Colorado's Decision Support Systems (CDSS)

TSTool Training

Getting Started

Version: 10.00.01, 2011-05-05

Duration: Less than 30 minutes

Level: Introduction

This Presentation

- Provides an introduction to TSTool for new users
- Is designed for self-paced training
- Is accompanied by examples, each of which reside in a folder distributed with this presentation
 - See the doc/Training folder under the software installation
 - Full use of TSTool requires access to databases and internet (some examples will not work without such access)

TSTool Feature Summary

- Read and write time series in various formats
- Automate processing using a command language
- Fill/manipulate data
- Quality control
- Analyze data and generate products

TSTool Origins in CDSS

- Originally developed for Colorado's Decision Support Systems (CDSS)
 - Read time series data from HydroBase database and files
 - Fill missing data
 - Create input files for StateCU and StateMod models
 - Process model results into products
- Within CDSS, complements other software
 - TSTool processes time series
 - StateDMI processes some time series but focuses on other data files

TSTool ...Beyond CDSS

- Read/write CADSWES RiverWare files
- Read MODSIM time series files
- Read/write Army Corps HEC-DSS files
- Read/write National Weather Service River Forecast System files
- Process ensembles of time series
- Retrieve files using FTP and URLs
- Run on Windows and Linux/UNIX
- Run external programs and Python Scripts
- ...many enhancements beyond CDSS core

CDSS Data-Centered Approach

- Open access to data
- Share data for multiple uses
- Applications focus
 on analysis and
 generating
 results/products
- Concepts are applicable beyond CDSS

Data Collection

Data-Centered Management: GIS/HydroBase Database

Data Management Interfaces (DMIs)/Access Tools:

- TSTool, StateDMI, etc.
- StateView, Website



- Consumptive Use (StateCU)
- Water Allocation (StateMod)
- Groundwater (MODFLOW)
- Other

Starting TSTool

If not already installed, download and install the software from http://cdss.state.co.us (see the Products...DMI Utilities link).

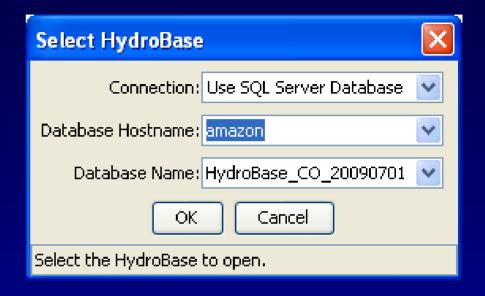
To run, for example:

Start...All Programs...CDSS...TSTool-09.07.02

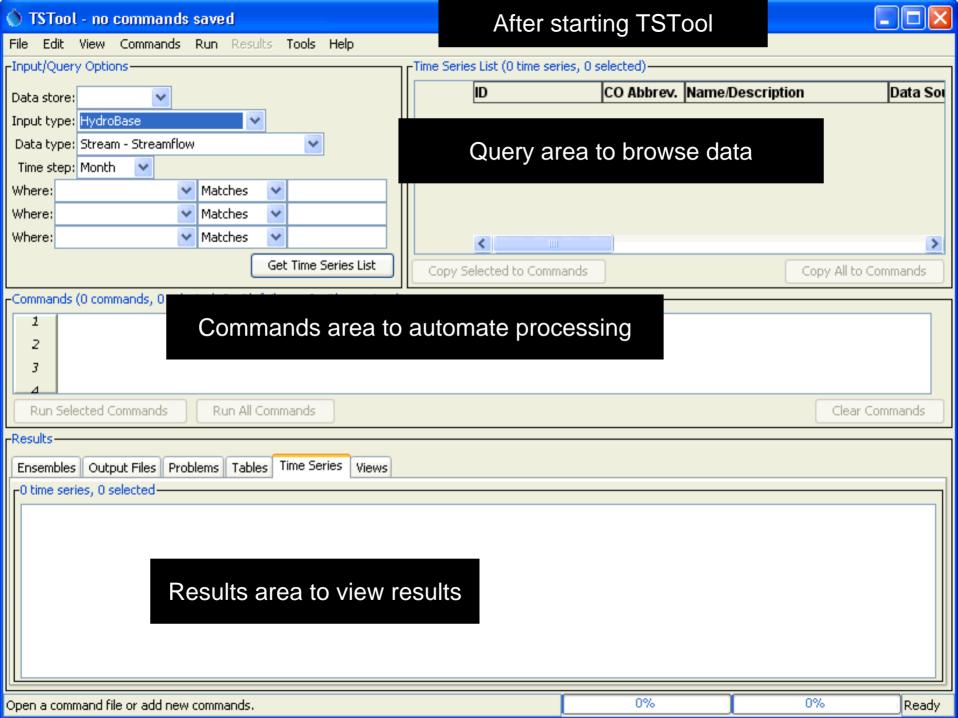
Multiple versions can be installed and will be listed in the CDSS menu.

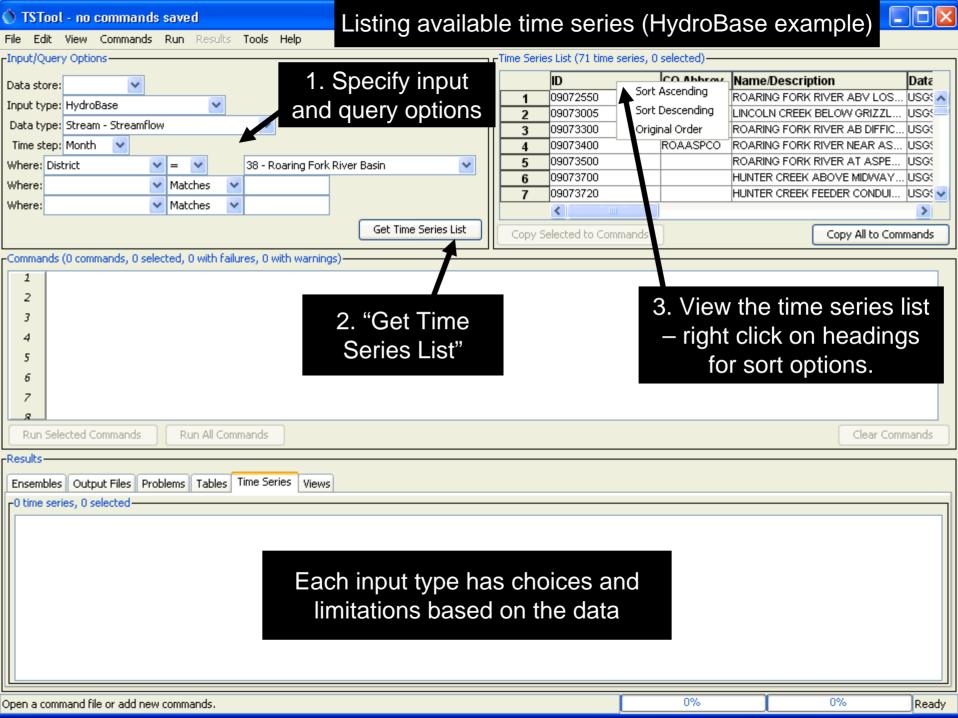
Select HydroBase

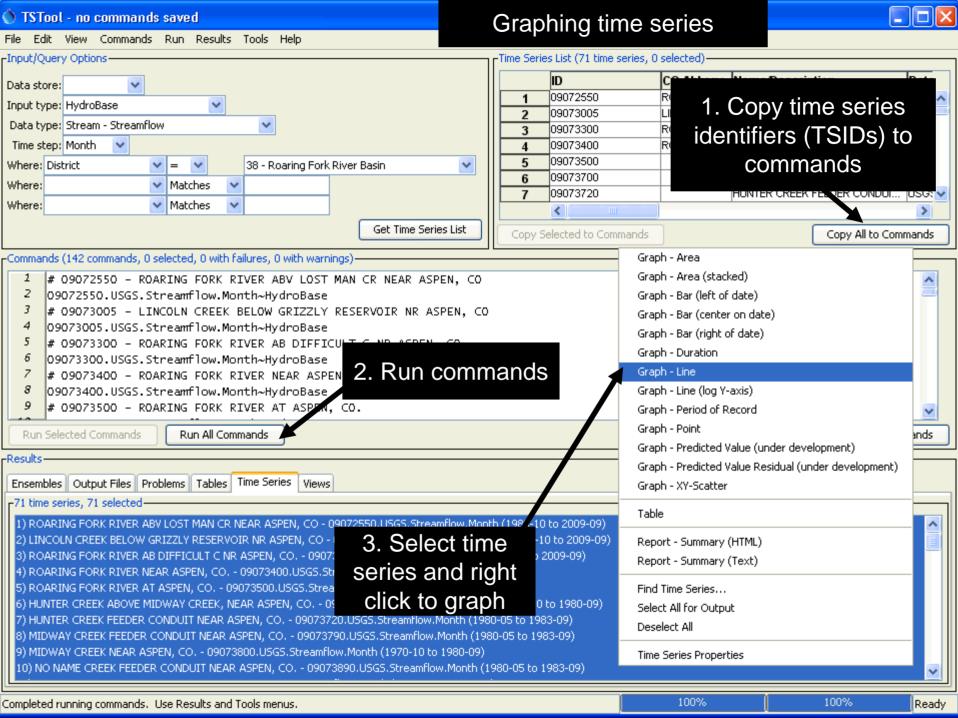
- SelectHydroBaseserver (can be local computer)
- Select available HydroBase version

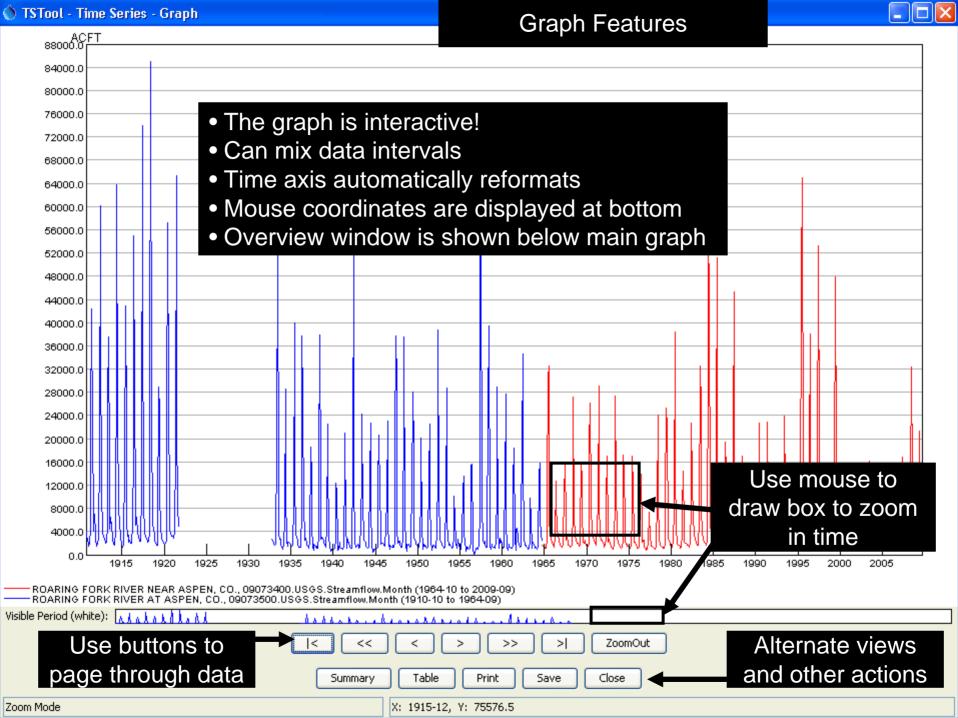


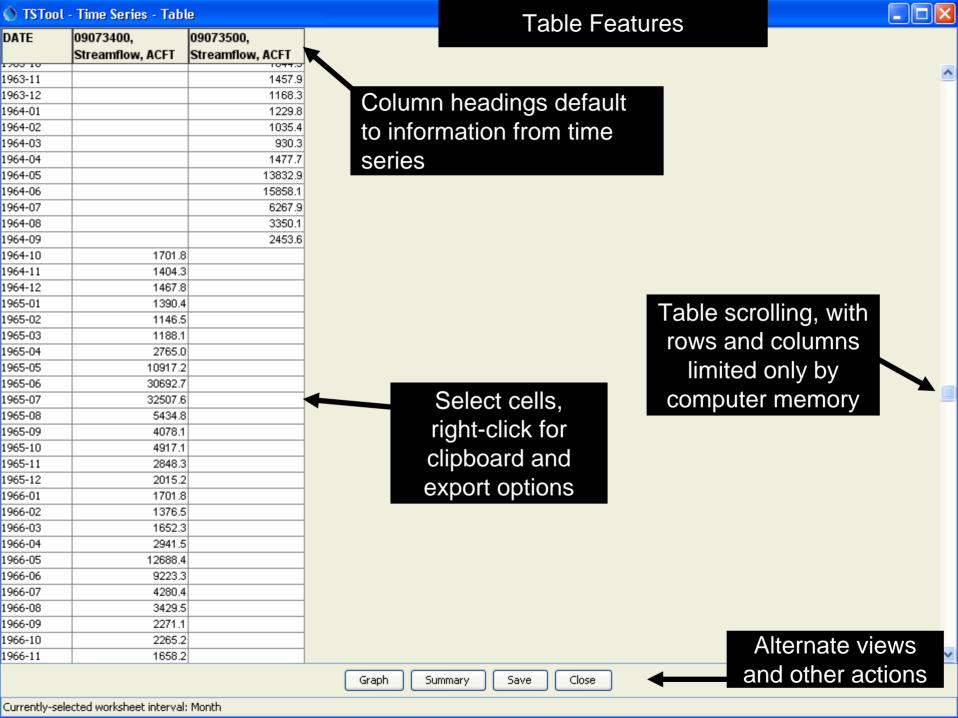
Reading data from HydroBase will not be possible if HydroBase is not available (but web services and other options are available if internet access is available).

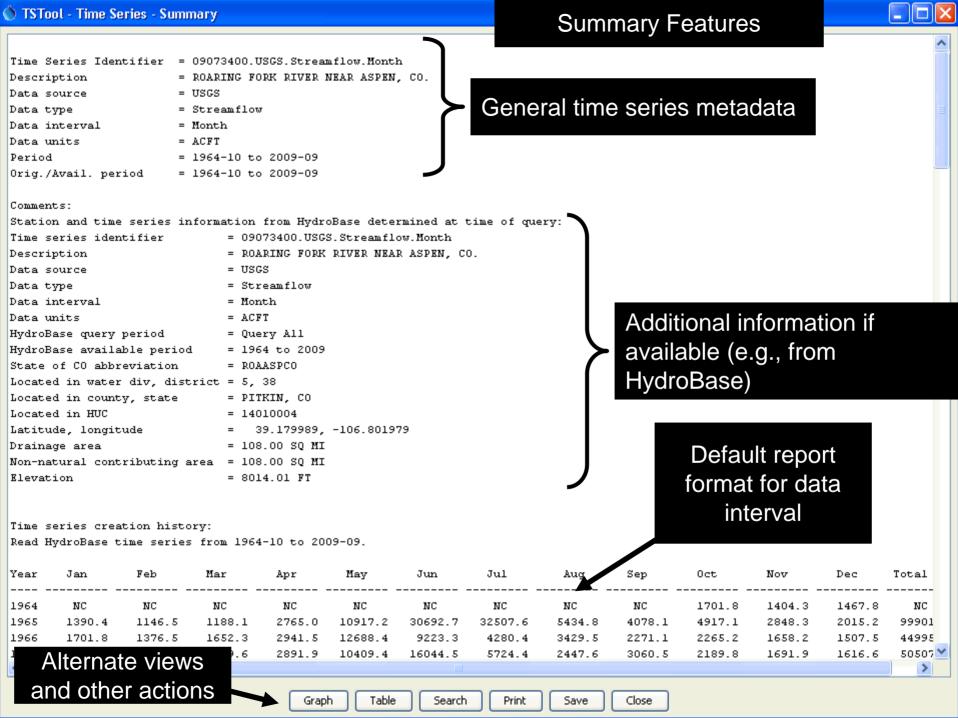












Time Series Identifier (TSID)

- LocID.Source.DataType.Interval
- LocID.Source.DataType.Interval~InputType
- LocID.Source.DataType.Interval~InputType~Filename
- LocID.Source.DataType.Interval~DataStore

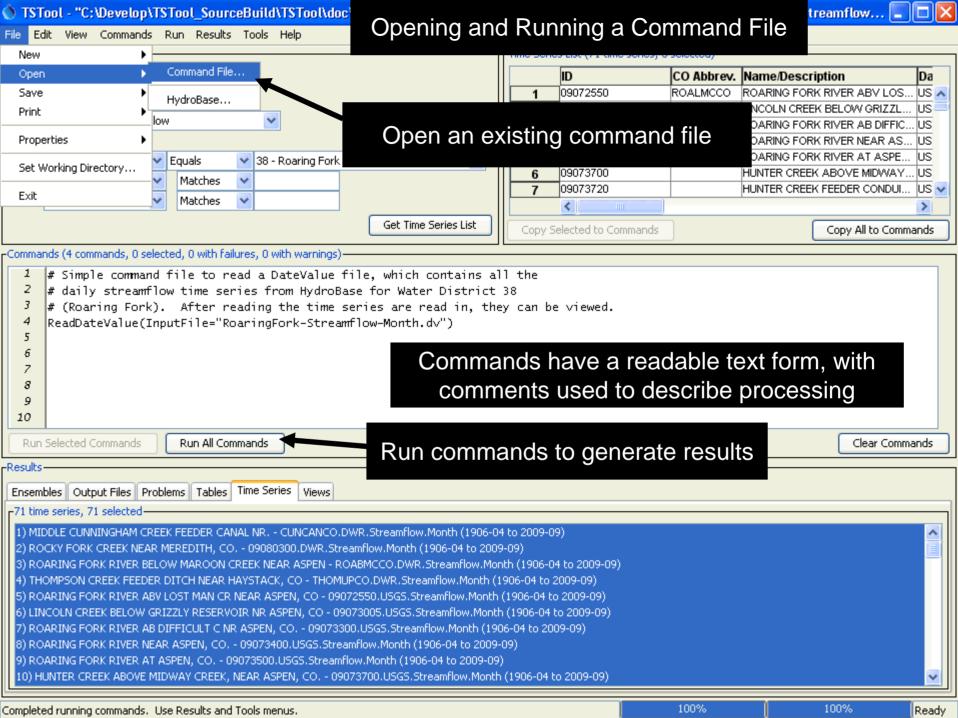
The TSID uniquely identifies the time series and allows TSTool to find the time series in a database, files, or website.

The DataStore concept is being phased in and allows more flexibility in configuring input and output.

An alias also can be used to identify time series and can be set in some commands that create time series. Aliases are in many cases interchangeable with TSIDs and allow users to identify time series using metadata that is more relevant for a specific application.

Opening and Running an Existing Command File

- File...Open...Command File
- Select a *.TSTool file (in this case choose example1-StreamflowCommands\
 StreamflowCommands.TSTool)
- Press the Run All Commands button under the command list
- View the results



More Information

Help...View Documentation to view the TSTool documentation