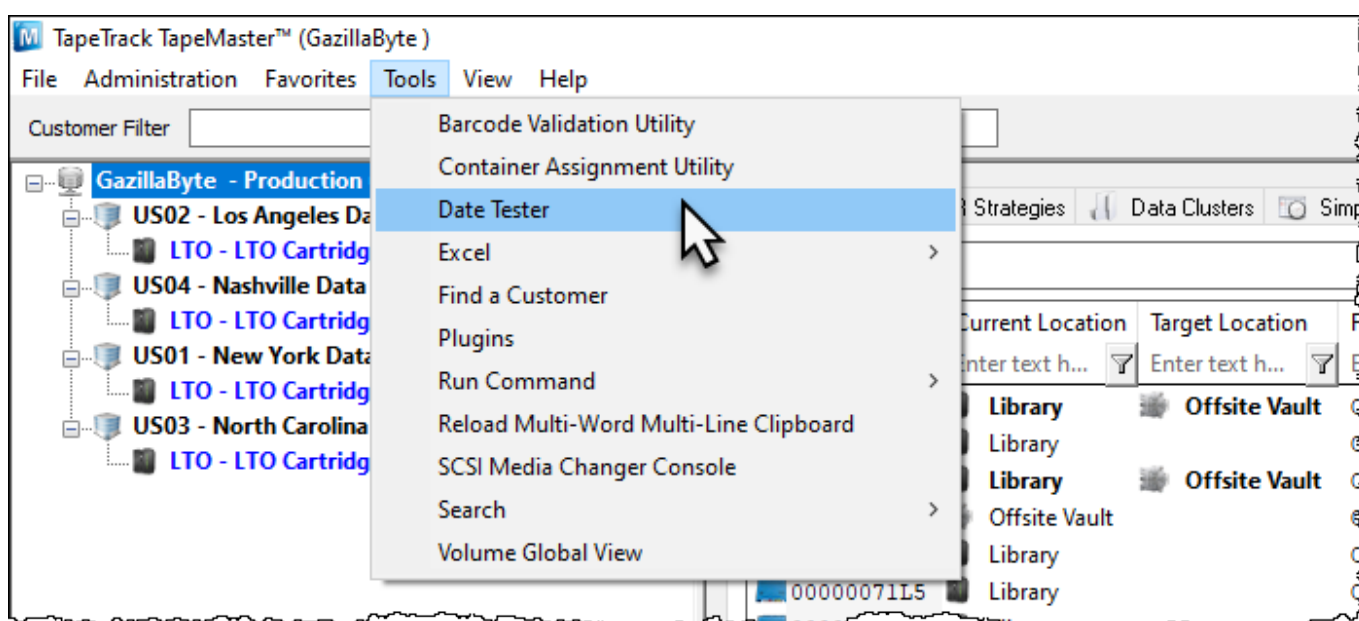# Date Tester

Date Format Tester allows you to enter a date, or range of dates to display the predicted range in a calendar format.

This gives you the ability to check the intended results are contained within the specified dates before any reports are created.

Open Date Format Tester

From the main menu in TapeMaster, select `Tools > Date Tester`

Date Range

Dates can be entered in several formats, using a single year or a range of dates to span between.

Dates can also be entered as literal dates, such as 2019, or using date calculation variables such as Y-1 which will give you a corresponding date of last year.

Date Calculation Variables

Variable Syntax

Syntax	Description
YYYY-MM-DD	ISO Date Format
*	Today
W	Start of the Week

Syntax	Description
P	The oldest date
F	The most future date
M	The first day of the month
m	The last day of the month.
Y	The first day of the year.
y	The last day of the year.

Variable Syntax Examples

Syntax	Description
Y-1:y-1	January 1st to December 31st last year
M-1:m-1	1st of last month to the last day of last month
W-2:*	2 weeks ago until today

Date Examples

January 1st to December 31st 2019. 2019

January 1st 2018 to December 31st 2019. 2018:2019

July 1st 2018 to June 30th 2020 `2018-07-01:2019-06-30`

January 1st 2020 to end of current month `2020:m+`

January 1st 2020 to end of last month `2020:m+`

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