
Command Reference: CheckTimeSeries()

Check time series data values against criteria and optionally take action

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The `CheckTimeSeries()` command checks time series data values against criteria, for example to identify missing, erroneous, or extreme data values. A warning is generated for each match and time series values optionally can be flagged, which allows annotation on graphs and reports. Values that meet the check criteria also can be removed (if irregular interval), or set to missing. Check results can be saved to an output table for output and further processing. The `WriteCheckFile()` command also can be used to write a summary of the warnings based on command messages. The `CheckTimeSeriesStatistic()` command checks a statistic for the entire time series (e.g., missing value count). See also the `Delta()` command, which creates new time series as the change between each value – this command may be necessary in cases where data periodically reset to a starting value, prior to performing a `Change>` check, for example.

The following dialog is used to edit the command and illustrates the command syntax.

Edit CheckTimeSeries() Command

Check time series data values for critical values (see also the `CheckTimeSeriesStatistic()` command).
Use the `WriteCheckFile()` command to save the results of all checks.

Time Series | Check Criteria and Actions | Output Table | Output Properties

Indicate the time series to check.

TS list: AllMatchingTSID Optional - indicates the time series to process (default=AllTS).

TSID (for TSList=AllMatchingTSID): ts1

EnsembleID (for TSList=EnsembleID):

Command:

```
CheckTimeSeries (TSList=AllMatchingTSID,TSID="ts1",CheckCriteria="Missing",AnalysisStart="${TestAnalysisStart}",AnalysisEnd="${TestAnalysisEnd}",TableID="${TestTableID}",TableTSIDColumn="TSID",TableTSIDFormat="%L",TableDateTimeColumn="Date",TableValueColumn="Value",TableFlagColumn="Flag",TableCheckTypeColumn="Check Type",TableCheckMessageColumn="Check Message")
```

Cancel OK

CheckTimeSeries

CheckTimeSeries() Command Editor Showing Time Series Parameters

Time Series

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Specify criteria to check for and actions to be taken when check criteria are met.
A warning will be generated for each case where a value matches the specified condition(s).
Specify dates with precision appropriate for the data, use blank for all available data, or \${Property} for processor property.

Check criteria: Missing

Value1:

Value2:

Analysis start:

Analysis end:

Problem type:

Maximum warnings:

Flag:

Flag description:

Action:

Required - may require other parameters.

Optional - minimum (or only) value to check.

Optional - maximum value in range, or other input to check.

Optional - analysis start date/time (default=full time series period).

Optional - analysis end date/time (default=full time series period).

Optional - problem type to use in output (default=check criteria).

Optional - maximum # of warnings/time series (default=no limit).

Optional - flag to mark detected values.

Optional - description for flag.

Optional - action for matched values (default=no action).

CheckTimeSeries_Criteria

CheckTimeSeries() Command Editor Showing Check Criteria and Action Parameters

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Check warnings can be written to an output table.
The MaxWarnings parameter in the "Check Criteria and Actions" tab limits the output rows per time series.

Table ID: CheckTable

Table TSID column: TSID

Format of TSID: -- Select Specifier -- => %L

Table date/time column: Date

Table value column: Value

Table flag column: Flag

Table check type column: Check Type

Table check message column: Check Message

Optional - table to receive output.

Required for table - column name to match time series TSID.

Required for table - format time series TSID to match table TSID.

Optional - column name for date/time (default=not output).

Optional - column name for time series value (default=not output).

Optional - column name for time series flag (default=not output).

Optional - column name for check type (default=not output).

Optional - column name for check message (default=not output).

CheckTimeSeries_Table

CheckTimeSeries() Command Editor Showing Output Table Parameters

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Specify time series and/or processor property to set to the count of values detected that meet the check criteria.

Check count processor property: MissingCount-%L

Check count time series property: MissingCount

Optional - name of processor property for check count.

Optional - name of time series property for check count.

CheckTimeSeries_Properties

CheckTimeSeries() Command Editor Showing Output Properties Parameters

The command syntax is as follows:

```
CheckTimeSeries (Parameter=Value, ...)
```

Command Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default
TSList	Indicates the list of time series to be processed, one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AllMatchingTSID – all time series that match the TSID (single TSID or TSID with wildcards) will be processed. AllTS – all time series before the command will be processed. EnsembleID – all time series in the ensemble will be processed. FirstMatchingTSID – the first time series that matches the TSID (single TSID or TSID with wildcards) will be processed. LastMatchingTSID – the last time series that matches the TSID (single TSID or TSID with wildcards) will be processed. SelectedTS – the time series selected with the SelectTimeSeries() command will be processed. 	AllTS
TSID	The time series identifier or alias for the time series to be processed, using the * wildcard character to match multiple time series. Can be specified using processor \${Property}.	Required if TSList=*TSID.
EnsembleID	The ensemble to be modified, if processing an ensemble. Can be specified using processor \${Property}.	Required if TSList=EnsembleID.
CheckCriteria	The criteria that is checked, one of the following. Missing values are skipped except for cases where the statistic is specific to missing values. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AbsChange> – check for absolute change from one value to the next value > Value1 AbsChangePercent> – check for absolute change in percent from one value to the next value > Value1. Change> – check for change > Value1. Change< – check for change < Value1. InRange – check for value >= Value1 and <= Value2. OutOfRange – check for value < Value1 or > Value2. Missing – check for missing values. Repeat – check for Value1 repeating values (i.e., if Value1=2, then the check will detect 2 adjacent values that are the same). If the flag or action are specified, values Value1+ in the sequence are modified (i.e., if Value1=2, the 2nd 	None – must be specified.

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	<p>and subsequent repeating values will be modified by the action).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • < – check for values < Value1. • <= – check for values <= Value1. • > – check for values > Value1. • >= – check for values >= Value1. • == – check for values equal to Value1. 	
Value1	A parameter that is used for specific CheckCriteria values.	
Value2	A parameter that is used for specific CheckCriteria values.	
AnalysisStart	The date/time to start analyzing data. Can be specified using processor \${Property}.	Analyze full period.
AnalysisEnd	The date/time to end analyzing data. Can be specified using processor \${Property}.	Analyze full period.
ProblemType	The problem type that will be shown in warning messages.	CheckCriteria
MaxWarnings	The maximum number of warnings to list for each time series, useful if analysis results in many warnings.	List all warnings.
Flag	A string to use for a flag on values that are detected during the check, which will be shown in the HTML summary report.	No flag.
FlagDesc	Description for the flag.	No description.
Action	<p>Action to take for matched values, in addition to generating warnings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove – remove the values. For irregular interval time series the values will be removed. For regular interval time series the values will be set to missing. • SetMissing – set the values to missing. 	No action is taken.
TableID	Identifier for output table to contain check results. Specify an existing table or new table to create. Can be specified using processor \${Property}.	No table output.
TableTSIDColumn	Table column name for time series TSID.	Required for table.
TableTSIDFormat	The specification to format the time series identifier to insert into the TSID column. Use the format choices and other characters to define a unique identifier.	Required for table.
TableDateTimeColumn	Table column name for date/time.	Column is not output.
TableValueColumn	Table column name for time series data values.	Column is not output.
TableFlagColumn	Table column name for time series data flag values.	Column is not output.
TableCheckTypeColumn	Table column name for data check type.	Column is not output.
TableCheckMessageColumn	Table column name for data check message.	Column is not output.

Parameter	Description	Default
CheckCount Property	Name of processor property to set with count of values that meet the criteria. Can use processor <code>\${Property}</code> and time series <code>%</code> or <code>\${ts:Property}</code> .	No property is set.
CheckCount TimeSeries Property	Name of time series property to set with count of values that meet the criteria. Can use processor <code>\${Property}</code> and time series <code>%</code> or <code>\${ts:Property}</code> .	No property is set.

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