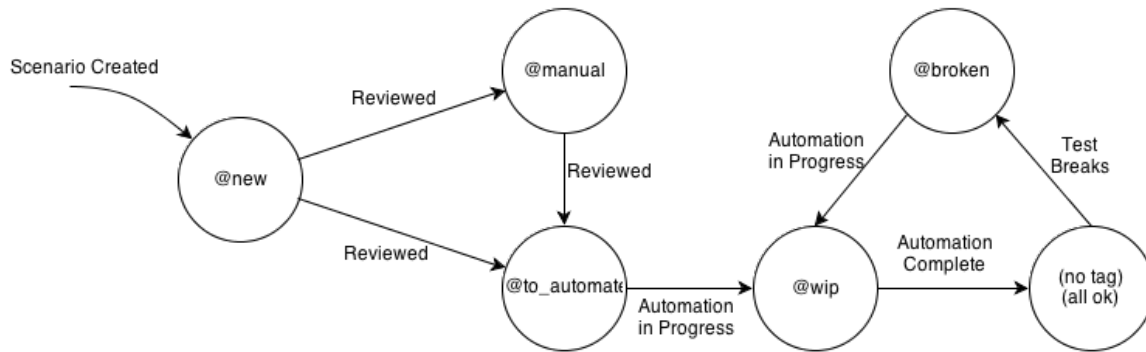# Scenario Life Cycle

A test scenario follows the life cycle depicted below:

All scenarios start off as **@new** scenarios. This effectively means that a product owner or tester has created the scenario but is still needs to be reviewed from an automation perspective. Once someone has reviewed a scenario, it is tagged as **@manual** if a decision is made that the scenario will not be automated, or **@to_automate** if the scenario is to be automated. When someone starts working on automating a scenario, (s)he tags that scenario as **@wip**. This allows the person to execute only that scenario when running the framework in *development* mode. Once automation is complete, the scenario is untagged thus indicating to the framework that it now forms part of the automated regrassion pack. If at any point, a scenario breaks, it is tagged as **@broken** and subsequently follows the normal **@wip** path towards being fixed.