Then(/^the result should be ([^"]\*)$/) do |expected\_output|

expect(@result).to eq expected\_output

end

**(**/^the result should be ([^"]\*)$/**)**

These parentheses ( ) just denote the parameter we’re sending to the **Then** method, basically the entire string from the step.

**(**/^the result should be ([^"]\*)$/**)**

These forward slash characters / / mark the beginning and end of the regexp.

**(**/^the result should be ([^"]\*)$/**)**

This caret character ^ denotes the beginning of a string.

**(**/^the result should be ([^"]\*)$/**)**

These characters comprise the string, *not* including the string component we’re going to extract

**(**/^the result should be ([^"]\*)$/**)**

These characters ([^"]\*) represent the string we’re going to *extract* from the step. The parentheses ( ) are used to delimit the string and are not included as part of the string.

**(**/^the result should be ([^"]\*)$/**)**

These characters [^"] indicate that we want to match *any* character *except* a double quote character ".

**(**/^the result should be ([^"]\*)$/**)**

The asterisk \* means we want to match the characters *any* number of times.

**(**/^the result should be ([^"]\*)$/**)**

The $ character denotes the end of the string.