

Use Case Word Recommendations

Enclose please find recommendations on words that you should consider using as well as avoiding when writing your use case specifications/descriptions. At all times avoid using synonyms when writing your use cases. You want to use a consistent vocabulary which should be documented in an accompanying glossary. Try to avoid adverbs (e.g., very, more, rather, etc.). This leads to ambiguity and with a little creative thought the use case writer can easily do away with these adverbs and become more concrete.

Words to Use
Change
Create
Default
Description
Determine
Edited
Elected
Elections
Enter
Function
Indicates
Indicator
Information
Initialize
List
Located
Options
Perform
Presents
Processed
Prompts
Provides
Remove
Requests
Required
Selection
Sorted
Store
Submit

Words Not To Use
Button
Check box
Click
Drop down menu
Link
More
Navigation Bar
Page
Pull down
Radio Button
Rather
Read data
Screen
Table
Very