## Command Reference: CreateFromList()

## Create one or more time series from a file containing a list of identifiers

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See also the **ReadTimeSeriesFromTable()** command, which may replace this command in the future. The CreateFromList() command creates one or more time series using identifiers from a list file, an example of which is shown below:

```
# Example list file. Comments start with the # character.
# Column headings can be specified in the first non-comment row using quotes.
"Structure ID", "Structure Name"
500501, Ditch 501
500502, Ditch 502
# Invalid ID (see IfNotFound parameter)
509999, Ditch 9999
```

The command is typically used when reading time series from a database or binary file and can streamline processing in the following situations:

- A list of identifiers may have been generated from a database query and saved to a file.
- A list of identifiers may have been extracted from a model data set.

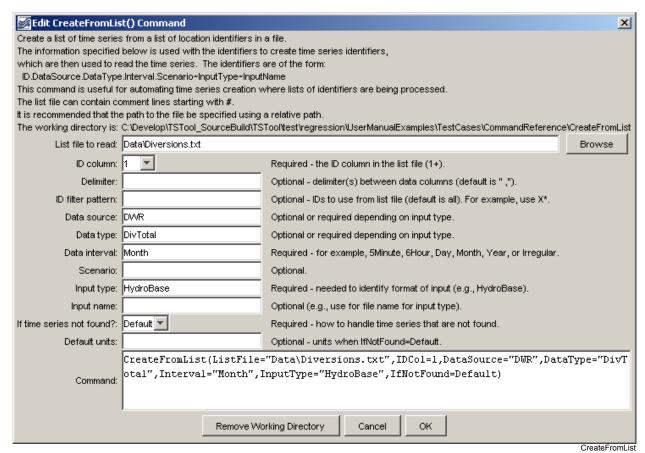
TSTool reads the list file and internally creates a list of time series identifiers. The time series are of the standard form:

```
Location.DataSource.DataType.Interval[.Scenario]~InputType[~InputName]
```

where the brackets indicate optional information. TSTool then queries each time series, which can be processed further.

Although it is possible to specify an input type that reads from files by also using the InputName, this is not generally recommended because the CreateFromList() command can only specify one input file name and the file will be reopened for each read. Instead, read commands for specific file formats should be used because these commands are typically optimized to read multiple time series from the files. In summary, the CreateFromList() command is useful with databases but performance may suffer when used with file input types.

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



CreateFromList() Command Editor

The command syntax is as follows:

CreateFromList(Parameter=Value, ...)

## **Command Parameters**

Parameter	Description	Default
ListFile	The name of the list file to read, surrounded	None – must be specified.
	by double quotes.	_
IDCol	The column (1+) in the list file containing	1
	the location identifiers to use in time series	
	identifiers.	
Delim	The delimiter characters that separate	Comma
	columns in the list file. If a space is used as	
	the delimiter, surround with another	
	delimiter characters or a character that is	
	unlikely to be found so that the space is not	
	discarded as white space (e.g., "~~").	
ID	Indicate a pattern to filter the identifiers in	Process all identifiers.
	the list file. For example, use A* to only	

Parameter	Description	Default
	process identifiers in the list file that start	
	with A.	
DataSource	The data source in the time series identifier,	May or may not be required,
	appropriate for InputType. For example,	depending on the input type. Refer
	if using the State of Colorado's HydroBase,	to the input type appendices.
	USGS indicates that data are from the United	
	States Geological Survey. See the input type	
	appendices for more information on	
	available data types.	
DataType	The data type in the time series identifier, as	Usually required for an input type.
	appropriate for InputType. For example,	Refer to the input type appendices.
	if using the State of Colorado's HydroBase,	
	DivTotal is used for diversion totals. See	
	the input type appendices for more	
<b>-</b>	information on available data types.	N
Interval	Data interval in the time series identifier,	None – must be specified.
	using standard values such as 15Minute,	
	6Hour, Day, Month, Year.	TT 11 1
Scenario	Scenario in the time series identifier.	Usually not required.
InputType	The input type in the time series identifier.	None – must be specified.
	For example, use HydroBase for the State of Colorado's HydroBase database. Refer to	
	the input type appendices or the TSTool	
	main GUI for options.	
InputName	The input name in the time series identifier.	Typically only required if the input
	The input name in the time series racitation.	type requires a file name.
IfNotFound	Indicates how to handle missing time series,	Warn
	one of:	
	Warn – generate fatal warnings and do	
	not include in output.	
	• Ignore – generate non-fatal warnings	
	and do not include in output.	
	Default – generate non-fatal warnings	
	and create empty time series for those	
	that could not be found. This requires	
	that a SetOutputPeriod()	
	command be used before the command	
	to define the period for default time	
	series.	
DefaultUnits	Default units when	Blank – no units.
	IfNotFound=Default.	

A sample command file to process monthly diversion data from the State of Colorado's HydroBase database is as follows:

- # Read monthly diversion total from HydroBase for the structures in the list # file. The data source is set to DWR because data source is saved in # HydroBase.
- CreateFromList(ListFile="Data\Diversions.txt",IDCol=1,DataSource=DWR,DataType=DivTotal,Interval=Month,InputType=HydroBase,IfNotFound=Default)