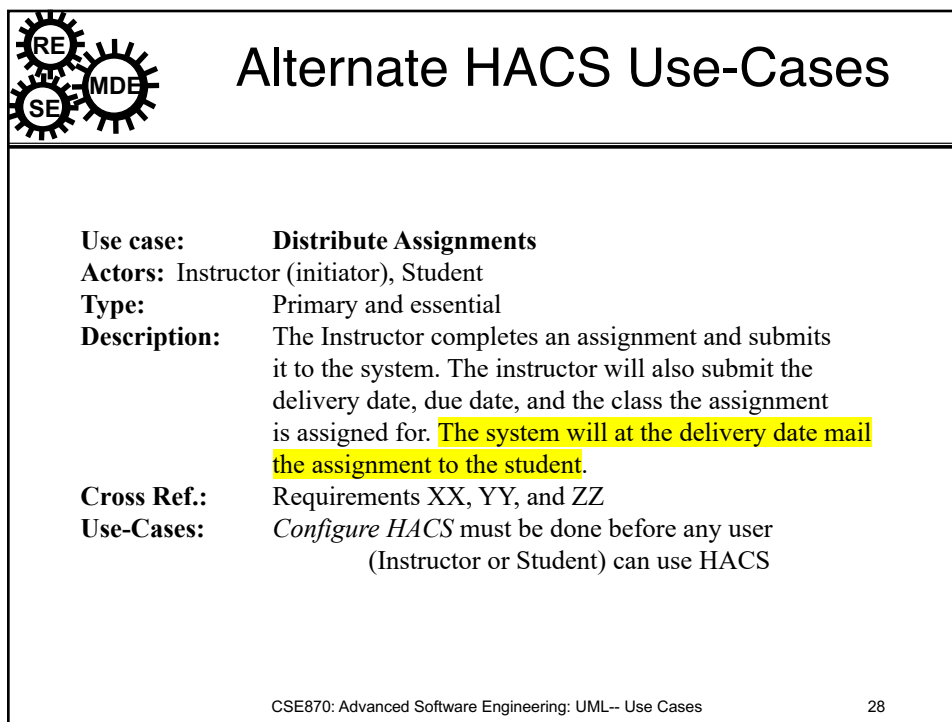
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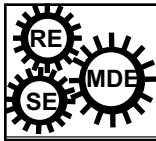
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## When to use Use-Cases

- In short, always!!!
- Requirements is the toughest part of software development
  - Use-Cases is a powerful tool to understand
    - Who your users are (including interacting systems)
    - What functions the system shall provide
    - How these functions work at a high level
- Spend adequate time on requirements and in the elaboration phase

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