

# Package: cucumber (via r-universe)

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**Description** Write executable specifications in a natural language that describes how your code should behave. Write specifications in feature files using 'Gherkin' language and execute them using functions implemented in R. Use them as an extension to your 'testthat' tests to provide a high level description of how your code works.

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define\_parameter\_type *Parameter Type*

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## Description

The following parameter types are available by default:

Type	Description
{int}	Matches integers, for example 71 or -19. Converts value with <code>as.integer</code> .
{float}	Matches floats, for example 3.6, .8 or -9.2. Converts value with <code>as.double</code> .
{word}	Matches words without whitespace, for example banana (but not banana split).
{string}	Matches single-quoted or double-quoted strings, for example "banana split" or 'banana split' (but not banana split).

To use custom parameter types, call `define_parameter_type` before `cucumber::test` is called.

## Usage

```
define_parameter_type(name, regexp, transformer)
```

## Arguments

name	The name of the parameter.
regexp	A regular expression that the parameter will match on. Note that if you want to escape a special character, you need to use four backslashes.
transformer	A function that will transform the parameter from a string to the desired type. Must be a function that requires only a single argument.

## Value

An object of class `parameter`, invisibly. Function should be called for side effects.

## Examples

```
define_parameter_type("color", "red|blue|green", as.character)
define_parameter_type(
  name = "sci_number",
  regexp = "[+-]?\\\\d*\\\\\\\\.\\\\\\\\d+(e[+-]?\\\\\\\\d+)?",
  transform = as.double
)

## Not run:
#' tests/testthat/test-cucumber.R
cucumber::define_parameter_type("color", "red|blue|green", as.character)
cucumber::test(".", "./steps")

## End(Not run)
```

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 step
 

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*Define a step***Description**

Provide a description that matches steps in feature files and the implementation function that will be run.

**Usage**

```
given(description, implementation)
```

```
when(description, implementation)
```

```
then(description, implementation)
```

**Arguments**

description      A description of the step.

A simple version of a **Cucumber expression**. The description is used by the `cucumber::test` function to find an implementation of a step from a feature file. The description can contain placeholders in curly braces, e.g. "I have {int} cucumbers in my basket". If no step definition is found an error will be thrown. If multiple steps definitions for a single step are found an error will be thrown. Make sure the description is unique for each step.

implementation    A function that will be run when the step is executed. The implementation function should always have the last parameter named `context`. It holds the environment where state should be stored to be passed to the next step.

If a step has a description "I have {int} cucumbers in my basket" then the implementation function should be a `function(n_cucumbers, context)`. The {int} value will be passed to `n_cucumbers`, this parameter can have any name.

If a table or a docstring is defined for a step, it will be passed as an argument after placeholder parameters and before `context`. The function should be a `function(n_cucumbers, table, context)`. See **an example** on how to write implementation that uses tables or docstrings.

**Details**

Placeholders in expressions are replaced with regular expressions that match values in the feature file. The regular expressions are generated during runtime based on defined parameter types. The expression "I have {int} cucumbers in my basket" will be converted to "I have [+~]?(?![. ])[:digit:]+(?![. ]) cucumbers in my basket". The extracted value of {int} will be passed to the implementation function after being transformed with `as.integer`.

To define your own parameter types use [define\\_parameter\\_type](#).

**Value**

A function of class `step`, invisibly. Function should be called for side effects.

**See Also**

[define\\_parameter\\_type\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
given("I have {int} cucumbers in my basket", function(n_cucumbers, context) {
  context$n_cucumbers <- n_cucumbers
})

given("I have {int} cucumbers in my basket and a table", function(n_cucumbers, table, context) {
  context$n_cucumbers <- n_cucumbers
  context$table <- table
})

when("I eat {int} cucumbers", function(n_cucumbers, context) {
  context$n_cucumbers <- context$n_cucumbers - n_cucumbers
})

then("I should have {int} cucumbers in my basket", function(n_cucumbers, context) {
  expect_equal(context$n_cucumbers, n_cucumbers)
})
```

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test

*Run all Cucumber tests*

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**Description**

This command runs all Cucumber tests. It takes all `.feature` files from the `features_dir` and runs them using the steps from the `steps_dir`.

**Usage**

```
test(
  features_dir,
  steps_dir,
  steps_loader = .default_steps_loader,
  test_interactive = getOption("cucumber.interactive", default = FALSE)
)
```

**Arguments**

- features\_dir     A character string of the directory containing the feature files.
- steps\_dir        A character string of the directory containing the step files.
- steps\_loader     A function that loads the steps implementations. By default it sources all files from the steps\_dir using the built-in mechanism. You can provide your own function to load the steps. The function should take one argument, which will be the steps\_dir and return a list of steps.
- test\_interactive     A logical value indicating whether to ask which feature files to run.

**Value**

None, function called for side effects.

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