



BTC-210

# AGILE USE CASE WORKSHOP FOR BUSINESS ANALYSTS

# Course outline

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- Two days

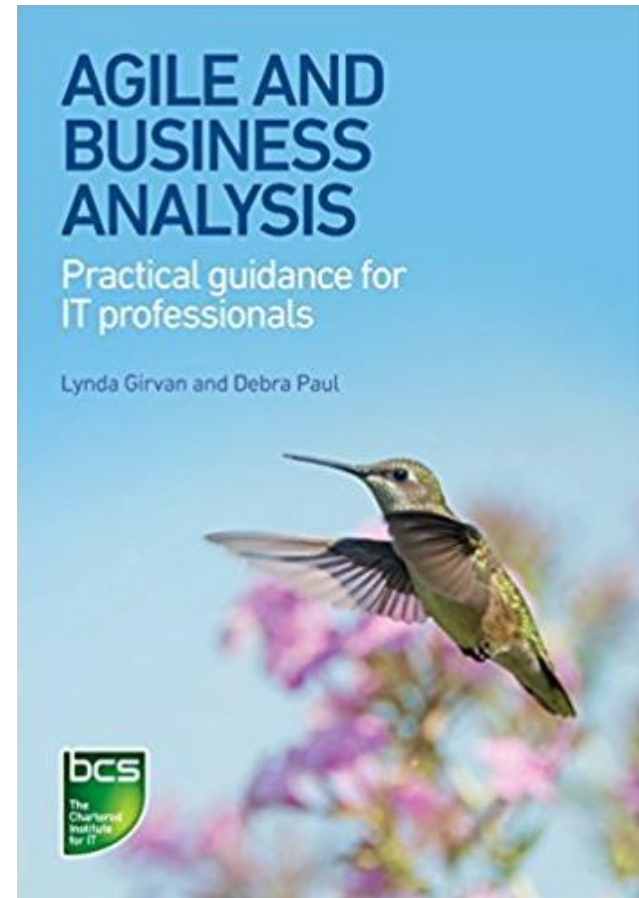
# Related courses

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- Business Analysis
- Software Testing
- Scrum certification
- Project management certification (PMI)

# Book

- **Agile and Business Analysis: Practical guidance for IT professionals** Lynda Girvan and Debra Paul, BCS Learning and Development Ltd., 2017



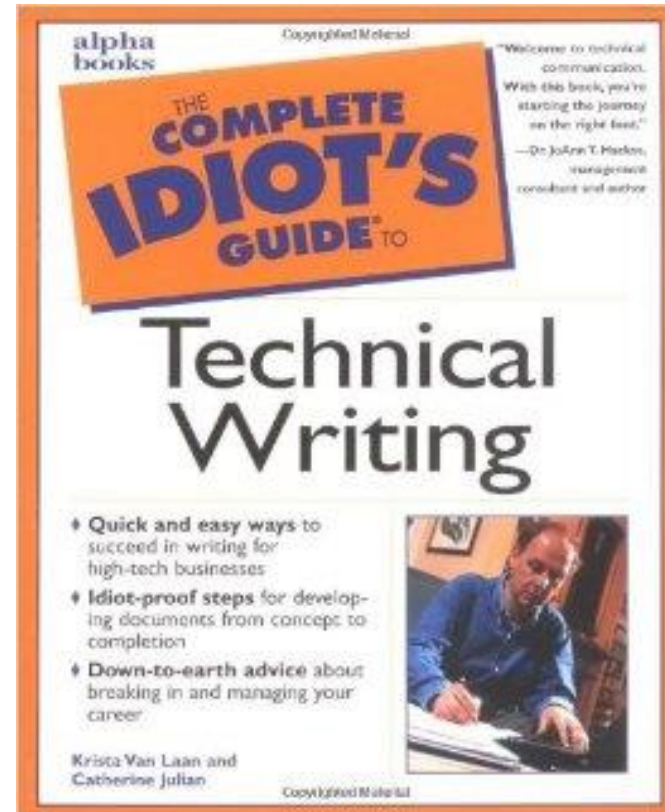
# Books, recommended

- **Agile Software Requirements: Lean Requirements Practices for Teams, Programs, and the Enterprise, Dean Leffingwell, 2010**



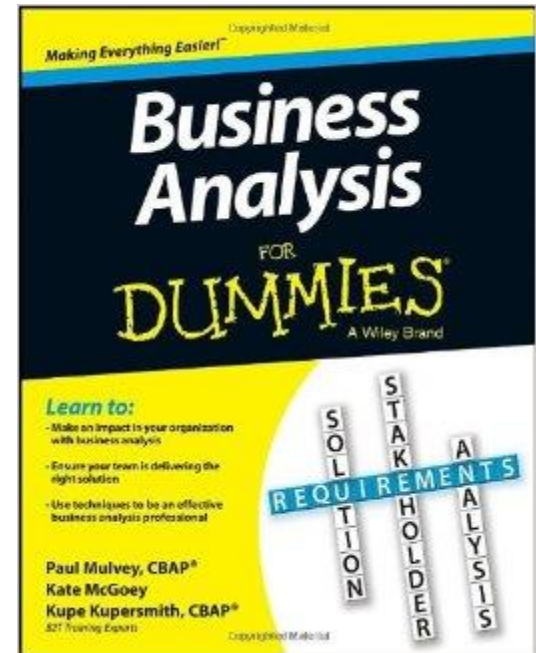
# Books, recommended

- **Complete Idiot's Guide to Technical Writing,** Krista Van Laan and Catherine Julian, Alpha Books, 2001



# Books, recommended

- **Business Analysis For Dummies** by Kupe Kupersmith, Paul Mulvey, Kate McGoe. July 2013 – recommended
  - ▣ \$13 used Amazon



# Resources

- <https://github.com/doughoff/BTC-210>
- **Modern Analyst**
  - <http://modernanalyst.com/>



# Business analysis overview



# Business analysis values

## □ Efficiency

- ▣ reuse of documentation
- ▣ reuse of business processes and metrics
- ▣ elimination of rework
- ▣ prevention of bugs

## □ Effectiveness

- ▣ making the customer/stakeholder satisfied with the result

## □ Productivity

- ▣ maximizing the velocity of the project team

# Business analysis vision

- Decrease the risk of losing value by
  - ▣ Understanding the domain of the business problem
  - ▣ Communicating domain to team members and stakeholders
- NOT
  - ▣ the design vision
    - create a solution plan to the business problem that best addresses the domain and the business constraints

# Business analysis strategy goals

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- Increase the level of domain understanding
- Produce adequate documentation
  - ▣ to manage project
  - ▣ to support the next stages of the project
- Assure quality of project

# Business analysis tactical goals

- Strategy – enterprise analysis
- Analysis
  - ▣ Identify and define – apply business values
  - ▣ Gather – understand the domain
  - ▣ Structuring – organize the data
  - ▣ Verification – get feedback
  - ▣ Document and present – make the data useful
- Design – merge data with constraints
- Development – technical analysis, BDD, TDD
- Testing – scenario and system test design

# Business analysis operational goals

- Strategy – business plan. CSFs
- Analysis
  - ▣ Identify and define – glossary, stakeholder info
  - ▣ Gather – interviews, surveys, workshops, observation, user stories
  - ▣ **Structure** – KPIs, sequencing, data dictionary, use cases, priorities
  - ▣ **Verify** – trends, artefact verification
  - ▣ Document and present – requirements docs
- Design – prototypes, interfaces, screen shot scenarios
- Development – state, activity/flowchart models
- Testing – data dictionary validations

# Agile overview

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TO DEAL WITH  
UNPREDICTABLE EVENTS AND  
THINGS WE CANNOT CONTROL  
IN OUR PROJECTS

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AND INCREASE THE CHANCES  
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DEADLINE, FIXED SCOPE AND  
FIXED QUALITY: YOU CAN BE  
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TRIANGLE !!!

# Agile overview

- **Principles** not a process
  - ▣ 12 principles based on 4 values
- **Quality**, simplicity (not just simple)
- Originally about software development
  - ▣ now mostly driven by project management



# Agile manifesto and values

- The Manifesto for Agile Software Development
  - <http://www.agilemanifesto.org/>
- We value
  - **individuals and interactions** over processes and tools
  - **customer collaboration** over contract negotiation
  - **working software** over comprehensive documentation
  - **responding to change** over following a plan

# Agile principles

- Process
  - ▣ **Work on artefacts early and continuously**
  - ▣ Measure progress with reviewed and approved models
  - ▣ Manage changing requirements in models and documents
- Quality
  - ▣ **Satisfy the customer**
  - ▣ Create high quality artefacts
  - ▣ Keep artefacts resilient to change but stay simple
  - ▣ Have teams do self reviews and change by results
- Teamwork
  - ▣ **Create and review artefacts with customers**
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  - ▣ Let the engaged analysts run with the project

# Agile terms

- ❑ **Backlog:** a prioritized list of requirements or work items that is frequently updated
- ❑ **Definition of done/definition of ready:** setting acceptance criteria for a requirement
- ❑ **Personas:** a way of identifying and describing users of the system
- ❑ **User stories:** a way of capturing requirements
- ❑ **Story mapping**
- ❑ **Story splitting:** breaking down stories that are too big

# Scrum

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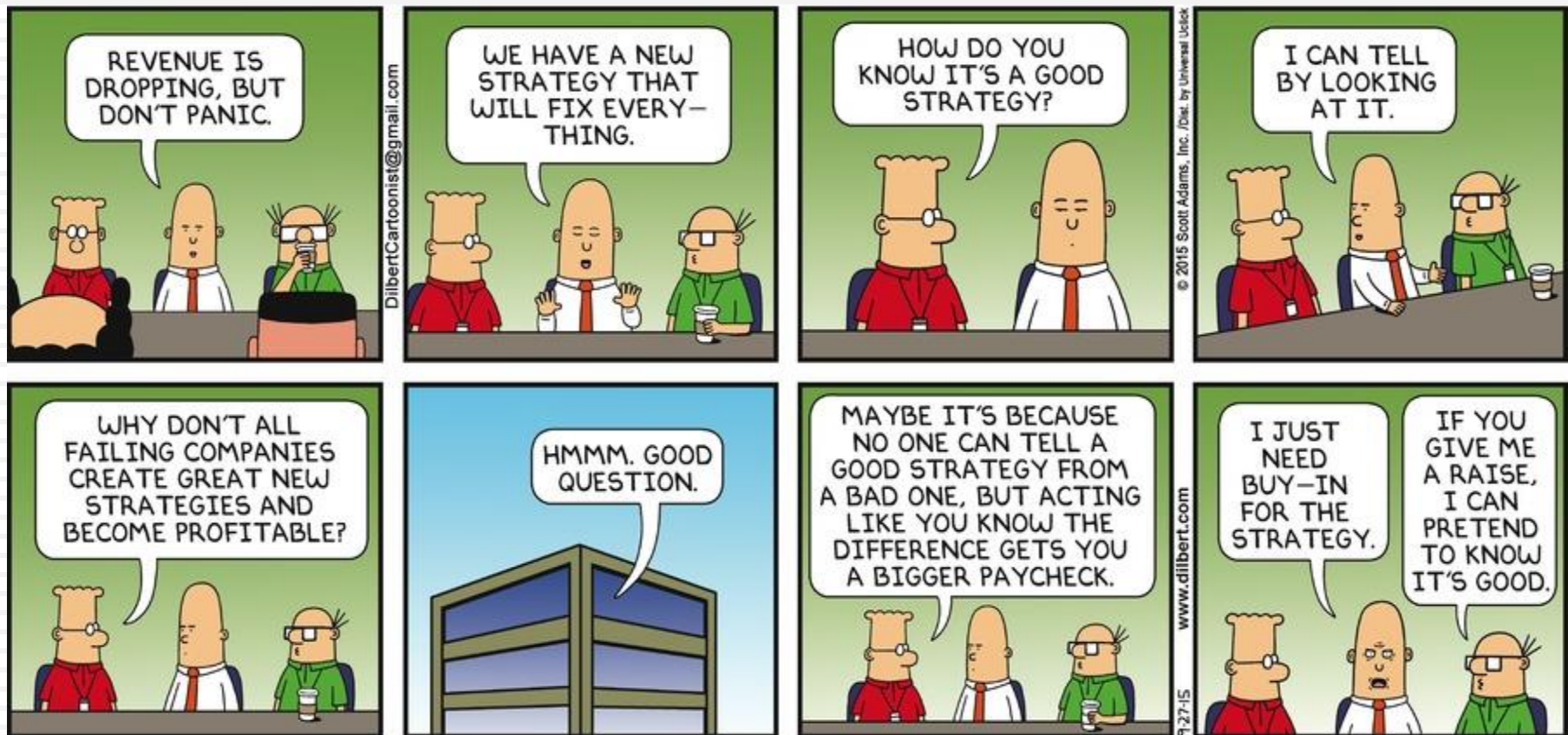
# Scrum analysis tasks

- User stories
  - ▣ Create and put into product backlog
  - ▣ Prioritize on a wall
  - ▣ Roll up stories into features into themes
  - ▣ Work out details continuously with stakeholders
  - ▣ Re-prioritize as necessary
  - ▣ Complete requirement just before development
- Use change control
- Confirm software usability, relevance and business value throughout entire process with business users.

# Scrum roles

- Product Owner (BA tasks)
  - ▣ represents the needs of the business, documents and prioritizes system requirements for backlogs
- Scrum Team
  - ▣ a cross-disciplinary team charged with undertaking the agreed work in each sprint
- Scrum Master
  - ▣ facilitates the team's work, removing project impediments and ensuring that appropriate Scrum practices are being followed by the team.

# Strategy phase



# Enterprise planning

- Strategic goals and long-term architecture
- Executive level planning
  - ▣ supported by SMEs acting as BAs
- Important to document
  - ▣ business goals tied to mission
  - ▣ business plan for project tied to business goals



# Artefact: The business plan

- Creates the domain where value is found
  - ▣ project ties to business goals
  - ▣ use cases tie to project
- Important to document:
  - ▣ clear problem statement
  - ▣ assets needed
  - ▣ stakeholders
    - systems
    - internal
    - external
  - ▣ value estimate
  - ▣ constraints

# Artefact - CSFs

- Rolling up selected metrics to help
  - ▣ direct activity,
  - ▣ correct and teach,
  - ▣ validate decisions,
  - ▣ justify plans
- two to five per project
- goals/objectives of value achievement
- Often called high-level or business requirements

# Optional artefacts



- ❑ feasibility study
- ❑ top-level architecture
- ❑ project strategy plan
- ❑ operations concept document

# Agile application

## □ Process

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## □ Quality

- ▣ Create high quality artefacts
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## □ Teamwork

- ▣ Meet with other analysts face-to-face

# Analysis phase - identify and define

glossary, CSFs

WE'RE GOING TO TRY SOMETHING CALLED AGILE PROGRAMMING.

THAT MEANS NO MORE PLANNING AND NO MORE DOCUMENTATION. JUST START WRITING CODE AND COMPLAINING.

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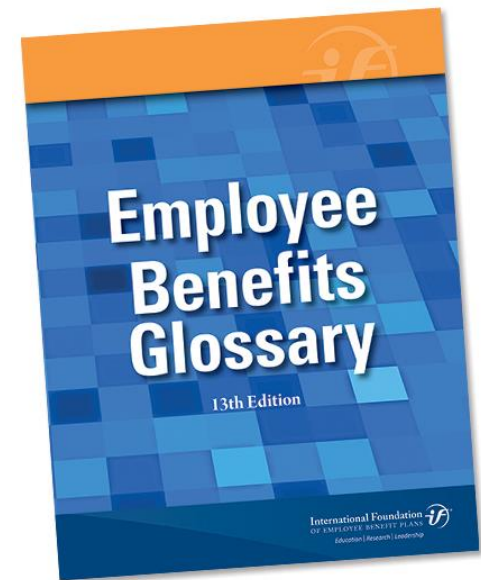
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# Artefact - Glossary

- Dictionary of common business terms relevant to project
  - ▣ use these terms consistently in use cases
  - ▣ follow the mapmaker's rule



# Artefact: Stakeholder profiles

- Use the list of people from the business case to start. Add others as needed.
- Create table of information with:
  - ▣ role, responsibilities,
  - ▣ interests,
  - ▣ success criteria,
  - ▣ concerns,
  - ▣ technical proficiency,
  - ▣ work environment
- Used for
  - ▣ elicitation sessions to create workflow for use cases
  - ▣ selecting SMEs for verification of use cases

# Agile terms

- Definition of Done
  - ▣ A Scrum term for CSFs usually applied to user stories
- Minimum Viable Product
  - ▣ the goals that provide enough scope for users to see value in what has been decided to be a final product
  - ▣ project management decision
  - ▣ release management

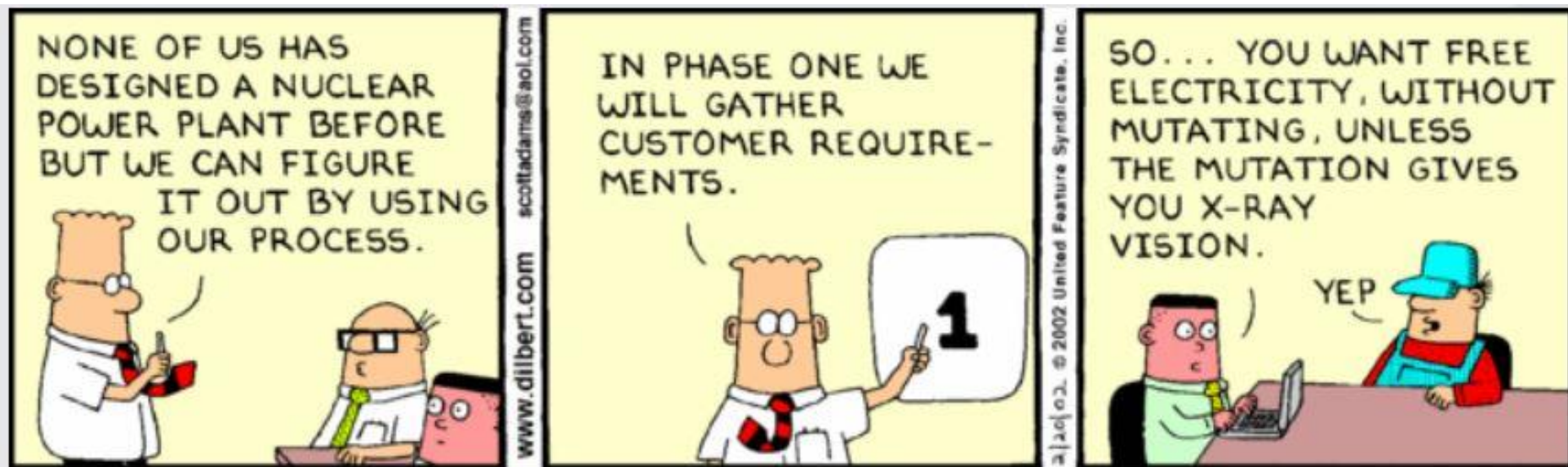


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# Analysis phase - gathering

interviews, surveys, workshops, observation, user stories, document review



# Gathering tools/techniques

- interviews, surveys, workshops, observation, user stories, document review
  - ▣ talking with stakeholders
  - ▣ output is usually unstructured text
- Design tools/techniques are very useful here also
  - ▣ people don't always have words
  - ▣ advise stakeholders that this is not UX/GUI
- Creates the raw data for use cases

# User stories



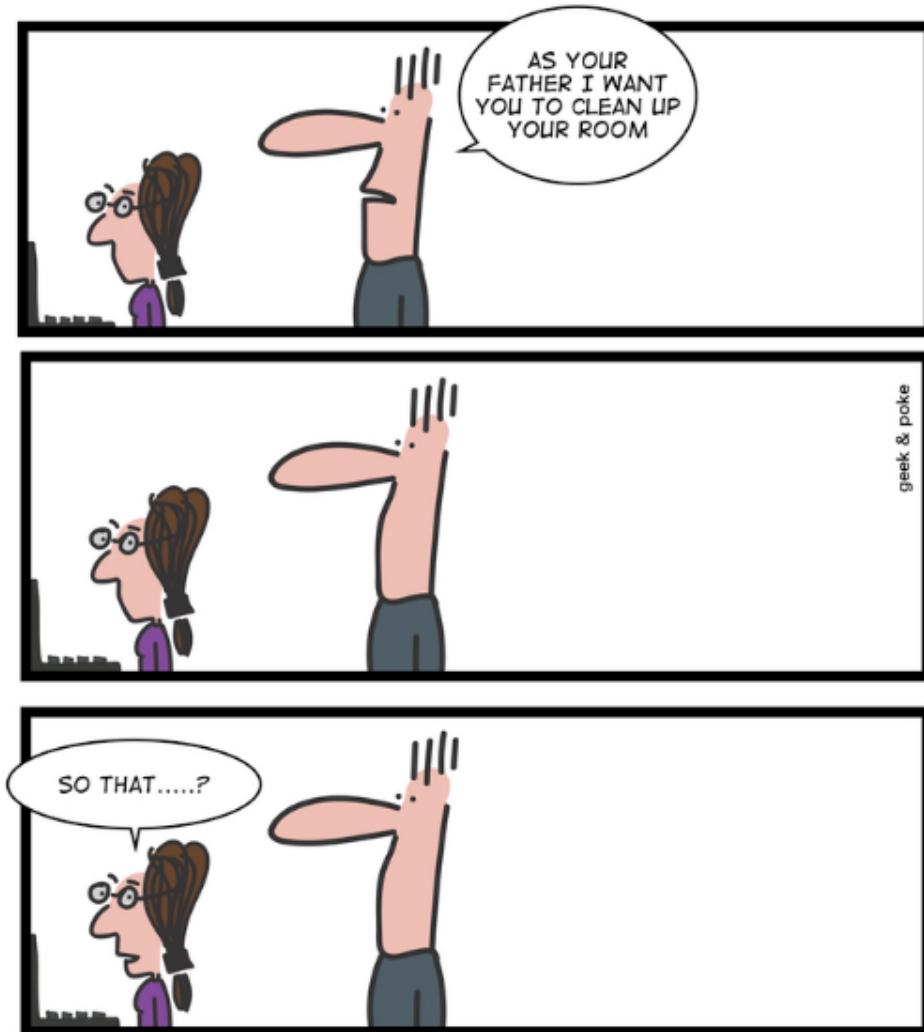
# The user story technique

- As a <some user role>,  
I need the system to <high-level functional requirement> so that I can <get some value>.
- Often mistaken as a requirements analysis tool
- A project management tool
  - ▣ to create a tokens for a future conversation – **main intent**
  - ▣ to track scope for progress reports
  - ▣ to assign deadlines
  - ▣ gathered from stakeholders – not rewritten

# User story problems

- Poor at defining granularity
  - ▣ Use cases provide goals
  - ▣ Epics, themes, features?
- Business value is usually not defined
  - ▣ Goals = business value
- Not enough detail to implement
  - ▣ Use cases give detail
- Informal use cases are better

## AGILE FAMILIES



MAKE SURE YOUR USER STORY IS CORRECTLY PHRASED

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# Analysis phase - structuring

KPIs, sequence, data dictionary, use cases





# Structuring

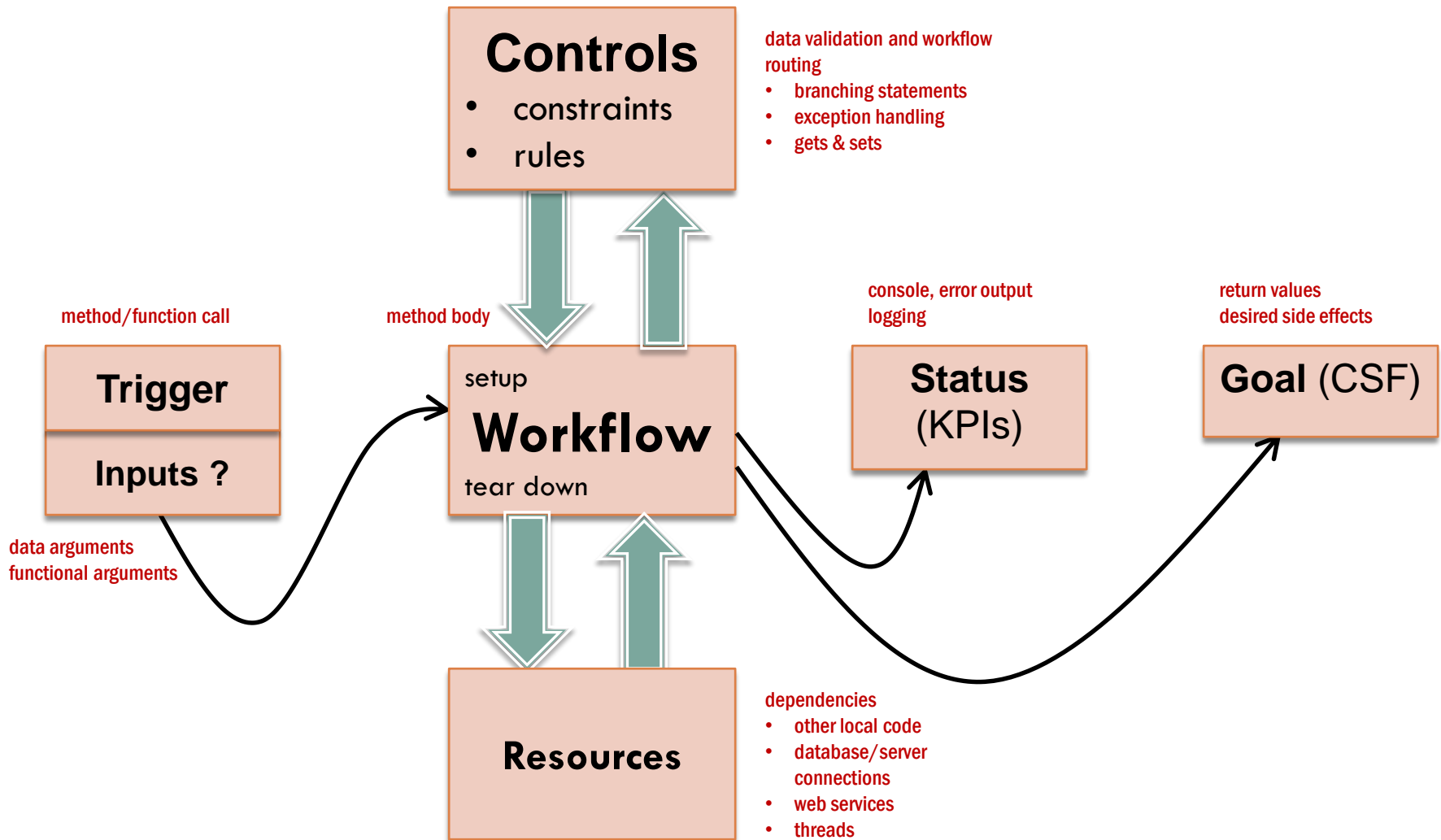
- Converting the data into models for each audience
  - ▣ business users
  - ▣ programmers and DBAs
  - ▣ network administrators
  - ▣ management
- Business language for best communication

# Structuring

- Two main system categories
  - ▣ data
  - ▣ processes
- Similar to writing recipes
  - ▣ ingredients
  - ▣ instructions
  - ▣ output: inventory list, recipe book, menu, kitchen designer

# A generic process/service model

the process parts in computer language



# Artefact: KPIs

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- ❑ Success criteria for processes
- ❑ two to five per CSF
- ❑ measured with quantity of agreed upon units

# Artefact - data dictionary

- Business language data entities required by the system/role to
  - ▣ know about
  - ▣ track for changes
  - ▣ remember to use later
  - ▣ report on
- The second most useful document after the use case
  - ▣ Use cases use complex data type names
  - ▣ Data rules are captured here for reuse

# Artefact - data dictionary

- Formal document recording data entities
  - Name, address, city, state, zip, phone, ...
- Basic
  - ▣ Name/description
  - ▣ Parts (attributes/fields)
    - simple data – text, dates, numbers, flags
    - other entities
  - ▣ Relationships
    - cardinality
    - dependencies
  - ▣ Capacity, security, integrity

# Agile

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- Affinity diagram (data dictionary)
  - ▣ incomplete view of project
  - ▣ adds noise from stakeholders
  - ▣ useful as gathering tool

# Artefact: use case

- Focuses on functional requirements
- Requirements must be of the same granularity
  - ▣ start at the goal level
- Detail matches the need
- Non-functional requirements are captured on a case by case basis
  - ▣ when important to that specific functional one.



# Use case benefits

- Efficiency
  - ▣ Creates enough detail
    - for design to eliminate rework
  - ▣ Uses sequenced functional requirements
    - to eliminate scope creep
  - ▣ Documents testable tasks and scenarios
    - For reusability in technical analysis and testing
- Effectiveness
  - ▣ Defines scope at the goal level
    - for better project management
- Productivity
  - ▣ Uses business language
    - to maximize understanding of project

# Analysis – use case basics

actor table, use case names, priority

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# Use case definition

- A unit of scope containing
  - ▣ a **repeatable**
  - ▣ ordered **sequence** of tasks
  - ▣ by an initiating party
  - ▣ to support a business **goal** (provides value)
- One happy path
  - ▣ creates a backbone for errors and extra paths

# Use case project types

## □ Types

- ▣ Business - Goals for employee roles
- ▣ System - Goals for a system under development or maintenance
- ▣ Mixed – goes between business and system to get to goal

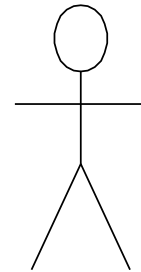
## □ Box the use cases by type

# Use case process

- **Gather** user expectations
- **Structure** with analysts
  - ▣ Find actors
  - ▣ Find use case names
  - ▣ Write use case details
    - Increase detail when important
    - Invite SMEs when unclear
  - ▣ Refactor if complex
- **Verify** with analysts and SMEs
- **Document** use case relationships
- **Present** use cases to users

# Actors

- ❑ Should have been called roles.
- ❑ Actors initiate a use case.
- ❑ Actor roles enforce the ability to do processes
  - ▣ Actors describe security group names that have **permission** sets.
  - ▣ For any two actors, one will have a unique use case that the other doesn't do.



**Actor name**

# Artefact - Actor table

- Identifies and classifies system users by roles and responsibilities
- Includes
  - ▣ Names of actual stakeholders (people/systems)
  - ▣ Description
  - ▣ Related job titles
  - ▣ Location
  - ▣ Level of expertise
  - ▣ Domain expertise
  - ▣ Frequency of use



# Exercise: actor table

- For each job title or person:
  - ▣ customer, manager, executive, visitor, preferred customer, returning customer, customer with a bad credit card, marketing person, guest, unknown user, administrator, programmer, hacker, search engine
- Use an actor name
  - ▣ Use **user** and **admin** (easy)
  - ▣ Or use all different actor names (hard)
  - ▣ Or something in between
- Each actor must have a unique use case that no one else can do.



# Use case names

- Use verb-noun **clause** syntax
- Use domain words
  - ▣ The mapmaker's rule
- Don't goldplate
  - ▣ Keep notes to ask users later though



A UML Use Case diagram consisting of an oval shape.

**Use case name**



A UML Use Case diagram consisting of an oval shape. Above the text, the stereotype <<business>> is written.

**Use case name**

# Granularity – scope quantity

## □ **Group of goals**

- What broad grouping of goals do you want the system or <role> to do?
- manage, handle, control, do, work with, take care of
- Higher level manager

## □ **Goal**

- What sequence of steps leading to a goal will give value to the business?
- Scope like PM's WBS: 3 - 10 days of work
- Lower level manager
- Target for initial requirements document

# Granularity - scope quantity

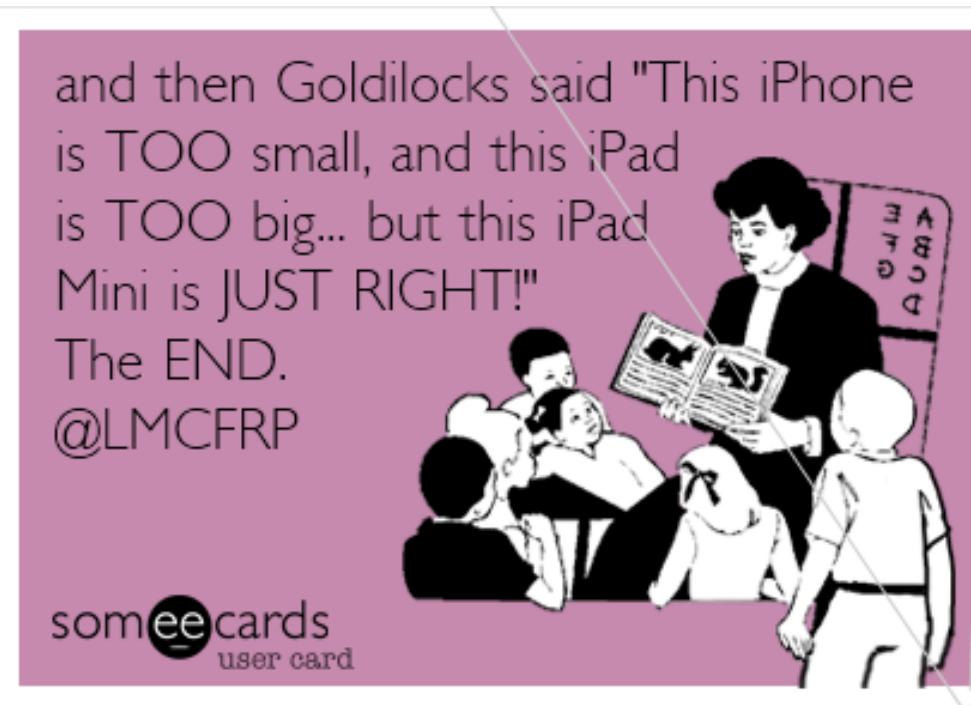
- **Partial goal** / group of tasks
  - ▣ What are the individual or named processes in the scenario?
  - ▣ no or little business value by itself
  - ▣ Staff
- **Task**
  - ▣ What are the specific actions that need to happen that are the basic steps of the scenarios?
  - ▣ Staff SME
- **Design “requirement”**
  - ▣ an idea about how it should be built
  - ▣ Record as a design recommendation

# Granularity – breaking up groups

- Groups of goals can be broken up into goals by
  - ▣ difference in final results
  - ▣ use of different business rules
  - ▣ separating simple and complex tasks
  - ▣ using different data sets
  - ▣ difference in middle tasks
  - ▣ seeing a CRUD combination

# Granularity - scope quantity

- Too small
  - ▣ Log in
  - ▣ Log out
  - ▣ Search
- Too big
  - ▣ Manage accounts
- Just right
  - ▣ Deliver package
  - ▣ Adjust account
  - ▣ Edit personal data



# Use case levels

- Aim to deliver business value – a goal
- Groups of goals will come out easily
  - ▣ Break them into individual value parts
  - ▣ Use SMEs to help
- Partial goals will distract you
  - ▣ Look for what they are a part of
- Groups can organize partials or goals

# Use case validation

- Is it repeatable? Could you do it 1000 times?
  - ▣ Walk up, do it, walk away.
  - ▣ Does the system return to the **same state** it was in before you started the use case?
    - I can do it, then you can do it.
    - If not, then it's part (task, function) of a bigger use case
- The business gains **value**
  - ▣ What was the **goal** that was achieved?
- Strong actionable verb
  - ▣ Vague verbs indicate a **group** of use cases



# Exercise – actors and names

- Brainstorming
  - ▣ Round-robin questions first, then more open discussion
  - ▣ No criticism
  - ▣ Then apply the rules after you run out of ideas
  - ▣ Humorous ideas don't end the session, they sometimes spark new results.
- Actors table – candidates
- Use case summary – candidate and validated
- Actors table – validated



# Prioritization

- When to prioritize
  - ▣ Early
  - ▣ Progressively
- Value to project management
  - ▣ Selection of scope based on budget and schedule.
  - ▣ Understanding user desire
- How to prioritize value
  - ▣ It's not how important to the stakeholder it is, it's about the business
  - ▣ Don't ask the stakeholder for “their” priority

# Prioritization – from the stakeholder

- ❑ Not recommended for business value
- ❑ Levels – 1,2,3 or mandatory, desirable, nice to have
- ❑ Kano – Dissatisfiers, Satisfiers, Delighters
- ❑ Analytical Hierarchy Prioritization – compares pairs
- ❑ WSJF - User business value, Time criticality, Risk reduction/opportunity enablement
- ❑ MoSCoW = must have, should have, could have, want to have but won't have this time

# Prioritization – business value

## □ Essential

### ▣ Scope of use (impact)

- how much of the business will it improve?
- how many of the staff will it help?
- Externally equated to target market

### ▣ Business value (urgency)

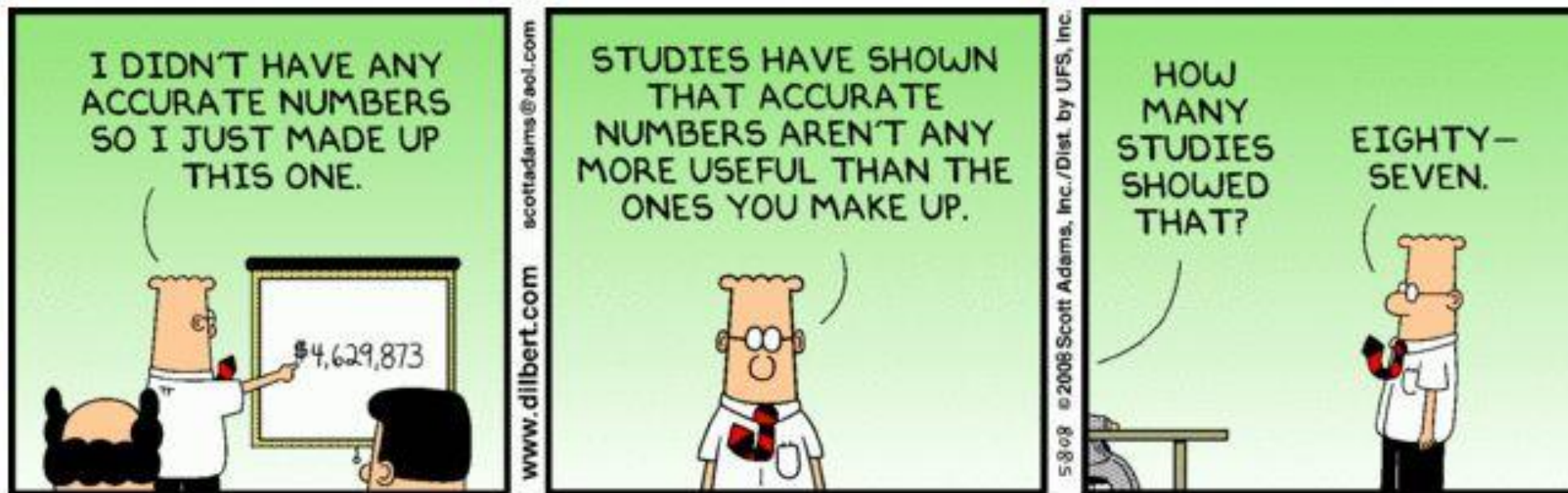
- how much do you wish the business had it now?
- how bad will the business look if it fails in the future?
- what level of person is asking for it?
- Externally equated to price willing to pay

## □ Optional

- ▣ Anything else important to the business

# Prioritization

- Using weighted averages
  - ▣ “I’ll give it a 9.27”
  - ▣ No units = no metrics = no standard
  - ▣ Use for understanding but not communications



# Prioritization

- Other categories to use
  - ▣ ROI
  - ▣ Satisfaction
- Negative risk = Impact \* Urgency \* probability of failure

# Use case prioritization

- Well-scoped use cases can be used by project managers to estimate project size.
- Priorities can help meet schedule and budget
- **Exercise** - prioritization

# Estimation

- User stories – many methods
  - ▣ volume (granularity), knowledge, uncertainty, complexity, ideal days, estimation poker, T-shirt sizing, relative velocity
- Use cases – same as work package
  - ▣ 3-10 days of effort based on knowledge and complexity.

# Use cases – functional detail

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# Course of events

- Always a “happy path”
  - ▣ A success scenario
  - ▣ Problems will be captured later
- No conditionals
  - ▣ No if-then-else statements
  - ▣ Multiple partial sequences (loops) should be expressed as optional parts.
- Detail level
  - ▣ as much detail as possible without design
- No design (without constraints)
  - ▣ e.g. button click, submit buttons or anything that connects system to hardware, software, tools, or materials

# Course of events

- Syntax
  - ▣ The use case starts when the actor ...
  - ▣ Response: The system ...
- Possibly multiple actors could initiate the use case
- Numbering
  - ▣ Group one or more statements/tasks together
  - ▣ Smaller increments are better when you need to start in the middle at a specific spot due to an error.
  - ▣ Start with system does... usually.

# Functional detail - tasks

- Tasks are sequenced low-level activities that can't be broken down any further
- The task statement contains
  - ▣ A responsible party/noun
  - ▣ The action/verb to be done
  - ▣ A description of the things/direct object which the verb acts on.
- A system functional requirement starts with “the <system> shall ...”
- A business functional requirement starts with “the <role> shall ...”

# Process rules – happy paths

- A rule to two happy paths is 2 use cases
  - ▣ not an error path
- The **functional** part of a requirement...
  - ▣ The system shall print the Large Sales report ...
- ...May be modified with a **rule** part
  - ▣ ...**If/when** sales are > 100,000 **then** using rate chart DF3
  - ▣ ...Use rate chart DF3 **when** sales are > 100,000
  - ▣ ...On Thursday
  - ▣ ...When I say so

# Too much in a use case

- Any use of conditional logic for workflow will indicate separate use cases when
  - ▣ The outcome is different
  - ▣ Steps are skipped
  - ▣ Steps are not always included
  - ▣ A rule is used to alter workflow to another happy path

# Alternative flows

- Done after structuring so numbering is done once.
- Two types
  - ▣ **Extension** points return back where you came from after an optional set of steps. <<extends>>
  - ▣ **Failure** points stop the use case, return you to a different point, or fix the problem and let you continue.
- Write in your choice of styles (informal, formal)
  - ▣ **Bad thing happens** (13, 15) – try to fix and return to 12.
- Include a return point or end the use case.

# Extension points

- **Extension points** are optional partial goals
- The point at which the non-error extension set of tasks starts is where it returns when it is finished.
- An path that is extra to the flow
  - ▣ a gift wrap
  - ▣ additional product offer to accept
  - ▣ a search to do before continuing

# Use case alternative flows (failure)

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- Generally tied to a rule that fails
- Written in informal or formal style



# Specifying rules for failures

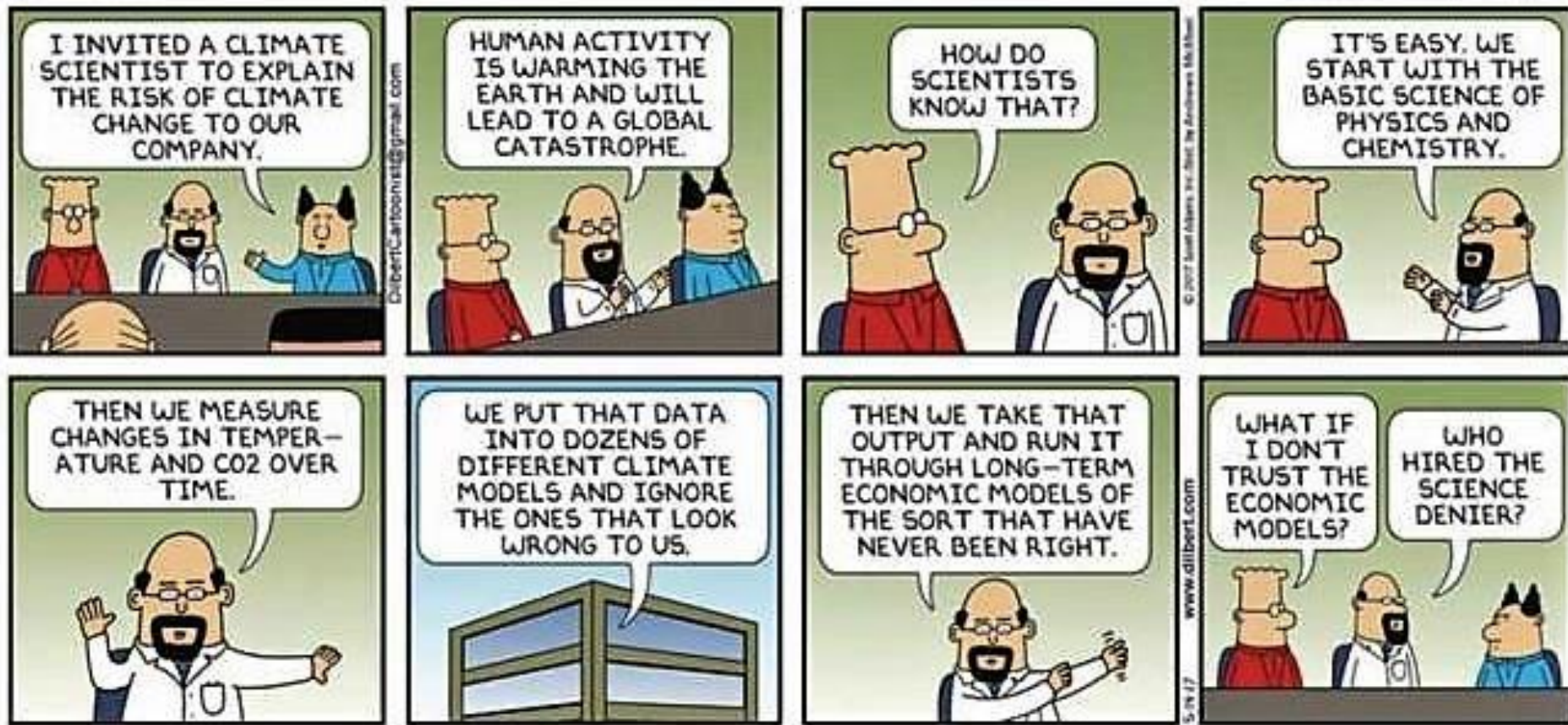
- Short one-time use rules are better included in use case documentation below the functional statement
  - ▣ The system validates the amount.
    - **RULE: Available funds** - Account balance is larger or equal to than amount requested.
    - **RULE: Daily total withdrawal:** Amount requested is less or equal to **R#24 MAXIMUM WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT**
    - **RULE: Increments** – Must be in increments of \$20.
- Larger rule tables, decision trees, or reused rules are better in a separate rule document and referred to.
  - **R#24 MAXIMUM WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT:** \$500 per day starting at midnight.



# Exercise – course of events

- Write out a set of instructions that is your tasks for
  - getting ready for work
  - fixing a lunch
  - washing a dog
  - painting a wall

# Analysis phase - verification



# Verify granularity

- Strong actionable verb
  - ▣ Vague verbs indicate a **group** of use cases
- The business gains **value**
  - ▣ What was the **goal** that was achieved?
  - ▣ No value at the end **to the business** indicates that this small group of tasks is a part of another use case

# Verify analysis language

- Can the **system** functionality be applied to a phone interface?
  - ▣ If you talk about a GUI then that's design.
  - ▣ Design language is appropriate when there is a project constraint to use a specific design

# Verify testability

- Does your complete scenario meet the walk-away test?
  - ▣ Walk up, do it, walk away
- Does the system return to the **same state** it was in before you started the use case?
  - ▣ I can do it, then you can do it.
  - ▣ If not, then it's part (task, function) of a bigger use case

# Verify completeness

- Can you define a requirement (at a higher level) that summarizes a group of requirements?
- Can you define a requirement (at a lower level) that is a part of the requirement?
- Are there other higher scenarios that would use this use case?
- Are there other lower scenarios that would use this use case?

# Verify granularity

- Any use of conditional logic for workflow will indicate separate use cases when
  - ▣ The outcome is different
  - ▣ Steps are skipped
  - ▣ Steps are not always included
  - ▣ A rule is used to alter workflow
- Break use case in to individual use cases and then structure later



# Verify lack of design

- Can the **system** functionality be applied to a phone interface?
  - ▣ If you talk about a GUI then that's design.
- If you talk about **how** something is done, that's a rule or design.
  - ▣ If there are constraints, a design feature like a screen, mouse, or keyboard works.

# Verify use case course of events

- Completeness check – role playing game
  - ▣ Person = system or role
  - ▣ Data known by system listed on one sheet of paper
  - ▣ Designs sketched on paper, hold up when active
  - ▣ Messages passed on sticky notes, one for request, one for response, data recorded

# Verify use case course of events

- Testability check -play out differently
  - ▣ Use data range boundary values
  - ▣ Substitute more extreme values
  - ▣ Repeat more times
  - ▣ Make environment worse



# Exercise – verify course of events

- Apply tests to your course of events from the previous exercise.

# Use cases – more detail

THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED US TO MAKE OUR PRODUCTS MORE ROBUST.

NONE OF US KNOWS WHAT THAT MEANS.

SO WE CAN EITHER CANCEL THIS MEETING AND GO ASK THEM. . .

OR WE CAN PRETEND THAT ARGUING WITH EACH OTHER ABOUT THE TRUE MEANING OF "ROBUST" IS JUST AS GOOD.

WHILE THAT OPTION IS STUPID, IT WOULD GIVE US THE ILLUSION OF DOING SOMETHING USEFUL RIGHT NOW.

WOULD IT BE ETHICAL TO IGNORE THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF STOCKHOLDERS JUST TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT OURSELVES FOR A FEW MINUTES?

I THINK ROBUST MEANS IT HAS LOTS OF FEATURES.

IT MEANS STURDY!

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# Use case sections

- Metadata
- Course of events / task sequence
- Optional
  - ▣ Preconditions
  - ▣ Post-conditions
    - Guarantees (minimal & maximum success)
  - ▣ Alternative flows – options
  - ▣ Alternative flows - errors

# Use case metadata

## □ Recommended

- Name – verb-noun syntax
- ID and date
- Actor(s)
- Stakeholder originator
- Priority (goal level and above, business value not personal)

# Use case metadata

- Optional
  - Project
  - System / subsystem
  - Date updated
  - Cross-references
    - Business rules, data, prompts & menu text, designs
  - Level
  - Tracing
  - Index



# Use case metadata

- Optional
  - ▣ Purpose
  - ▣ Explanations
  - ▣ Examples of ways to meet
  - ▣ Stability
  - ▣ Complexity
  - ▣ Stakeholders' interests

# Non-functional requirements

- Placed in use case notes, another category, or other documents
- Use cases can have specific NF requirements
  - ▣ security issues
  - ▣ capacity needs
  - ▣ maintenance needs
- Tests
  - ▣ What adjective or adverb describes how all/a subset of the functional parts should behave?
  - ▣ What details do not affect what the functionality of the system or <role> does?

# Non-functional requirement types

- Notes
- Security
- SLAs (expectations of performance)
- Quality or integration
- Data dictionary – data rules
- Process rules
- Interfaces
- Design recommendations
- Prompts, menus, and messages

# Pre- and post-conditions

- Pre-conditions
  - ▣ block the use case from doing the first step.
  - ▣ validate the state of the software before anything happens specific to that use case.
  - ▣ A log on is not a pre-condition in a system use case
- Post-conditions restate the important points connected to the goal.
  - ▣ Optional usually

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- User story acceptance criteria
  - ▣ same as post-conditions in use case

# Special requirements / notes

- Put things like SLAs and location or time needs in a special category.
- Non-functional requirements that are specific to this use case should be documented with the use case.
- Admin people can understand why a requirement should be met.

# Using references

- Move out the details that are not functional
  - ▣ Small detailed parts are OK for clarity.
    - Sub points, mark the type
  - ▣ Use the specific document to capture reusable or complex rules, designs, etc.
    - Process rules
    - Data dictionary
    - Designs - menus, screens
    - Externalized text – prompts, error messages
  - ▣ Use character style to show rules & data dictionary items



# Exercise – use case detail

- Create pre-conditions / post-conditions if any
- Write/use course of events
- Create sections and reference for
  - ▣ Data dictionary [DD] or just bold text
  - ▣ Business rules [R#] or subpoint – and bold text
  - ▣ Designs [D#] – screen prototypes
  - ▣ Reports [R#] – report prototypes
- Create error flows
- Create alternative flows



# Analysis phase - documentation

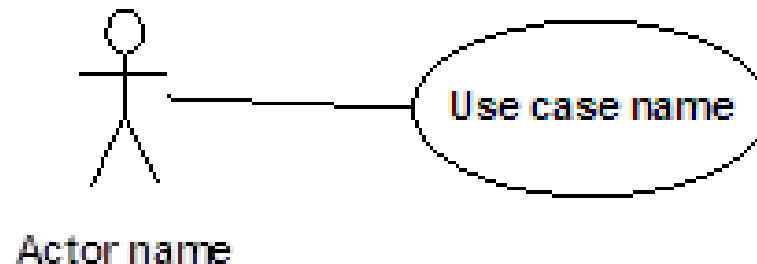


# Use case text styles

- Mix 'n' match
- Informal – the story
  - ▣ An elevator speech
  - ▣ Use for a table of contents
  - ▣ A descriptive sentence or paragraph
- Formal – all the facts
  - ▣ When it's important to be clear
  - ▣ Up to several pages

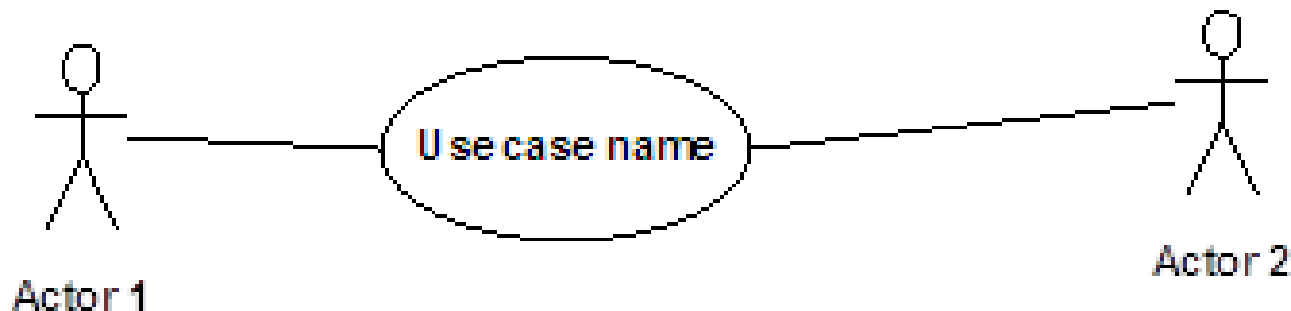
# Use cases and actors

- Only to show scope, granularity and triggers!
  - ▣ No sequences so no arrows!
- Split diagrams into readable sections.
- Only show actors who initiate use cases on diagrams.
- Keep lines from crossing when possible



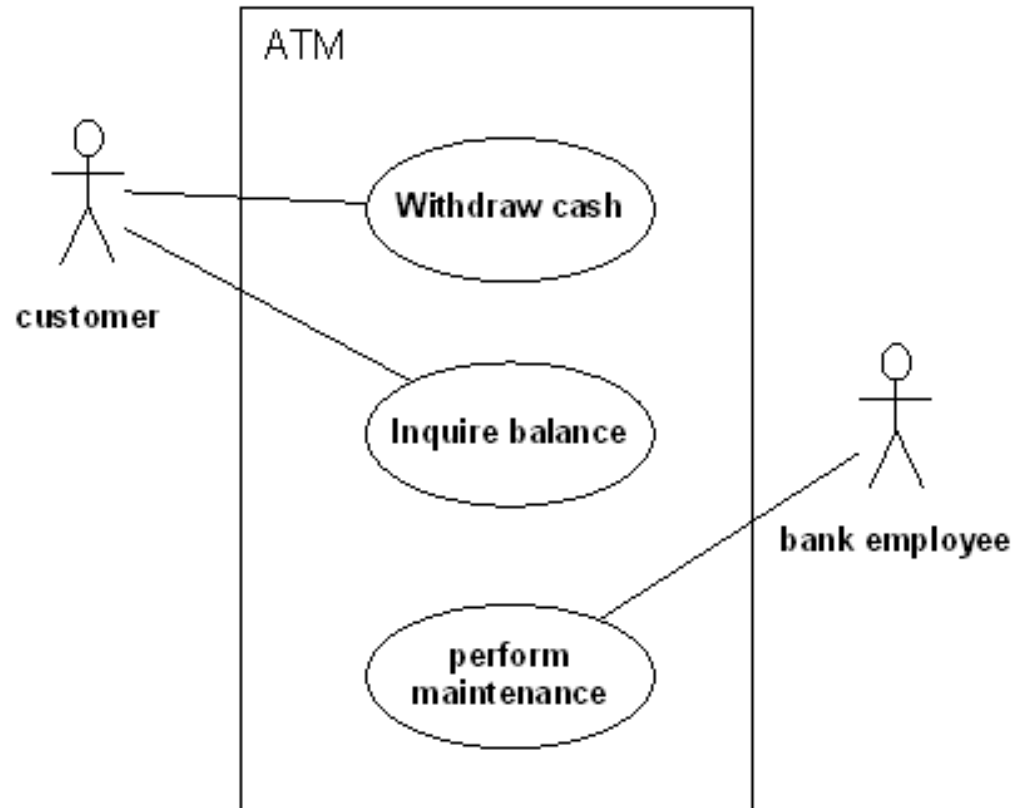
# Use cases and actors

- Place actor on either side, but no directionality.
  - ▣ Not a flow or sequence diagram, but a scope diagram.
- Keep lines from crossing when possible
- **Exercise** – use case diagram



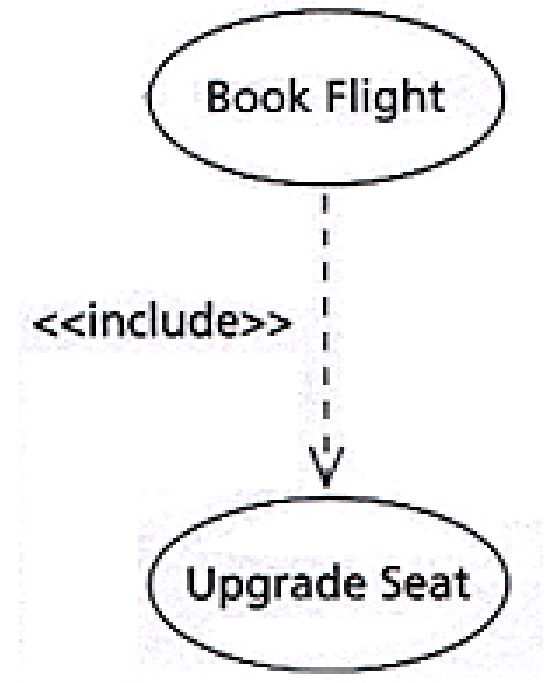
# Domain

- The box of a domain surrounds the use cases but not the actors.



# Includes

- Use special includes when
  - ▣ users expect that name (log in)
  - ▣ options are important to see
- Shown as use case ellipse with a dependency arrow and stereotype (category surrounded with `<<European quotes>>` ).
- Include is a partial goal level, not goal level.



# Include vs. different use case

- Write includes into use cases as bolded names in course of events
  - ▣ **Do Log On (SF24)** workflow returns here
  - ▣ <<includes>> **Do Log On (SF24)**
- Alternate flow (extends) – separate section not in course of events
  - ▣ Optional partials
    - **(#3) Print Receipt (SF33)**
    - **(#3) <<extend >> Print Receipt (SF33)**

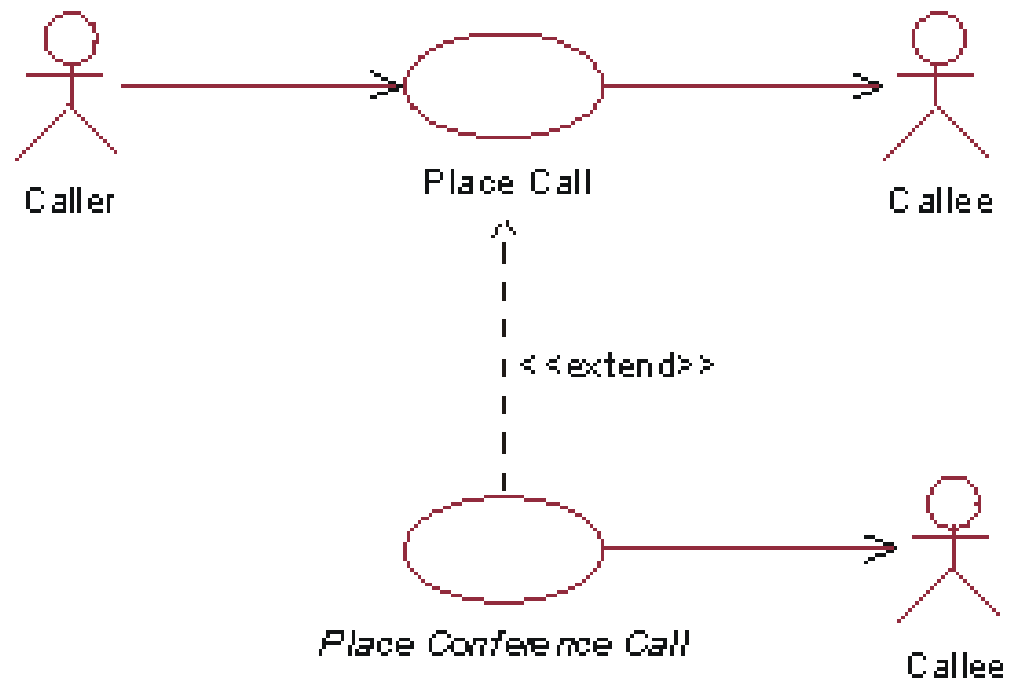
# Including a group of partials

- For a choice of processes to make multiple use cases simpler to document.
- <<include GP1 Log In>>
  - ▣ GP1.1 – Log in with credentials
  - ▣ GP1.2 – Log in with Google
  - ▣ GP1.3 – Log in with Facebook
- Each partial use case may have a different flow but the goal achieved is the same.



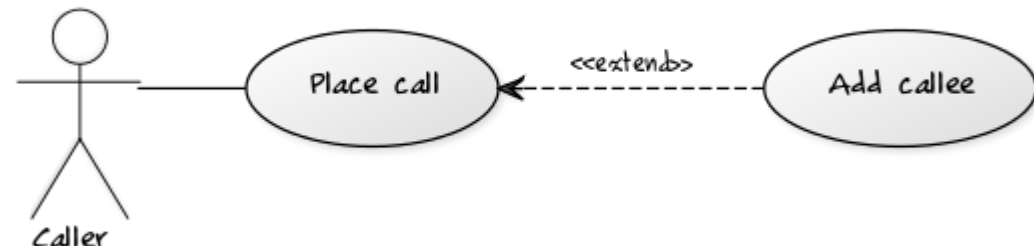
# Extend

- Dashed arrow pointing from **optional workflow** to use case – a dependency
  - ▣ (diagram incorrectly uses arrows on solid lines and shows non-actor)



# Extend

- No indication of availability in the course of events
- Will branch from the beginning of the numbered statement referred to in the extends statement.
- Show the formal steps below the extends statement or informal description after.
- Larger process flows can be named and documented as a partial goal use case.
- **Add callee (#3)** – Actor selects option to add callee, enters number, and confirms callee has connected.

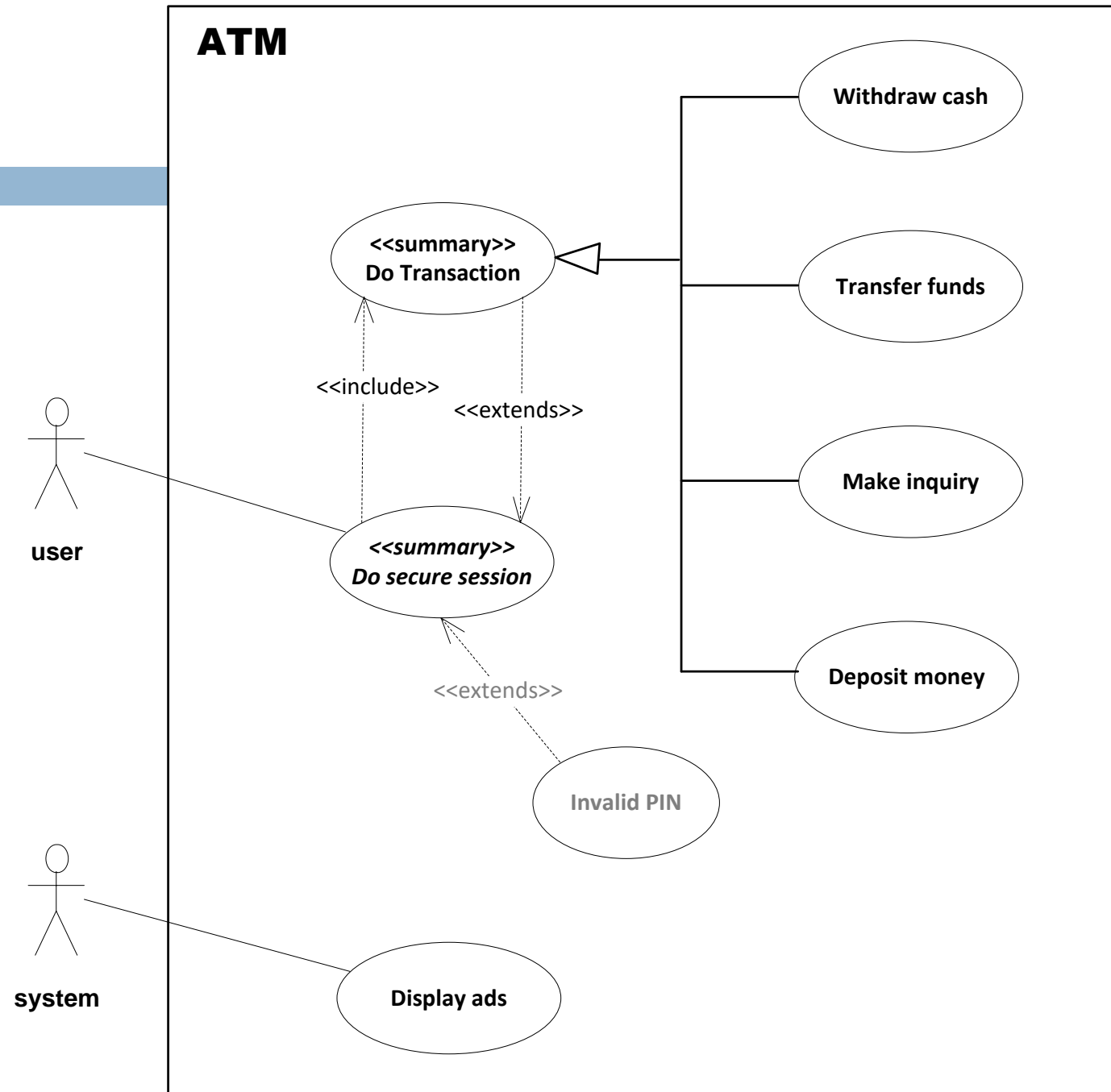


# Security pattern

- Security is a use case wrapper around other use cases
  - ▣ Start session (authenticate)
  - ▣ <<include>> Do secure process
  - ▣ End session (clean up and deaccess)
- This is allows for <<extends>> Do another secure process as an option
- Don't do
  - ▣ <<include>> Start secure session
  - ▣ Process tasks...
  - ▣ <<include>> End secure session

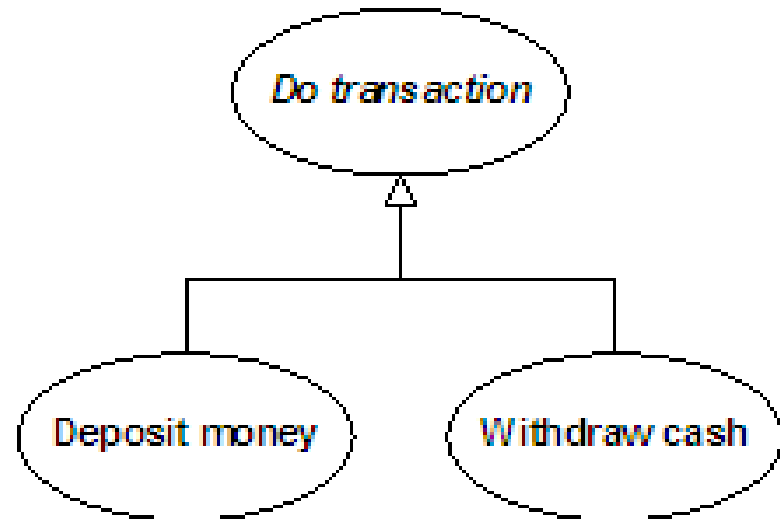
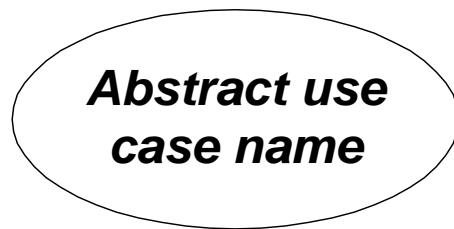
# Security

- Summary = group
- Invalid PIN is an error path



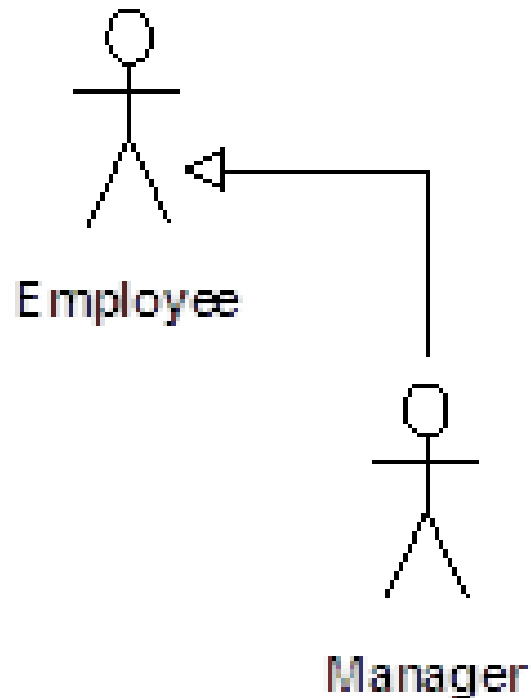
# Use case structure - groups

- Use grouping when it cleans up a use case diagram and makes it easier to understand.
- Produce several versions of the functionality



# Role generalization

- Actors can share use case initiation
- Show with generalization arrow



# Use case diagram tools

- Text driven

- ▣ <https://yuml.me/diagram/usecase/draw>

# Design phase

prototypes, interfaces, screen shot scenarios

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# System dependencies

- Fitting the requirements to the constraints
  - ▣ moving functions to systems
  - ▣ moving functions to subsystems
  - ▣ moving functions to libraries/components/DLLs
  - ▣ systems talking to other systems (APIs)
  - ▣ refactoring systems

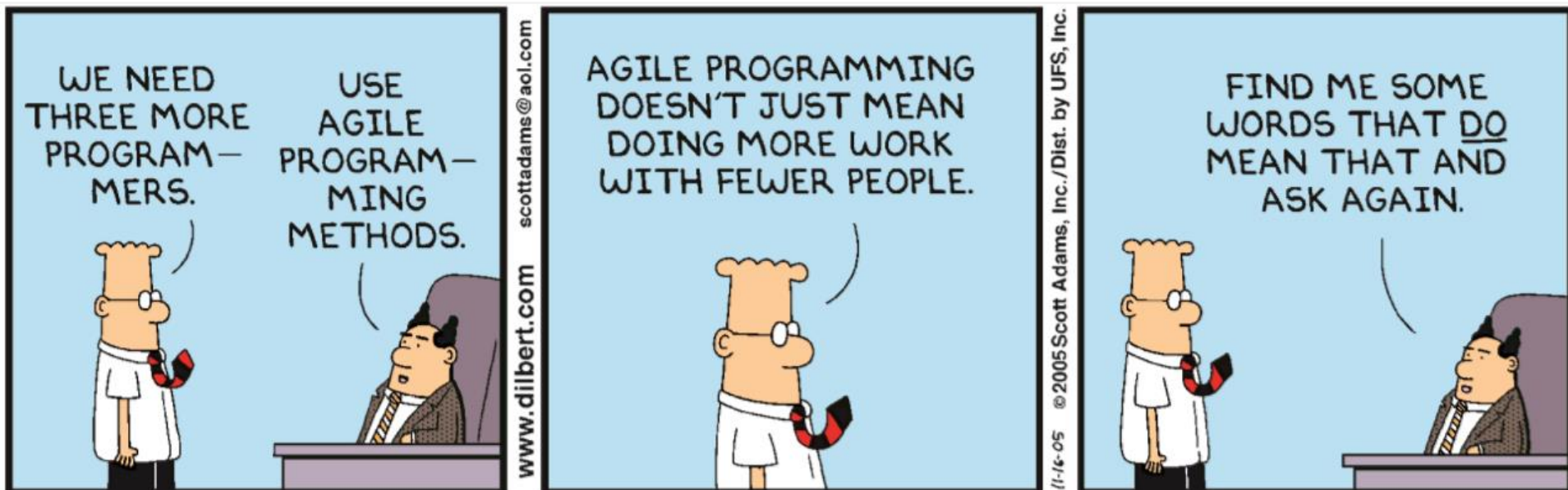
# Dual purpose tools

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- Tools here can be used in analysis when constraints are known.
  - ▣ paper reports
  - ▣ web page wireframes
  - ▣ screen navigation

# Development phase

state, activity/flowchart models



# Programming models

- State chart
  - ▣ use to show change in data over a complete process
  - ▣ order status over a transaction
- Activity diagram
  - ▣ use to show a time structured flow of process
  - ▣ can be divided into swim lanes for functional segmentation

# Traceability

- Use words “roll-up” and “drill-down” to talk about relationships between levels with business language.
- All higher level requirements have lower levels
- All lower level requirements have higher level
- Traceability matrix
  - ▣ Assigns codes
  - ▣ Tracks relationships

ID	USER REQUIREMENTS	FORWARD TRACEABILITY
U2	Users shall process retirement claims.	S10, S11, S12
U3	Users shall process survivor claims.	S13

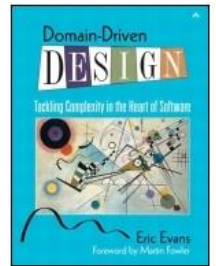
# Traceability

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- Used to show
  - ▣ completion of requirements in coding
  - ▣ test coverage of code
  - ▣ areas affected by bugs

# Resources

- ❑ **Domain-Driven Design: Tackling Complexity in the Heart of Software** by Eric Evans. Addison-Wesley Professional, Aug 2003
- ❑ **Analysis Patterns** by Martin Fowler
- ❑ For programmers
  - ▣ Larman, Craig 1998. *Applying UML and Patterns: An Introduction to Object-Oriented Analysis and Design*. Prentice Hall PTR. (get the 2<sup>nd</sup> version not the 3<sup>rd</sup>)



# Testing phase

test case design, data dictionary validations





# Test case design

- Use cases provide test case designs
- Scenario clean/positive tests
  - ▣ The happy path of the use case course of events
- Scenario dirty/negative tests
  - ▣ The course of events with a specific alternative path to produce a failure and how to handle it
- System tests
  - ▣ Any notes for non-functional requirements can be tested

# Data dictionary validation

- used to provide data sets to test cases for clean and dirty tests
- best when described with equivalence class partitioning
  - ▣ tests use boundaries

# Data dictionary validation

- Add to each entity entry
- Constraints / rules
  - ▣ Validation – bounds, members
  - ▣ Dependency
  - ▣ Formats for input and output
  - ▣ Examples
- How it is used
  - ▣ read/write
  - ▣ aggregated/processed report