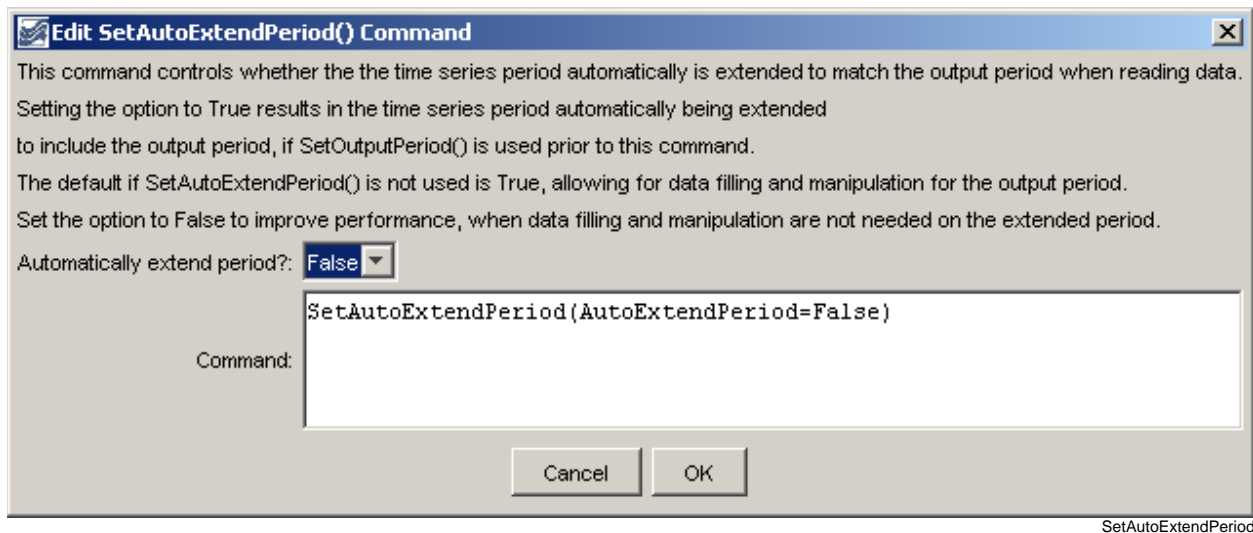# Command Reference: SetAutoExtendPeriod()
Set whether time series periods should automatically be extended to the output period

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By default, the time series period is extended to include the output period, if specified, when a time series is read. See also the `SetOutputPeriod()` command. If the extended period subsequently contains missing data, it can be filled with other commands. The `SetAutoExtendPeriod()` command can be used to change this setting if it is not desirable (e.g., for performance reasons).

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

SetAutoExtendPeriod

SetAutoExtendPeriod() Command Editor

The command syntax is as follows:

    SetAutoExtendPeriod(Parameter=Value,…)

Command Parameters

Parameter	Description	Default
AutoExtendPeriod	Indicate whether the period of time series should automatically be extended to the output period when time series are read, `True` or `False`.	None – must be specified. The default is `True` if this command is not used.

A sample command file is as follows:

    SetAutoExtendPeriod(AutoExtendPeriod=False)

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