Gherkin

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4 RULES
for Good Gherkin

1. Write scenarios so that anyone can intuitively understand them.
2. One scenario should cover one behavior.
3. Don't add unnecessary test variations - focus on equivalence classes.
4. Use proper, consistent English for clarity.

Other Advice

- Put the user story immediately under the feature title.
- Give meaningful one-line titles to scenarios and features.
- Always use Given-When-Then chronological order.
- Scenarios should have single-digit line lengths.
- Make steps reusable with parameters surrounded by double quotes.
- Put common setup steps in the Background section to run before each scenario.
- Tags can be used on features or scenarios for filtering and automation hooks.

Common Commands

@product @search

Feature: Google Searching
As a web surfer,
I want to search for things online,
so that I can find what I want.

Background: Given the Google home page is displayed

Scenario: Simple Google search
When the search phrase "panda" is entered
Then results for "panda" are shown

Scenario: Simple Google search with related results
When the search phrase "panda" is entered
Then results for "panda" are shown
And the following related results are shown:

related	
Panda Express	
red panda	

- Scenario Outlines parameterize scenarios with multiple input combinations.
- The scenario will be run once per row in the Examples table.

Scenario Outline: Simple Google search for various phrases
When the search phrase "<phrase>" is entered
Then results for "<phrase>" are shown
And the related results include "<related>"

Examples: Shoes

phrase	related	
panda	red panda	
python	Python programming	

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