
Command Reference: setOutputPeriod()

Set the Output Period for Time Series

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The `setOutputPeriod()` command sets the output period for time series. See also the `setQueryPeriod()` 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,
- output (if specified),
- and query (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). This command replaces the older `MM/YYYY` syntax. 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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The output period is used ONLY for output products (e.g., files).
The time series period after reading will be extended to the output period if necessary.
Use a `setOutputPeriod()` command to guarantee longer periods if filling data.
Specify the command at the top of commands when filling a specific period.
Enter dates to a precision appropriate for output time series. 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 output all available data (default if `setOutputPeriod()` is not used).

Output Period Start:

Output Period End:

Command:

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The command syntax is as follows:

```
setOutputPeriod(OutputStart,OutputEnd)
```

Command Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default
OutputStart	The date/time to start output.	None – must be specified.
OutputEnd	The date/time to end output.	None – must be specified.

A sample commands file is as follows:

setOutputPeriod(1950-01,2002-12)
