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(PHP 4, PHP 5, PHP 7, PHP 8)

range — Crear un array que contiene un rango de elementos

Descripción ¶

range([mixed](#) \$start, [mixed](#) \$end, number \$step = 1): array

Crea un array que contiene un rango de elementos.

Parámetros ¶

start

Primer valor de la secuencia.

end

La secuencia finaliza al alcanzar el valor end.

step

Si se proporciona un valor a step, este será usado como el incremento entre los elementos de la secuencia. step debería darse como número positivo. Si no se especifica, el valor predeterminado de step será 1.

Valores devueltos ¶

Devuelve un array de elementos desde start a end, inclusive.

Ejemplos ¶

Ejemplo #1 Ejemplos de range()

```
<?php
// array(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)
foreach (range(0, 12) as $numero) {
    echo $numero;
}
```

```
// El parámetro step
// array(0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100)
foreach (range(0, 100, 10) as $número) {
    echo $número;
}

// Empleo de las secuencias de caracteres
// array('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h', 'i');
foreach (range('a', 'i') as $letra) {
    echo $letra;
}
// array('c', 'b', 'a');
foreach (range('c', 'a') as $letra) {
    echo $letra;
}
?>
```

Notas ¶

Nota:

Los valores de las secuencias de caracteres están limitados a una longitud de uno. Si se entra una longitud mayor que uno, solamente se utilizará el primer carácter.

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To create a range array like

Array

```
(
    [11] => 1
    [12] => 2
    [13] => 3
    [14] => 4
)
```

combine two range arrays using array_combine:

```
array_combine(range(11,14),range(1,4))
```

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The function "range" is very useful to get an array of characters as range('C','R') does.

At work, I had to extend the function range(\$a,\$b) to work in this special case: with two uppercase strings \$a and \$b, it should return all the possible strings between \$a and \$b. This could be used for example to get the excel column indexes.

e.g. <?php range('A','AD') ==> array('A','B','C',...,'Z','AA','AB','AC','AD') ?>

So I wrote the function getrange(\$min,\$max) that exactly does this.

```
<?php
```

```
function getcolumnrange($min,$max){
    $pointer=strtoupper($min);
    $output=array();
    while(positionalcomparison($pointer,strtoupper($max))<=0){
        array_push($output,$pointer);
        $pointer++;
    }
    return $output;
}
```

```
function positionalcomparison($a,$b){
    $a1=stringtointvalue($a); $b1=stringtointvalue($b);
    if($a1>$b1)return 1;
    else if($a1<$b1)return -1;
    else return 0;
}
```

```
/*
* e.g. A=1 - B=2 - Z=26 - AA=27 - CZ=104 - DA=105 - ZZ=702 - AAA=703
*/
```

```
function stringtointvalue($str){
    $amount=0;
    $strarra=array_reverse(str_split($str));

    for($i=0;$i<strlen($str);$i++){
        $amount+=(ord($strarra[$i])-64)*pow(26,$i);
    }
    return $amount;
}
```

```
?>
```

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So with the introduction of single-character ranges to the range() function, the internal function tries to be "smart", and (I am inferring from behavior here) apparently checks the type of the incoming values. If one is numeric, including numeric string, then the other is treated as numeric; if it is a non-numeric string, it is treated as zero.

But.

If you pass in a numeric string in such a way that is is forced to be recognized as type string and not type numeric, range() will function quite differently.

Compare:

```
<?php
echo implode("",range(9,"Q"));
// prints 9876543210

echo implode("",range("9 ","Q")); //space after the 9
// prints 9:;<=>?@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNO PQ

echo implode("",range("q","9 "));
// prints qponmlkjihgfedcba`_^]\[ZYXWVUTSRQPONMLKJIHGFEDCBA@?>=<;:987654
?>
```

I wouldn't call this a bug, because IMO it is even more useful than the stock usage of the function.

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foreach(range()) whilst efficient in other languages, such as python, it is not (compared to a for) in php*.

php is a C-inspired language and thus for is entirely in-keeping with the language aesthetic to use it

```
<?php
//efficient
for($i = $start; $i < $end; $i+=$step)
{
    //do something with array
}

//inefficient
foreach(range($start, $end, $step) as $i)
{
    //do something with array
}
?>
```

That the official documentation doesn't mention the for loop is strange.

Note however, that in PHP5 foreach is faster than for when iterating without incrementing a variable.

* My tests using microtime and 100 000 iterations consistently (~10 times) show that for is 4x faster than foreach(range()).

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```
<?php
function natural_prime_numbers(array $range, bool $print_info = false) : array {
    $start_time = time();
    $primes_numbers = array();
    $print = '';
    $count_range = count($range);
    foreach($range as $number){
        $values_division_number = array();
```

```

integer
    if($number === 0 || $number === 1 || !is_int($number)){ // eliminate 0, 1 and other no
        continue;
    }
    if($number != 2 && $number%2 === 0){ // eliminate 2 and pairs numbers
        continue;
    }
    for($i = 1; $i <= $number; $i++){
        $resultado_divisao = $number / $i;
        $values_division_number[$i] = $resultado_divisao;

        if($count_range <= 20){ // $count_range <= 20 (+ performance)
            $print .= PHP_EOL;
            $info = 'The number '.$number.' divided by the number '.$i.' is equal to: ' .
($number / $i);
            $print .= $info;
            if($i === $number){
                $print .= PHP_EOL;
            }
        }

        array_walk($values_division_number, function($value, $index) use
(&$values_division_number, &$number){ // reference change values
            // eliminate floats and others numbers not are equal 1 and own number
            if(is_float($value) && $value != $number && $value > 1){
                unset($values_division_number[$index]);
            }
        });

        $values_division_number = array_values($values_division_number); // reindex array

        // here we want only array with 2 indexes with the values 1 and own number (rule
to a natural prime number)
        if(count($values_division_number) === 2 && $values_division_number[0] === $number
&& $values_division_number[1] === 1){
            $primes_numbers[$number] = $number;
        }
    }
}
return array(
    'length_prime_numbers' => count($primes_numbers),
    'prime_numbers' => array_values($primes_numbers),
    'print' => $print,
    'total_time_processing' => (time() - $start_time).' seconds.',
);
}
var_dump(natural_prime_numbers(range(0, 11))); // here the range() function ;-)

// Result:
// array (size=3)
//   'length_prime_numbers' => int 5
//   'prime_numbers' =>
//     array (size=5)
//       0 => int 2
//       1 => int 3
//       2 => int 5
//       3 => int 7

```

```
//      4 => int 11
//      'print' => string '
// 0 número 2 dividido pelo número 1 é igual a: 2
// 0 número 2 dividido pelo número 2 é igual a: 1

// 0 número 3 dividido pelo número 1 é igual a: 3
// 0 número 3 dividido pelo número 2 é igual a: 1.5
// 0 número 3 dividido pelo número 3 é igual a: 1

// 0 número 5 dividido pelo número 1 é igual a: 5
// 0 número 5 dividido pelo número 2 é igual a: 2.5
// 0 número 5 dividido pelo número 3 é igual a: 1.66666666666667
// 0 número 5 dividido pelo número 4 é igual a: 1.25
// 0 número 5 dividido pelo '...'

// ***** //
//
// * Remember that the function is recursive, that is: a range of 5000 takes more than 1
minute on a processor Intel® Core™ i5-8250U (3.40 GHz).
//
// ***** //
```

?>

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The function will generate an array of integers even if your numerical parameters are enclosed in quotes.

```
<?php
```

```
var_dump( range('1', '2') ); // outputs  array(2) { [0]=> int(1) [1]=> int(2) }
```

```
?>
```

An easy way to get an array of strings is to map strval() to the range:

```
<?php
```

```
var_dump( array_map('strval', range('1', '2')) ); // outputs  array(2) { [0]=> string(1) "1" [1]=>
string(1) "2" }
```

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```
<?php
```

```
var_export(range('Z', 'a'));
```

```
/*
```

```
array (
```

```
  0 => 'Z',
```

```
  1 => '[',
```

```
  2 => '\\',
```

```
  3 => ']',
```

```
  4 => '^',
```

```
  5 => '_',
```

```
  6 => '`',
```

```
  7 => 'a',
```


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You might expect `range($n, $n-1)` to be an empty array (as in e.g. Python) but actually PHP will assume a step of -1 if start is larger than end.

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Quick HTML menus with minimum and maximum sets of years:

```
<?php
    /*
    ** Quick HTML menus with minimum and maximum sets of years.
    ** @author Chris Charlton <chris@laflash.org>
    ** @license FREE!
    */

    // Years range setup
    $year_built_min = 1900;
    $year_built_max = date("Y");
?>
<select id="yearBuiltMin" size="1">
    <?php // Generate minimum years

        foreach (range($year_built_min, $year_built_max) as $year) { ?>
            <option value="<?php echo($year); ?>"><?php echo($year); ?></option>
            <?php } ?>
</select>

<select id="yearBuiltMax" size="1">
    <?php // Generate max years

        foreach (range($year_built_max, $year_built_min) as $year) { ?>
            <option value="<?php echo($year); ?>"><?php echo($year); ?></option>
            <?php } ?>
</select>
```

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Here's how i use it to check if array is associative or not:

```
<?php

if (array_keys($arr)===range(0, sizeof($arr)-1)) {
    // not associative array

} else {
    // associative array

}
```

?>

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if you need zero padding, string prefixes or any other masks, then a simple combination of array_map, inline functions and sprintf is your friend.

```
<?php
```

```
$a = array_map(function($n) { return sprintf('sample_%03d', $n); }, range(50, 59) );
```

```
print_r($a);
```

```
?>
```

Will result:

Array

```
(
    [0] => sample_050
    [1] => sample_051
    [2] => sample_052
    [3] => sample_053
    [4] => sample_054
    [5] => sample_055
    [6] => sample_056
    [7] => sample_057
    [8] => sample_058
    [9] => sample_059
)
```

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So, I needed a quick and dirty way to create a dropdown select for hours, minutes and seconds using 2 digit formatting, and to create those arrays of data, I combined range with array merge..

```
<?php
```

```
$prepend = array('00','01','02','03','04','05','06','07','08','09');
```

```
$hours    = array_merge($prepend,range(10, 23));
```

```
$minutes  = array_merge($prepend,range(10, 59));
```

```
$seconds  = $minutes;
```

```
?>
```

Super simple.

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Interestingly, these two statements produce identical 26-character alphabet arrays.

```
<?php
```

```
$arr = range('A', 'Z');
$arr = range('AA', 'ZZ');
```

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Ever wanted to generate an array with a range of column names for use in Excel file related parsing?

I've wrote a function that starts at the A column and adds column names up until the column you specified.

```
<?php
```

```
/**
 * This function creates an array with column names up until the column
 * you specified.
 */
function createColumnsArray($end_column, $first_letters = '')
{
    $columns = array();
    $length = strlen($end_column);
    $letters = range('A', 'Z');

    // Iterate over 26 letters.
    foreach ($letters as $letter) {
        // Paste the $first_letters before the next.
        $column = $first_letters . $letter;

        // Add the column to the final array.
        $columns[] = $column;

        // If it was the end column that was added, return the columns.
        if ($column == $end_column)
            return $columns;
    }

    // Add the column children.
    foreach ($columns as $column) {
        // Don't itterate if the $end_column was already set in a previous itteration.
        // Stop iterating if you've reached the maximum character length.
        if (!in_array($end_column, $columns) && strlen($column) < $length) {
            $new_columns = createColumnsArray($end_column, $column);
            // Merge the new columns which were created with the final columns array.
            $columns = array_merge($columns, $new_columns);
        }
    }

    return $columns;
}

?>
```

Usage:

```
<?php
```

```
// Return an array with all column names from A until and with BI.
```

```
createColumnsArray('BI');
```

```
?>
```

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Here is a home rolled range() function that uses the step feature for those unfortunate souls who cannot use PHP5:

```
<?php
```

```
function my_range( $start, $end, $step = 1) {

    $range = array();

    foreach (range( $start, $end ) as $index) {

        if (! (($index - $start) % $step) ) {
            $range[] = $index;
        }
    }

    return $range;
}
?>
```

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This is a modified version of thomas' range_string() function. It's simpler, cleaner, and more robust, but it lacks the advanced features his function had, hopefully it will be of assistance to someone.

Examples:

```
input: "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6" --> output: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
input: "1-6" --> output: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
input: "1-6" --> output: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
input: "1 - -6" --> output: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
input: "0 - 0" --> output: 0
input: "1, 4-6, 2" --> output: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6
input: "6,3-1" --> output: 1, 2, 3, 6
```

```
<?php
```

```
define('RANGE_ARRAY_SORT', 1);
define('RANGE_ARRAY', 2);
define('RANGE_STRING_SORT', 3);
define('RANGE_STRING', 4);

function range_string($range_str, $output_type = RANGE_ARRAY_SORT)
{
    // Remove spaces and nother non-essential characters
    $find[] = "[^\d,\-]";
    $replace[] = "";
```

```
// Remove duplicate hyphens
$find[] = "/\-/";
$replace[] = "-";

// Remove duplicate commas
$find[] = "/\,+/";
$replace[] = ",";

$range_str = preg_replace($find, $replace, $range_str);

// Remove any commas or hypens from the end of the string
$range_str = trim($range_str, ",-");

$range_out = array();
$ranges = explode(",", $range_str);

foreach($ranges as $range)
{
    if(is_numeric($range) || strlen($range) == 1)
    {
        // Just a number; add it to the list.
        $range_out[] = (int) $range;
    }
    else if(is_string($range))
    {
        // Is probably a range of values.
        $range_exp = preg_split("/(\D)/", $range, -1, PREG_SPLIT_DELIM_CAPTURE);

        $start = $range_exp[0];
        $end = $range_exp[2];

        if($start > $end)
        {
            for($i = $start; $i >= $end; $i -= 1)
            {
                $range_out[] = (int) $i;
            }
        }
        else
        {
            for($i = $start; $i <= $end; $i += 1)
            {
                $range_out[] = (int) $i;
            }
        }
    }
}

switch ($output_type) {
    case RANGE_ARRAY_SORT:
        $range_out = array_unique($range_out);
        sort($range_out);

    case RANGE_ARRAY:
        return $range_out;
}
```

```

        break;

    case RANGE_STRING_SORT:
        $range_out = array_unique($range_out);
        sort($range_out);

    case RANGE_STRING:

    default:
        return implode(" ", $range_out);
        break;
    }
}

```

// Sample Usage:

```
$range = range_string("6, 3-1");
```

```
?>
```

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Despite the line above that says that the \$step value should be "given as a positive number," the range() function will in fact correctly handle reversed (decrementing) ranges. For example:

```
<?php print_r( range( 24, 20 ) ); ?>
```

Array

```
(
    [0] => 24
    [1] => 23
    [2] => 22
    [3] => 21
    [4] => 20
)
```

```
<?php print_r( range( 20, 11, -3 ) ); ?>
```

Array

```
(
    [0] => 20
    [1] => 17
    [2] => 14
    [3] => 11
)
```

It will actually ignore the sign of the \$step argument, and determine whether to increment or decrement based purely on whether \$start > \$end or \$end > \$start. For example:

```
<?php print_r( range( 20, 11, 3 ) ); ?>
```

Array

```
(
    [0] => 20
    [1] => 17
    [2] => 14
    [3] => 11
)
```

```
<?php print_r( range( 11, 20, -3 ) ); ?>
```

```
Array
(
    [0] => 11
    [1] => 14
    [2] => 17
    [3] => 20
)
```

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```
<?php
```

```
function srangle ($s) {
    preg_match_all("/([0-9]{1,2})-?([0-9]{0,2}) ?,?;?/", $s, $a);
    $n = array ();
    foreach ($a[1] as $k => $v) {
        $n = array_merge ($n, range ($v, (empty($a[2][$k])?$v:$a[2][$k])));
    }
    return ($n);
}
```

```
$s = '1-4 6-7 9-10';
print_r(srangle($s));
?>
```

Return:

```
Array
(
    [0] => 1
    [1] => 2
    [2] => 3
    [3] => 4
    [4] => 6
    [5] => 7
    [6] => 9
    [7] => 10
)
```

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If you're looking to fill an array to get a hash with 0-9 numerical values, using
`range(0,9);`
 is a faster solution compared to
`array_fill(0, 10, '');`

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I've been introduced with `range()` function not so long ago, and I found that examples about it is somewhat wrong, even inefficient:

```
<?php
$o = "";
$time_start = microtime(true);
```

```

foreach(range(1, 10000) as $val) {
    $o .= $val;
}
$time_end = microtime(true);
$time = $time_end - $time_start;
echo 'rangein: '.$time.'<br />';

$o = "";
$time_start = microtime(true);
$a = range(1, 10000);
foreach($a as $val) {
    $o .= $val;
}
$time_end = microtime(true);
$time = $time_end - $time_start;
echo 'rangeout: '.$time.'<br />';

?>

```

Which gives results:

```

rangein: 0.0025348663330078
rangeout: 0.0019199848175049

```

In some cases difference is even bigger and proportional to the range generated. I suppose that results of range() are cached/hashed.

Note: execution order does affects execution times, but difference still exists

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I needed a function, that creates a letter range with arbitrary length.
 You specify via the \$length parameter, how many entries you need.
 Logic is analog to the logic of the column-titles in a calc-sheet.

```
<?php
```

```

/**
 * create a letter range with arbitrary length
 * @param int $length
 * @return array
 */
function createLetterRange($length)
{
    $range = array();
    $letters = range('A', 'Z');
    for($i=0; $i<$length; $i++)
    {
        $position = $i*26;
        foreach($letters as $ii => $letter)
        {
            $position++;
            if($position <= $length)
                $range[] = ($position > 26 ? $range[$i-1] : '').$letter;
        }
    }
}

```



```

    return $range;
}
?>

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10 months ago

You could use negative numbers in place of the `step` parameter. You need to make sure that the `start` is bigger than `end`. Note that range() function in php generates the range inclusive, i.e. it also includes the `end` parameter and not just up to it but not including it like most other languages.

The following snippet of code should explain what I mean about negative steps:

```

<?php

// 100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 0
print_r(range(100, 0, -10));

?>

```

What happens basically is that the range function does not really care about what is bigger or smaller, it just adds the step to the start and appends that to the a temp result variable as long as it did not reach the end param value. In this case, adding negative numbers is like minus (computers do that for 2's complement under the hood.) This will cause the number to go from 100 to 90 and then the function will check if 90 reached 0 yet. Since it wouldn't have done that, it will keep adding -step (-10 in that case) to the latest result (i.e. 90) and so on and so forth.

Since range() is said to be better and faster than array_fill() I believe it was important for me to try it out and actually post this note on the official documentation just to make sure people can use this.

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This should emulate range() a little better.

```

<?php
function range_wroar($low, $high, $step = 1) {
    $arr = array();
    $step = (abs($step)>0)?abs($step):1;
    $sign = ($low<=$high)?1:-1;
    if(is_numeric($low) && is_numeric($high)) {
        //numeric sequence
        for ($i = (float)$low; $i*$sign <= $high*$sign; $i += $step*$sign)
            $arr[] = $i;
    } else {
        //character sequence
        if (is_numeric($low))
            return $this->range($low, 0, $step);
        if (is_numeric($high))
            return $this->range(0, $high, $step);
        $low = ord($low);
        $high = ord($high);
        for ($i = $low; $i*$sign <= $high*$sign; $i += $step*$sign) {

            $arr[] = chr($i);
        }
    }
}

```

```
    }
    return $arr;
}
```

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To create a simple array or a multidimensional array with defined size and null values, use this expression:

```
<?php
```

```
$SimpleArray = array_map(function($n) { return null; }, range(1, 3) );
$MultiArray = array_map(function($n) { return array_map(function($n) { return null; }, range(1, 2) ); }, range(1, 3) );
```

```
var_dump($SimpleArray);
var_dump($MultiArray);
```

```
// And will print:
```

```
?>
```

```
>>$SimpleArray
```

```
array(3) {
    [0]=>  NULL
    [1]=>  NULL
    [2]=>  NULL
}
```

```
>>$MultiArray
```

```
array(3) {
    [0]=>  array(2) {
        [0]=>  NULL
        [1]=>  NULL
    }
    [1]=>  array(2) {
        [0]=>  NULL
        [1]=>  NULL
    }
    [2]=>  array(2) {
        [0]=>  NULL
        [1]=>  NULL
    }
}
```

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A much simpler way of creating a range of even numbers is by starting with an even number:

```
<?php
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```
    range(2, 10, 2);
```

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i figured i'd add some more functionality to the myRange() functions below.

now you can, besides giving a \$step parameter,

1. count backwards
2. count with letters
3. give whatever parameter you want, there's nothing (i know of) that will cause an endless loop (try a negative \$step for the previous function....)

```
<?php
```

```
function myRange($num1, $num2, $step=1)
```

```
{
    if (is_numeric($num1) && is_numeric($num2))
    {
        //we have a numeric range
        $step = ( abs($step)>0 ? abs($step) : 1 ); //make $step positive
        $dir = ($num1<=$num2 ? 1 : -1); //get the direction
        for($i = (float)$num1; $i*$dir <= $num2*$dir; $i += $step*$dir)
        {
            $temp[] = $i;
        }
    }
    else
    {
        //we have a character range
        $num1=ord((string)$num1); //convert to ascii value
        $num2=ord((string)$num2);
        $step = ( abs($step)>0 ? abs($step) : 1 ); //make $step positive
        $dir = ($num1<=$num2 ? 1 : -1); //get direction
        for($i = $num1; $i*$dir <= $num2*$dir; $i += $step*$dir)
        {
            $temp[] = chr($i);
        }
    }
    return $temp;
}
```

```
print_r(myRange( 1, 3, 0.5 )); //you can use fractional steps
```

```
print_r(myRange( "a", "k", 3 )); //or count letters
```

```
print_r(myRange( "5", "9" )); //numbers are detected even if hidden in strings
```

```
print_r(myRange( "!", "%", 1/pi() )); //or mess around with senseless parameters
```

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since its not stated explicitly above, thought id point out that you arent limited to using integers.

however, be careful when doing so, as you might not get the range you expect!

to illustrate:

```
<?php
$am = range(500,1600,10);
$fm = range(88.1,107.9,.2);
print_r($am);
print_r($fm);
?>
```

print_r(\$am) yields the expected result:

```
Array
(
    [0] => 500
    [1] => 510
    [2] => 520
    ...
    [109] => 1590
    [110] => 1600
)
```

print_r(\$fm), however, falls a bit (1%) short:

```
Array
(
    [0] => 88.1
    [1] => 88.3
    [2] => 88.5
    ...
    [97] => 107.5
    [98] => 107.7
)
```

so, if you want to use a non-integral step size params for numeric ranges, be sure to account for fp representation accuracy and error accumulation; a step size of something like pi or 1/10 could spell disaster for a large range. if in doubt, use integral steps and divide ... something like `<?php range(88.1,108,.2) ?>` might work to recover 107.9, but would not be scalable like, say `<?php array_map(create_function('$x','return $x/10;'),range(881,1079,2)) ?>`.

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a function to get column index by letter

```
function getColumnNumber($char){
    $alphabet = range('a','z');
    $alphabet2 = range('a','z');
    $newAlphabet = $alphabet;
    foreach($alphabet as $k => $r)
    {
        foreach($alphabet2 as $row){
            $newAlphabet[] = $r.$row;
        }
    }
    $key = array_search($char, $newAlphabet);
```

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    return ($key !== false) ? $key : null;
}
```

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Here's a function to generate ranges from strings:

```
<?php
```

```
/*  Creates an array of integers based on a given range string of format "int - int"
    Eg. range_str('2 - 5'); */
function range_str($str) {
    preg_match('#(\\d+)\\s*~\\s*(\\d+)#', $str, $matches);
    if ( count($matches) == 3 ) {
        return range($matches[1], $matches[2]);
    }
    return FALSE;
}

// Test
$array = range_str(' 2 - 4 ');
print_r($array);

?>
```

This outputs:

```
Array
(
    [0] => 2
    [1] => 3
    [2] => 4
)
```

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