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Chapter 4: Use Case Analysis

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### Introduction

Use cases assist us in comprehending and clarifying the users' required interactions with the system and can reveal most, if not all, of the new system's functional requirements. As a result, use cases are extensively used in the analysis phase when working with users in interviews or workshop settings to discover user and functional requirements.

## **Use Cases**

- Use cases originated as a part of the object-oriented development world but have been accepted as a useful tool regardless of the development methodology in use.
- Use cases describes what the system will do from the user's perspective.
- Use cases depicts a set of activities performed to produce some output result.
- Creation of use cases is often done as a part of interview sessions with users and as a part of JAD (Joint Application Development) sessions.

### **Characteristics of Use Cases**

- Organize functional requirements.
- Models the goals of user-system interactions.
- Records paths called scenarios from trigger events to goals.
- Describe one main flow of events and various alternate flows.
- Multi-level.

## **Elements of a Use Case**

- Basic Information
  - Each use case has a name and a number assigned to it. The name should be as brief as possible the number is merely a numerical sequence that is used to identify each use case.
    - Priority
    - Actor
    - Trigger

### Preconditions

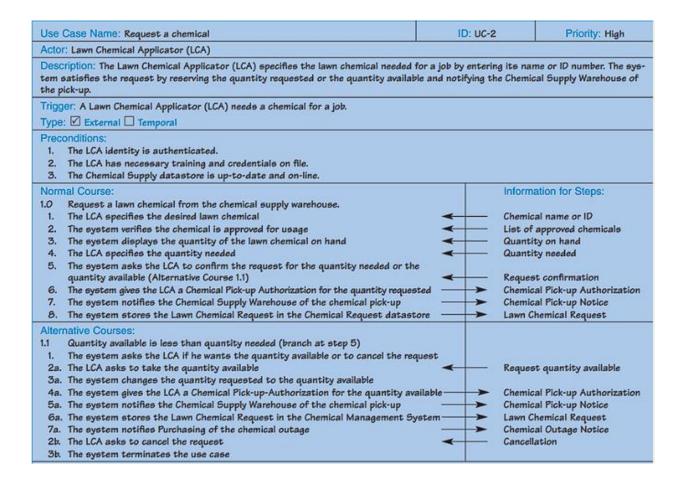
o Define the state the system must be in before the use case commences.

## Normal Course

 The normal course lists the steps that are performed when everything flows smoothly in the system. This is sometimes called the "happy path".

## Alternative Courses

 Alternative courses are included to depict branches in logic that also will lead to a successful conclusion of the use case.



### Postconditions

Post-conditions specify what the use case must do before it can be terminated.
 These activities may occasionally be part of the normal and exceptional event flows.

## Exceptions

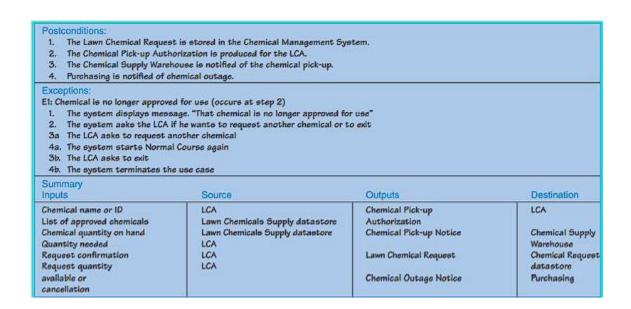
• Are error conditions encountered while performing use case steps.

## • Summary Inputs and Outputs

 The use case's final section summarizes the major inputs and outputs to the use case's steps. Each of the use case's major inputs and outputs, as well as their source and destination, are listed.

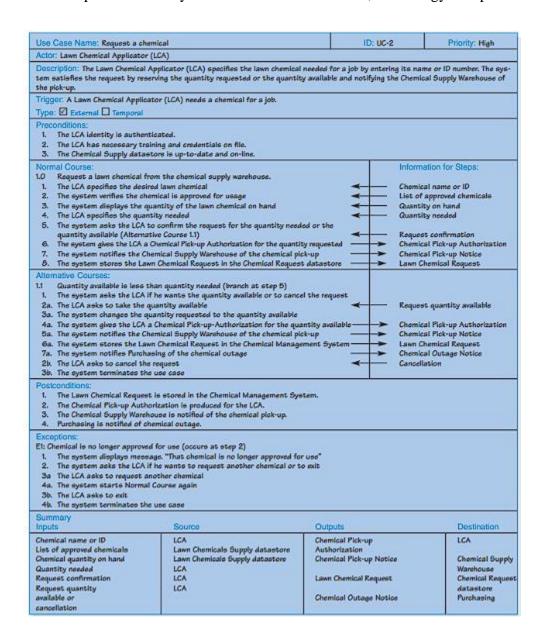
### Additional Use Case Issues

- Additional sections on use case forms may be included by some organizations. It may be useful to include sections devoted to:
  - Frequency of use
  - Business Rules
  - Special Requirements
  - Assumptions
  - Notes and Issues



### **Alternative Use Case Formats**

- Request a Chemical Use Case
  - o a fully dressed use case
  - very thorough, detailed, and highly structured
  - o written as an essential use case
  - o it depicts the user-system interactions as abstract, technology-independent steps



- Fully Dressed Use Case
  - Is not always required but does provide value in certain circumstances. Fully dressed use cases are especially valuable when:
    - User representatives are not closely engaged with the development team throughout the project.
    - The application is complex and has a high risk associated with system failures.
    - Comprehensive test cases will be based on the user requirements.
    - Collaborating remote teams need a detailed, shared understanding of the user requirements.

## **Casual Use Case Format**

Use	Case Name: Request a chemical	ID: UC-2	Priority: High
Acto	Lawn Chemical Applicator (LCA)		W. Committee of the Com
	cription: The Lawn Chemical Applicator (LCA) specifies the lawn chemical needed fo he request by reserving the quantity requested or the quantity available and notify		
	ger: A Lawn Chemical Applicator (LCA) needs a chemical for a job. : ☑ External □ Temporal		
Prec 1. 2. 3.	onditions: The LCA identity is authenticated. The LCA has necessary training and credentials on file. The Chemical Supply datastore is up-to-date and on-line.		
	nal Course:		
1.0 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. Posti 1. 2. 3. 4.	Request a lawn chemical from the chemical supply warehouse.  The LCA specifies a chemical needed and the quantity needed  The system lists chemical and quantity on hand from Chemical Supply datastore a. If the quantity on hand is less than the quantity needed, the LCA specifies the b. Purchasing is notified of chemical shortage  The system gives the LCA a Chemical Pick-up Authorization for the quantity reque The system notifies the Chemical Supply Warehouse of the chemical pick-up The system stores the Lawn Chemical Request in the Chemical Request dataston  conditions:  The Lawn Chemical Request is stored in the Chemical Management System.  The Chemical Pick-up Authorization is produced for the LCA.  The Chemical Supply Warehouse is notified of the chemical pick-up.  Purchasing is notified of chemical outage.	e quantity he will take	
Exce	eptions:		
1. 2. 3a.	Chemical is no longer approved for use (occurs at step 1) The system displays message. "That chemical is no longer approved for use" The system asks the LCA if he wants to request another chemical or to exit The LCA asks to request another chemical		
4a. 3b.			
46.	The system terminates the use case		

# **Use Cases and the Functional Requirements**

- Functional Requirements
  - DOs and DONTs of the system
  - It is the things that are placed concisely that aims to know what the system should provide to accomplish the user's tasks.

Where can we obtain the data for the functional requirements?

# ANSWER: based on the stories or observations of the potential users of the system

How can we get stories or observations from the potential users of the system?

# **ANSWER: Use Cases**

Why are functional requirements essential?

- Stakeholders have a single source of truth
- High predictability = saves time and resources
- Helps developers see if the system caters all the specific functionalities

# Examples:

- · A housekeeper does laundry on a Wednesday
- She washes each load.
- She dries each load.
- She folds certain items.
- She irons some items.
- She throws away certain items.

Simple Laur	Simple Laundry Use Case					
Use Case 1	Do laundry					
Actor	Housekeeper					
Basic Flow	On Wednesdays, the housekeeper reports to the laundry room. She sorts the laundry that is there. Then she washes each load. She dries each load. She folds the items that need folding. She irons and hangs the items that are wrinkled. She throws away any laundry item that is irrevocably shrunken, soiled or scorched.					

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Alternative Flow 1	If she notices that something is wrinkled, she irons it and then hangs it on a hanger.
Alternative Flow 2	If she notices that something is still dirty, she rewashes it.
Alternative Flow 3	If she notices that something shrank, she throws it out.

## **Use Cases and Testing**

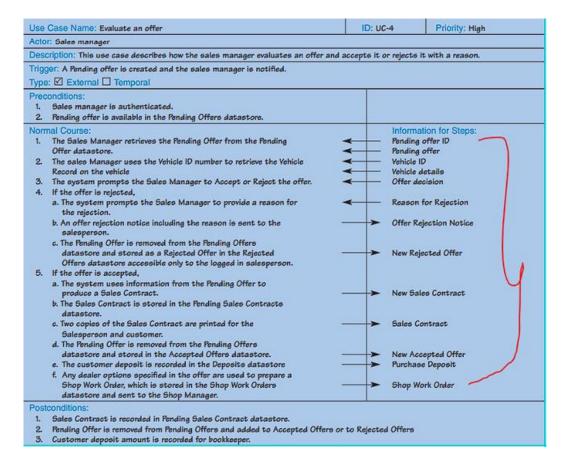
A technique for identifying test cases that cover the entire system from start to finish on a transaction-by-transaction basis. Many organizations develop test plans early in the development process. This strategy gives the testing/quality assurance personnel an early understanding of the system underdevelopment. It also allows them to readily identify elements of the tests they will want to perform when the system is put through its paces.

# **Building Use Cases**

- Identify the Major Use Cases
  - o begins with the requirement definition:
    - Process-oriented functional requirements things the system must do
    - Information-oriented functional requirements content the system must have
  - Activities
    - Start a use case report form for each use case by filling in the name, description, and trigger.
    - If there are more than nine use cases, group them into packages.
  - Typical Questions Asked
    - Ask who, what, when, and where about the use cases (or tasks)
    - What are the major tasks that are performed?
    - What triggers this task? What tells you to perform this task?
- Identify the Major Steps for Each Use Case
  - Here are the following steps:
    - Complete the main body of the use case form users and analysts work together to describe the envisioned interactions between the user and the system to complete the response to the event.
    - The user-system interactions should be outlined as a series of steps in the Normal Course section of the form - focus on what an independent observer would see the user and system do in response to the event

- Identify Elements withing Steps
  - o The goal at this point is to identify the major inputs and outputs for each step.
  - Identify detailed information for the steps but provide only general categories in the summary area of the use case form.

# Examples of elements within steps:



Summary Inputs	Source	Outputs	Destination
Pending offer ID Pending offer	Sales Manager Pending Offers datastore	Offer Rejection Notice New Rejected Offer	Salesperson Rejected Offers datastore
Yehicle ID Vehicle details	Sales Manager Vehicle datastore	New Sales Contract	Sales Contract datastore
Offer decision Reason for Rejection	Sales Manager Sales Manager	Sales Contract New Accepted Offer	Customer/Salesperson Accepted Offers datastore
		Purchase Deposit Shop Work Order	Deposits datastore Shop Work Orders
		Shop Work Order Notice	Datastore Shop Manager

### Confirm the Use Case

- Confirm that the use case is correct as written
- Review the use case with the users to make sure that each step and each **input and output are correct** and that the final result of the use case is **consistent**.
- Ask the user to **role-play**, **or execute the use case** by using the written steps in the use case.

The user follows the written steps like a recipe to make sure that those steps and inputs really can produce the outputs and final result defined for the use case.

## CONCEPTS

## 4-A BUILDING A BAD SYSTEM?

IN ACTION

Several years ago, a well-known national real estate company built a computer-based system to help its real estate agents sell houses more quickly. The system, which worked in many ways like an early version of realtor.com, enabled its agents to search the database of houses for sale to find houses matching the buyer's criteria using a much easier interface than the traditional system. The system also enabled the agent to show the buyer a virtual tour of selected houses listed by the company itself. It was believed that by more quickly finding a small set of houses more closely matching the buyer's desires, and by providing a virtual tour, the buyers (and the agent) would waste less time looking at unappealing houses. This would result in happier buyers and in agents who were able to close sales more quickly, leading to more sales for the company and higher commissions for the agent.

The system was designed with input from agents from around the country and was launched with great hoopla. The initial training of agents met with a surge of interest and satisfaction among the agents, and the project team received many congratulations.

Six months later, satisfaction with the system had dropped dramatically, absenteeism had increased by

300%, and agents were quitting in record numbers; turnover among agents had risen by 500%, and in exit interviews, many agents mentioned the system as the primary reason for leaving. The company responded by eliminating the system—with great embarrassment.

One of an agent's key skills was the ability to find houses that match the buyer's needs. The system destroyed the value of this skill by providing a system that could enable less skilled agents to perform almost as well as highly skilled ones. Worse still—from the viewpoint of the agent—the buyer could interact directly with the system, thus bypassing the "expertise" of the agent.

#### QUESTIONS:

- How were the problems with the system missed?
- How might these problems have been foreseen and possibly avoided?
- In perfect hindsight, given the widespread availability of such systems on the Internet today, what should the company have done?

Source: "The Hidden Minefields in Sales Farce Automation Technologies," Journal of Marketing, July 2002, by C. Speier and V. Venkatesh.

# **Revise Functional Requirements Based on Use Cases**

The functional requirements in the requirements definition may be modified to reflect this more detailed understanding and to provide insight to the development team on some "back-end" processing that will be needed that may not be obvious from the use cases alone.

# Initial Functional Requirements for Creating a Customer Offer (from Figure 3-3)

- The system will enable salespersons to create a customer offer (2.1).
- The system will allow salespeople to know whether an offer is pending on a specific vehicle (2.2).

# Revised Functional Requirements for Creating a Customer Offer (based on UC-3, Figure 4-11)

- The system shall obtain the offer vehicle from the salesperson.
- The system shall search all Pending Offers to determine if the offer vehicle has a Pending Offer.
- The system shall notify the salesperson if a pending offer found for the offer vehicle, and the process terminates.
- The system shall use the salesperson's entry of "new offer" or "revised offer" to create a new offer with vehicle details supplied from the Vehicle datastore or will fill the offer with the previous offer details obtained from the Rejected Offers datastore.
- The system shall allow the salesperson to complete and/or modify information on the offer.
- The system shall display a complete summary of the offer before it is confirmed by the customer.
- The system allows the offer to be confirmed by the customer or cancelled.
- The system shall store new confirmed offers as a new Pending Offer in the Pending Offers datastore.
- The system shall enable copies of the Pending Offer to be printed.
- The system shall send a notice of a new Pending Offer to the Sales Manager.

# **Applying the Concepts at Tune Source**

The first step in creating the use cases is to identify the major use cases according to the requirements definition, which was developed in the last chapter. Take a minute and carefully read the requirements definition. Identify the major use cases that you think need additional definition before you continue reading. The information in the functional requirements definition sometimes just flows into the use cases, but it usually requires some thought as to how to structure the use cases. After you read the requirements definition, you may be tempted to identify use cases that correspond directly to the requirement categories, such as (1) search and browse, (2) purchase, and (3) promote.

#### **Functional Requirements:**

- 1. Search and Browse
  - 1.1 The system will allow customers to browse music choices by predefined categories.
  - 1.2 The system will allow customers to search for music choices by fifle, artist, and genre.
  - 1.3 The system will allow customers to listen to a short sample of a music selection.
  - 1.4 The system will enable the customer to add music selections to a "favorites" list.
- 2. Purchase
  - 2.1 The system will enable the customer to create a customer account (if desired) that will store customer data and payment information.
  - 2.2 The system will enable the customer to specify the music choice for download.
  - 2.3 The system will collect and verify payment information. Once payment is verified, the music selection download process will bearn.
- 3. Promote
  - 3.1 The system will keep track of the customer's interests on the basis of samples selected for listening and will use this information to promote music selections during future visits to the Web site.
  - 3.2 Marketing department can create promotions and specials on the Web site.
  - 3.3 Based on customer's previous purchases, music choices can be targeted to the customer on future visits to the Web site. (Customers who like X will also like Y.)
  - 3.4 On the basis of customer interests, customers can be notified of special offers on CDs that can be purchased at the regular Tune Source Web site or in a Tune Source store.

#### **Nonfunctional Requirements:**

- 1. Operational
  - 1.1 The digital music database will be constructed to facilitate searches by title, artist, and genre.
  - 1.2 The system will run on any Web browser and on in-store kiosks.
  - 1.3 In the event of a failure during a download, the customer will be able to restart the download.
- Performance
  - Download speeds will be monitored and kept at an acceptable level.
- Security
  - 3.1 Customer information will be secured.
  - 3.2 Payment information will be encrypted and secured.
- 4. Cultural and political

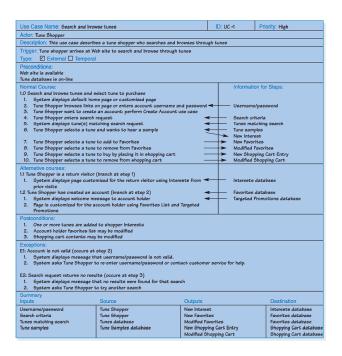
No special cultural and political requirements are expected.

Event	Response	Requirements
Customer searches and browses Web site.	New entries in Favorites list and/or interests.	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 3.1, 3.3
Music is selected for purchase.	Purchase and download transaction is completed.	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4
Promotions are created.	Promotions are created for customers.	3.2, 3.4

# **Elaborating on the Use Cases**

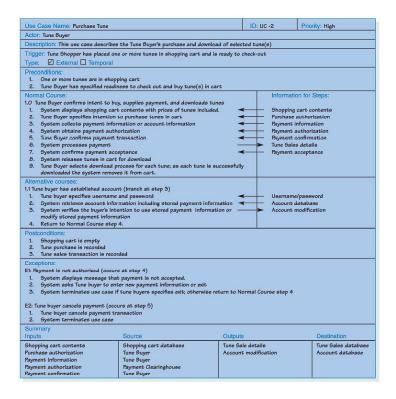
The goal at this point is to describe how the use case operates. The best way to begin to understand these use cases is to visualize yourself browsing a sales-oriented Web site, searching for particular items, investigating specific items further, finally making a decision to buy, and completing the purchase. The techniques of visualizing your interaction with the process and thinking about how other systems work (informal benchmarking) are important techniques that help analysts and users understand how processes work and how to write the use cases.

- Search and Browse Tunes
  - The Tune shopper is intended to look around the tunes website but not necessarily includes for the purpose of purchasing any of the tunes.



## • Purchase Tunes

The Tune Buyer actor is specified for the Purchase Tunes use case. This designation
is given because the website user has indicated a desire to purchase the item(s) in
the cart



### • Promote Tunes

 As for the Promote Tunes use case, the marketing team analyzes the files of recent customer purchases and additions to the customer favorites list on a regular basis.

