

Pass/Fail Tests for Use Case Fields

All of them should produce a "yes" answer.

Field	Question
Use case title.	1 Is the name an active-verb goal phrase, the goal of the primary actor?
	2 Can the system deliver that goal?
Scope and Level:	3 Are the scope and level fields filled in?
Scope.	4 Does the use case treat the system mentioned in the Scope as a black box? (The answer may be 'No' if the use case is a white-box business use case, 'Yes' if it is a system requirements document).
	5 If the Scope is the actual system being designed, do the designers have to design everything in the Scope, and nothing outside it?
Level.	6 Does the use case content match the goal level stated in Level?
	7 Is the goal really at the level mentioned?
Primary actor.	8 Does the named primary actor have behavior?
	9 Does it have a goal against the SuD that is a service promise of the SuD?
Preconditions.	10 Are they mandatory, and can they be put in place by the SuD?
	11 Is it true that they are never checked in the use case?
Stakeholders and interests.	12 Are they mentioned? (Usage varies by formality and tolerance) Must the system satisfy their interests as stated?
Minimal guarantees.	13 If present, are all the stakeholders' interests protected?
Success guarantees.	14 Are all stakeholders interests satisfied?
Main success scenario.	15 Does it run from trigger to delivery of the success guarantee?
	16 Is the sequence of steps right (does it permit the right variation in sequence)?
	17 Does it have 3 - 9 steps?

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Each step in any scenario.	18 Is it phrased as an goal that succeeds?
	19 Does the process move distinctly forward after successful completion of the step?
	20 Is it clear which actor is operating the goal (who is "kicking the ball?)"
	21 Is the intent of the actor clear?
	22 Is the goal level of the step lower than the goal level of the overall use case? Is it, preferably, just a bit below the use case goal level?
	23 Are you sure the step does not describe the user interface design of the system?
	24 Is it clear what information is being passed?
	25 Does the step "validate", as opposed to "checking" a condition?
Extension condition.	26 Can and must the system detect it, and handle it?
	27 Is it phrased as what the system actually detects?
Technology or Data Variation List.	28 Are you sure this is not an ordinary behavioral extension to the main success scenario?
Overall use case content.	29 To the sponsors and users: "Is this what you want?"
	30 To the sponsors and users: "Will you be able to tell, upon delivery, whether you got this?"
	31 To the developers: "Can you implement this?"