## Sample Use Case Description

The use case descriptions allow us to think more deeply about what is going on with a single use case

For example, the use case description for list staff might look like this.

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| Use Case Name (Short two- or three-word name) | List Staff |
| Use Case Description (Short description) | The administrator views a list of staff in the system |
| Use Case Author(s) (Who wrote this) | Rod |
| Actor(s) (Who does this) | Administrator |
| Locations (Where does this happen) | Part of the back-end functionality |
| Primary pathway (What is the normal “happy path” for this use case?) | List staff  User enters the system  A list is displayed to the user at system start |
| Alternate pathways (What other paths are there that are not the “happy path”?) | There is no data in the system – a message is displayed saying so  User applies filter  A filtered list is displayed to the user  User clears filter  Full list is displayed to the user |
| Exception pathways (What could possibly go wrong?) | Database connection fails  Error displayed to the user advising of connection problem |

This is only one use-case. Each bubble on your diagram needs its own description.