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# Command Reference: setQueryPeriod()

## Set the Period for Queries

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This command has been replaced by `setInputPeriod()`. Editing the command with the command editor dialog will convert `setQueryPeriod()` commands to `setInputPeriod()`.

The `setQueryPeriod()` command sets the period used for querying and reading time series data, from databases and files. The default is to query all available data so that all data are available for analysis and data filling. However, a shorter period may be desirable to increase performance (e.g., when processing real-time data). See also the `setOutputPeriod()` command. The following dialog is used to edit the command and illustrates the command syntax.

**Edit setQueryPeriod() Command**

The query period constrains the period when reading data.  
Use this command only if limited data are needed (e.g., to improve performance).  
Using a `setQueryPeriod()` command may result in incomplete data being available for data filling).  
Enter dates to a precision appropriate for time series being read. For example:

Year data: YYYY  
Month data: MM/YYYY or YYYY-MM  
Day data: MM/DD/YYYY or YYYY-MM-DD  
Hour data: MM/DD/YYYY HH or YYYY-MM-DD HH  
Minute data: MM/DD/YYYY HH:mm or YYYY-MM-DD HH:mm

Enter \* to read all available data (default if `setQueryPeriod()` is not used).

Query Period Start:

Query Period End:

Command:

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### setQueryPeriod() Command Editor

A sample commands file is as follows:

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setQueryPeriod(1950-01,2002-12)
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