

## range class

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class range {
private:
    int _start;
    int _stop;
    int _stride;

public:

    // supports trivial range(3) to be shorthand for {3}
    range(int index)
        : _start(index), _stop(index+1), _stride(1) { }

    // supports construction such as range(3,6), which includes values {3, 4, 5}
    range(int start, int stop)
        : _start(start), _stop(stop), _stride(1) { }

    // supports construction such as range(3,2,8), which includes values {3, 5, 7}
    range(int start, int stride, int stop)
        : _start(start), _stop(stop), _stride(stride) {

        if (stride < 1)
            throw invalid_argument("stride must be positive.");
    }

    // Returns starting index
    int start() const {
        return _start;
    }

    // Returns stopping index
    int stop() const {
        return _stop;
    }

    // Returns stopping index
    int stride() const {
        return _stride;
    }

    // Returns the number of values included within the range
    int size() const {
        // partials strides should count as one. e.g. range(1,2,4).size() should be 2
        if (_stop >= _start)
            return (_stop - _start + _stride - 1) / _stride; // truncates properly
        else
            return 0; // e.g., range(5,3)
    }
};
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