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## Administrivia

- (None.)

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## Use Cases — Basic Ideas

- Actors — users of the system. Usually humans, but not always.
- Use cases — what happens when actors interact with the system. Together, the use cases should describe all the functionality to be provided.
- Each use case collects possible sequences of actions (“scenarios”) relating to a goal.  
ATM example — several possible scenarios for “withdraw money”, right?  
normal withdrawal, incorrect PIN, insufficient funds, etc.
- Probably best to start with prose — for each use case, a name, plus a short description if needed. As analysis continues, fill in details of scenario(s).

## Use Cases — Elements of Prose Description

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- Name (short but descriptive).
- Main success scenario — sequence of numbered steps, each an element of the interaction between actor and system.
- Extensions — alternatives for some steps. E.g., if step 2 is “customer enters valid PIN”, there would be an extension 2a for “customer enters invalid PIN”.  
Or can represent other scenarios as “alternatives”.
- Other elements can be added if they seem useful — preconditions, guarantees, triggers.

## Use Case — Example Format

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### Use Case — Withdrawal

#### Main Scenario

1. Customer places card in card slot.
  2. System prompts for PIN.
  3. Customer enters PIN.
  4. System verifies that card and PIN are valid and prompts user . . .
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#### Alternative: Card Rejected

4. System determines that card or PIN is invalid. . . .

#### Alternative: Insufficient Funds

### Use Case Diagrams — Basic Ideas

- Draw use cases as ovals, actors as stick figures, system as box enclosing use cases.
- Optionally add "include" ("uses"), "extend", generalization.

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### ATM Example

- "System" will include machine itself and whatever is needed to communicate with the bank.
- Actors? Customer (a.k.a. account holder), maintenance technician.
- Consider four use cases — withdrawal, deposit, balance check, maintenance. Diagram as sketched last time.
- Try writing prose descriptions of first three (at board, in groups).

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## Minute Essay

- What questions do you have at this point? about the problem, what you are supposed to be doing, etc.?

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