**Actors**

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| Actors are outside our system (CMS) |
| Actors don't have to be actual people |
| Actors must interact with the system |
| Actors cannot be changed by system design |

**Use cases**

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| Use cases must have clear pass/fail criteria |
| All actors must know if the system fulfils the use case |
| Complete use cases have system interaction and output |
| Use cases provide measurable results to users |

| **DESCRIPTION DETAIL** | **MEANING** | **EXAMPLE** |
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| Related requirements | Which requirements this use case fulfils | Requirement A.1 |
| Goal in context | The use case's place within the system and why this use case is important | New or existing author requests a new blog account from the Administrator |
| Preconditions | What needs to happen before the use case can be executed | Author needs to have appropriate proof of identity |
| Successful end condition | What the system's condition should be if the use case executes successfully | A new blog account is created for the author |
| Failed end condition | What the system's condition should be if the use case fails to execute successfully | The application for a new blog account is rejected |
| Primary actors | The main actors that participate in the use case (and triggering or benefiting actors) | Administrator |
| Secondary actors | Actors that participate but are not the main players in a use case's execution | Author Credentials Database |
| Trigger | The event triggered by an actor that causes the use case to execute | Administrator asks CMS to create a new blog account |
| Main flow | The place to describe each of the important steps in a use case's normal execution | 1. Admin asks CMS to create new account |
|  |  | 2. Admin selects an account type |
|  |  | 3. Admin enters author's details |
|  |  | 4. Author's details are verified using the Author Credentials Database |
|  |  | 5. The new blog account is created |
|  |  | 6. A summary of the new blog account's details are emailed to the author |
| Extensions | A description of any alternative steps from the ones described in the main flow | 4.1 AUthor Credentials Database does not verify the author's details |
|  |  | 4.2 The author's new blog account application is rejected |

### Create a use case from simple requirements

1. Fire up Signavio Process Manager
2. Go to your personal folder in Shared Documents
3. Create a new UML use case diagram
4. Sketch a use case description

**REQUIREMENT: A user logs into a computer.**