## **Use case template**

An adaptation of the standard Cockburn template will be used. The template and examples follow:

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| ID and name |  | | |
| Primary actor |  | Secondary actors |  |
| Description |  | | |
| Trigger |  | | |
| Preconditions |  | | |
| Postconditions |  | | |
| Normal flow |  | | |
| Alternative flows |  | | |
| Exceptions |  | | |

Descriptions of template fields:

* **ID and name:** Title should be descriptive and should usually begin with a verb, e.g. order, calculate, input, etc. ID can have any format but must be unique among all use cases.
* **Primary actor:** Person that wishes to accomplish a goal through the use of the system. Only a single primary actor per use case.
* **Secondary actors:** Actors that have an interest in the completion of the goal but that do not directly interact with the system.
* **Description:** Concise description of the purpose of the use case.
* **Trigger:** Condition internal or external to the system that prompts the use case to start.
* **Preconditions:** Conditions that must be true before the use case starts. Each should be labeled with an ID unique to the use case.
* **Postconditions:** Conditions that must be true after the use case ends normally. Each should be labeled with an ID unique to the use case.
* **Normal flow:** Detailed step-by-step description of the logical flow of the use case. It should describe an explicit two way interaction, with the system prompting for input and the actor responding accordingly. Each step should be numbered.
* **Alternative flows:** Flows that achieve the same goal as the normal flow but are expected to be less common or lower priority.
* **Exceptions:** Conditions that result in the normal flow ending prematurely due to an unrecoverable condition in the system. The condition that causes the flow should be clearly stated, as should be any other decisions that the actor must make in this situation.