Command Reference: SetOutputPeriod()
Set the output period for time series
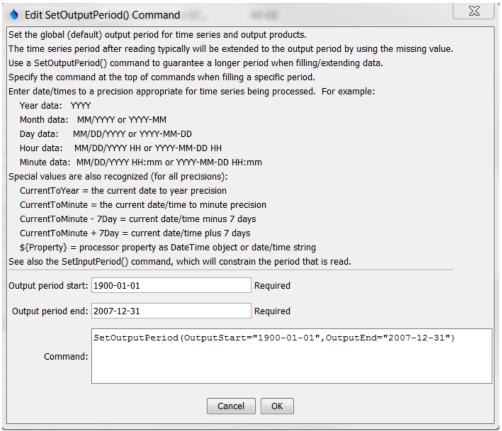
The `SetOutputPeriod()` command sets the output period for time series. See also the `SetInputPeriod()` command. The period for a time series when read or created will be set to the maximum of the following periods, in order to satisfy output and data filling requirements:

- available data
- output period (if specified)
- input period (if specified)

Specifying the output period is necessary when creating model files or filling an extended period (time series will not automatically be extended by fill commands).

The following dialog is used to edit this command and illustrates the syntax of the command. Note that the output period should always use calendar month and year, even if other than calendar year are used for output (see `SetOutputYearType()`).

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SetOutputPeriod() Command Editor

The command syntax is as follows:

```
SetOutputPeriod(Parameter=Value,…)
```

Command Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default
OutputStart	The date/time to for the output start: • A date/time string (see dialog above for examples). • CurrentToYear, CurrentToMonth, CurrentToDay, CurrentToHour, CurrentToMinute, indicating the current date/time to the specified precision. • A Current* value +- an interval, for example: CurrentToMinute – 7Day • A processor property indicated with ${Property}	None – must be specified.
OutputEnd	The date/time to for the output end (see examples above).	None – must be specified.

A sample command file is as follows:

```
SetOutputPeriod(OutputStart="1950-01",OutputEnd="2002-12")
```