Specification by Example

Name
The name of the operation we're exploring

Preconditions
Things that are true prior to this event / system operation

Boundary
Double line to represent the system operation

Post Conditions
Things that are true after the event / system operation

Examples are concrete, specific, and discovered together.

You can use this for Non Functional Requirements as well!

Presentation - SME creates initial table and talks through initial examples

Confirmation - After 3-5 examples…
- SME writes out a new set of pre-conditions
- Everyone fills in their own post-conditions on sheets of paper
- Gather them up and compare results

Exploration - Add additional examples and columns to discover the business rules

Spec by Example…by Example

Check Out

Date	Name of Media	Availability	Availability	Due Date
5/22/14	Cat in the Hat	Avail	Checked Out	6/5/14
5/23/14	Little House	Checked Out	Checked Out	N/A
4/14/14	White Album	Avail	Checked Out	4/21/14