

CDO Reference Card

Climate Data Operators
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Syntax

cdo [Options] Operator1 [-Operator2 [-OperatorN]]]

Options

-a	Generate an absolute time axis
-b <nbits>	Set the number of bits for the output precision (I8/I16/I32/F32/F64 for nc,nc2,nc4,nc4c; F32/F64 for grb2,srv,ext,iwg; 1-24 for grb,grb2)
-f <format>	Add L or B for Little or Big endian byteorder
-g <grid>	Outputformat: grb,grb2,nc,nc2,nc4,nc4c,srv,ext,iwg
Grid or file name	
-h	Grid names: r<NX>x<NY>, n<N>, gme<NI>
-M	Help information for the operators
-m <missval>	Indicate that the I/O streams have missing values
-o	Set the default missing value (default: -9e+33)
-O	Overwrite existing output file, if checked
-R	Convert GRIB1 data from reduced to regular grid
-r	Generate a relative time axis
-s	Silent mode
-t <table>	Set the parameter table name or file
Predefined tables: echam4 echam5 mpiom1	
-v	Print the version number
-v	Print extra details for some operators
-z szip	SZIP compression of GRIB1 records

Operators

Information

info	Dataset information listed by parameter identifier
infon	Dataset information listed by parameter name
map	Dataset information and simple map
<operator> ifiles	
sinfo	Short information listed by parameter identifier
sinfon	Short information listed by parameter name
<operator> ifiles	
diff	Compare two datasets listed by parameter id
diffn	Compare two datasets listed by parameter name
<operator> ifile1 ifile2	
npar	Number of parameters
nlevel	Number of levels
nyear	Number of years
nmon	Number of months
ndate	Number of dates
ntime	Number of timesteps
<operator> ifile	

showformat	Show file format
showcode	Show code numbers
showname	Show variable names
showstdname	Show standard names
showlevel	Show levels
showtype	Show GRIB level types
showyear	Show years
showmon	Show months
showdate	Show date information
showtime	Show time information
showtimestamp	Show timestamp
<operator> ifile	

pardes	Parameter description
griddes	Grid description
zaxisdes	Z-axis description
vct	Vertical coordinate table
<operator> ifile	

File operations

copy	Copy datasets
cat	Concatenate datasets
<operator> ifiles ofile	
replace	Replace variables
replace ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
duplicate	Duplicates a dataset
duplicate[.ndup] ifile ofile	
mergegrid	Merge grid
mergegrid ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
merge	Merge datasets with different fields
mergetime	Merge datasets sorted by date and time
<operator> ifiles ofile	
splitcode	Split code numbers
splitparam	Split parameter identifiers
splitname	Split variable names
splitlevel	Split levels
splitgrid	Split grids
splitaxis	Split z-axes
splittabnum	Split parameter table numbers
<operator>[.params] ifile obase	

splithour	Split hours
splitday	Split days
splitseas	Split seasons
splityear	Split years
splityearmon	Split in years and months
<operator> ifile obase	
splitmon	Split months
splitmon[.format] ifile obase	
splitsel	Split time selection
splitsel,nsets[,noffset[,nskip]] ifile obase	
distgrid	Distribute horizontal grid
distgrid,nx[,ny] ifile obase	
collgrid	Collect horizontal grid
collgrid[,nx[,names]] ifiles ofile	

Selection

select	Select fields
delete	Delete fields
<operator>[,params] ifiles ofile	

selparam	Select parameters by identifier
delparam	Delete parameters by identifier
<operator>[,params] ifile ofile	
selcode	Select parameters by code number
decode	Delete parameters by code number
<operator>[,codes] ifile ofile	
selname	Select parameters by name
delname	Delete parameters by name
<operator>[,names] ifile ofile	
selstdname	Select parameters by standard name
selstdname, stdnames ifile ofile	
sellevel	Select levels
sellevel,levels ifile ofile	
sellevidx	Select levels by index
sellevidx,levidx ifile ofile	
selgrid	Select grids
selgrid,grids ifile ofile	
selzaxis	Select z-axes
selzaxis,zaxes ifile ofile	
selzaxisname	Select z-axes by name
selzaxisname,zaxisnames ifile ofile	
selltype	Select GRIB level types
selltype,types ifile ofile	
seltabnum	Select parameter table numbers
seltabnum,tabnums ifile ofile	
sel timestep	Select timesteps
sel timestep,timesteps ifile ofile	
seltime	Select times
seltime,times ifile ofile	
selhour	Select hours
selhour,hours ifile ofile	
selday	Select days
selday,days ifile ofile	
selmon	Select months
selmon,months ifile ofile	
seyear	Select years
seyear,years ifile ofile	
selseas	Select seasons
selseas,seasons ifile ofile	
seldate	Select dates
seldate,date1[,date2] ifile ofile	
selmon	Select single month
selmon,month[,nts1[,nts2]] ifile ofile	
sellonlatbox	Select a longitude/latitude box
sellonlatbox,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2 ifile ofile	
selindexbox	Select an index box
selindexbox,idx1, idx2, idy1, idy2 ifile ofile	

eqc	Equal constant
neq	Not equal constant
leq	Less equal constant
ltc	Less than constant
geq	Greater equal constant
gtc	Greater than constant
<operator>[,c] ifile ofile	

Modification

setpartabp	Set parameter table
setpartab	Set parameter table
<operator>[,table[,convert]] ifile ofile	
setpartab	Set parameter table
setpartab,table ifile ofile	
setcode	Set code number
setcode,code ifile ofile	
setparam	Set parameter identifier
setparam,param ifile ofile	
setname	Set variable name
setname,name ifile ofile	
setunit	Set variable unit
setunit,unit ifile ofile	
setlevel	Set level
setlevel,level ifile ofile	
settype	Set GRIB level type
settype,ltype ifile ofile	
setdate	Set date
setdate,date ifile ofile	
settime	Set time of the day
settime,time ifile ofile	
setday	Set day
setday,day ifile ofile	
setmon	Set month
setmon,month ifile ofile	
setyear	Set year
setyear,year ifile ofile	
settunits	Set time units
settunits,units ifile ofile	
settaxis	Set time axis
settaxis,date,time[,inc] ifile ofile	
setreftime	Set reference time
setreftime,date,time[,units] ifile ofile	
setcalendar	Set calendar
setcalendar,calendar ifile ofile	
shifttime	Shift timesteps
shifttime,sval ifile ofile	
chcode	Change code number
chcode,oldcode,newcode[,...] ifile ofile	
chparam	Change parameter identifier
chparam,oldparam,newparam,... ifile ofile	
chname	Change variable name
chname,oldname,newname,... ifile ofile	
chunit	Change variable unit
chunit,oldunit,newunit,... ifile ofile	
chlevel	Change level
chlevel,oldlev,newlev,... ifile ofile	
chlevcl	Change level of one code
chlevcl,code,oldlev,newlev ifile ofile	
chlevcl	Change level of one variable
chlevcl,name,oldlev,newlev ifile ofile	
setgrid	Set grid
setgrid,grid ifile ofile	
setgridtype	Set grid type
setgridtype,gridtype ifile ofile	
setgridarea	Set grid cell area
setgridarea,gridarea ifile ofile	
setzaxis	Set z-axis
setzaxis,zaxis ifile ofile	
genlevelbound	Generate level bounds
genlevelbounds[,zbot[,ztop]] ifile ofile	

Comparison

eq	Equal
ne	Not equal
le	Less equal
lt	Less than
ge	Greater equal
gt	Greater than
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	

setgatt	Set global attribute
setgatt,attname,attptr ifile ofile	
setgatts	Set global attributes
setgatts,attptr ifile ofile	
invertlat	Invert latitudes
invertlat ifile ofile	
invertlev	Invert levels
invertlev ifile ofile	
maskregion	Mask regions
maskregion,regions ifile ofile	
masklonlatbox	Mask a longitude/latitude box
masklonlatbox,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2 ifile ofile	
maskindexbox	Mask an index box
maskindexbox,idx1,idx2,idy1,idy2 ifile ofile	
setclonlatbox	Set a longitude/latitude box to constant
setclonlatbox,c,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2 ifile ofile	
setcindexbox	Set an index box to constant
setcindexbox,c,idx1,idx2,idy1,idy2 ifile ofile	
enlarge	Enlarge fields
enlarge,grid ifile ofile	
setmissval	Set a new missing value
setmissval,newmiss ifile ofile	
setctomiss	Set constant to missing value
setmisstoct	Set missing value to constant
<operator>,c ifile ofile	
setrtomiss	Set range to missing value
setvrange	Set valid range
<operator>,rmin,rmax ifile ofile	
setmisstom	Set missing value to nearest neighbor
setmisstonn ifile ofile	
setmisstodis	Set missing value to distance-weighted average
setmisstodis,[neighbors] ifile ofile	
add	Add two fields
sub	Subtract two fields
mul	Multiply two fields
div	Divide two fields
min	Minimum of two fields
max	Maximum of two fields
atan2	Arc tangent of two fields
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
monadd	Add monthly time series
monsub	Subtract monthly time series
monmul	Multiply monthly time series
mondiv	Divide monthly time series
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
yhouradd	Add multi-year hourly time series
yhoursub	Subtract multi-year hourly time series
yhourmul	Multiply multi-year hourly time series
yhourdiv	Divide multi-year hourly time series
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
ydayadd	Add multi-year daily time series
ydaysub	Subtract multi-year daily time series
ydaymul	Multiply multi-year daily time series
ydaydiv	Divide multi-year daily time series
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
ymonadd	Add multi-year monthly time series
ymonsub	Subtract multi-year monthly time series
ymommul	Multiply multi-year monthly time series
ymondiv	Divide multi-year monthly time series
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
yseasadd	Add multi-year seasonal time series
yseassub	Subtract multi-year seasonal time series
yseasmul	Multiply multi-year seasonal time series
yseasdiv	Divide multi-year seasonal time series
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
mulpdm	Multiply with days per month
divdpdm	Divide by days per month
mulpdy	Multiply with days per year
divdpdy	Divide by days per year
<operator> ifile ofile	
dayonadd	Add daily time series
dayonsub	Subtract daily time series
dayonmul	Multiply daily time series
dayondiv	Divide daily time series
<operator> ifile ofile	
dayonpctl	Daily percentiles
dayonpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
mononadd	Monthly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
mononpctl	Monthly percentiles
mononpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
yearmonmean	Yearly mean from monthly data
yearmonmean ifile ofile	
year<stat>	Yearly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
yearpctl	Yearly percentiles
yearpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
seas<stat>	Seasonal statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
seaspctl	Seasonal percentiles
seaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
yhour<stat>	Multi-year hourly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
yday<stat>	Multi-year daily statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
ydaypctl	Multi-year daily percentiles
ydaypctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
ymon<stat>	Multi-year monthly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
ymonpctl	Multi-year monthly percentiles
ymonpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
yseas<stat>	Multi-year seasonal statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
yseaspctl	Multi-year seasonal percentiles
yseaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	

Arithmetic

expr	Evaluate expressions
expr,instr ifile ofile	
exprf	Evaluate expressions script
exprf,filename ifile ofile	
aexpr	Evaluate expressions and append results
aexpr,instr ifile ofile	
aexprf	Evaluate expression script and append results
aexprf,filename ifile ofile	
abs	Absolute value
int	Integer value
nint	Nearest integer value
pow	Power
sqr	Square
sqrt	Square root
exp	Exponential
ln	Natural logarithm
log10	Base 10 logarithm
sin	Sine
cos	Cosine
tan	Tangent
asin	Arc sine
acos	Arc cosine
reci	Reciprocal value
<operator> ifile ofile	
adde	Add a constant
subc	Subtract a constant
multc	Multiply with a constant
divc	Divide by a constant
<operator>,c ifile ofile	

add	Add two fields
sub	Subtract two fields
mul	Multiply two fields
div	Divide two fields
min	Minimum of two fields
max	Maximum of two fields
atan2	Arc tangent of two fields
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
monadd	Add monthly time series
monsun	Subtract monthly time series
monmul	Multiply monthly time series
mondiv	Divide monthly time series
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
yhouradd	Add multi-year hourly time series
yhoursun	Subtract multi-year hourly time series
yhourmul	Multiply multi-year hourly time series
yhourdiv	Divide multi-year hourly time series
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
ydayadd	Add multi-year daily time series
ydaysun	Subtract multi-year daily time series
ydaymul	Multiply multi-year daily time series
ydaydiv	Divide multi-year daily time series
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
ymonadd	Add multi-year monthly time series
ymonsun	Subtract multi-year monthly time series
ymommul	Multiply multi-year monthly time series
ymondiv	Divide multi-year monthly time series
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
yseasadd	Add multi-year seasonal time series
yseassun	Subtract multi-year seasonal time series
yseasmul	Multiply multi-year seasonal time series
yseasdiv	Divide multi-year seasonal time series
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
mulpdm	Multiply with days per month
divdpdm	Divide by days per month
mulpdy	Multiply with days per year
divdpdy	Divide by days per year
<operator> ifile ofile	
dayonadd	Add daily time series
dayonsub	Subtract daily time series
dayonmul	Multiply daily time series
dayondiv	Divide daily time series
<operator> ifile ofile	
mononadd	Monthly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
mononpctl	Monthly percentiles
mononpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
yearmonmean	Yearly mean from monthly data
yearmonmean ifile ofile	
year<stat>	Yearly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
yearpctl	Yearly percentiles
yearpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
seas<stat>	Seasonal statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
seaspctl	Seasonal percentiles
seaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
yhour<stat>	Multi-year hourly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
yday<stat>	Multi-year daily statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
ydaypctl	Multi-year daily percentiles
ydaypctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
ymon<stat>	Multi-year monthly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
ymonpctl	Multi-year monthly percentiles
ymonpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
yseas<stat>	Multi-year seasonal statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
yseaspctl	Multi-year seasonal percentiles
yseaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	

Statistical values	
Available statistical functions	<stat>
minimum	min
maximum	max
sum	sum
mean	mean
average	avg
variance	var, var1
standard deviation	std, std1
consets	
<operator> ifile ofile	
ens<stat>	
<operator> ifiles ofile	
enspctl	Ensemble percentiles
enspctl,p ifiles ofile	
ensrkhistspace	Ranked Histogram averaged over time
ensrkhisttime	Ranked Histogram averaged over space
ensroc	Ensemble Receiver Operating characteristics
<operator> obsfile ensfiles ofile	
enscrps	Ensemble CRPS and decomposition
enscrps rfile ifiles filebase	
ensbtrs	Ensemble Brier score
ensbtrs,x rfile ifiles filebase	
fld<stat>	Statistical values over a field
<operator> ifile ofile	
fldpctl	Field percentiles
fldpctl,p ifile ofile	

zon<stat>	Zonal statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
zonpctl	Zonal percentiles
zonpctl,p ifile ofile	
mer<stat>	Meridional statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
merpctl	Meridional percentiles
merpctl,p ifile ofile	
gridbox<stat>	Statistical values over grid boxes
<operator>,nx,ny ifile ofile	
vert<stat>	Vertical statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
timsel<stat>	Time range statistical values
<operator>,nsets,[noffset],[nskip] ifile ofile	
timselpctl	Time range percentiles
timselpctl,p,nsets,[noffset],[nskip] ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
run<stat>	Running statistical values
<operator>,nts ifile ofile	
runpctl	Running percentiles
runpctl,p,nts ifile ofile	
tim<stat>	Statistical values over all timesteps
<operator> ifile ofile	
impctl	Time percentiles
impctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
hour<stat>	Hourly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
hourpctl	Hourly percentiles
hourpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
day<stat>	Daily statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
daypctl	Daily percentiles
daypctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
mon<stat>	Monthly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
monpctl	Monthly percentiles
monpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
yearmonmean	Yearly mean from monthly data
yearmonmean ifile ofile	
year<stat>	Yearly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
yearpctl	Yearly percentiles
yearpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
seas<stat>	Seasonal statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
seaspctl	Seasonal percentiles
seaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
yhour<stat>	Multi-year hourly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
yday<stat>	Multi-year daily statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
ydaypctl	Multi-year daily percentiles
ydaypctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
ymon<stat>	Multi-year monthly statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
ymonpctl	Multi-year monthly percentiles
ymonpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
yseas<stat>	Multi-year seasonal statistical values
<operator> ifile ofile	
yseaspctl	Multi-year seasonal percentiles
yseaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	

ydrun<stat>	Multi-year daily running statistical values
<operator>,nts ifile ofile	
ydrunpctl	Multi-year daily running percentiles
ydrunpctl,p,nts ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
Correlation and co.	
fldcor	Correlation in grid space
fldcor ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
timcor	Correlation over time
timcor ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
fldcovar	Covariance in grid space
fldcovar ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
timcovar	Covariance over time
timcovar ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
Regression	
regres	Regression
regres ifile ofile	
detrend	Detrend
detrend ifile ofile	
trend	Trend
trend ifile ofile1 ofile2	
subtrend	Subtract trend
subtrend ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
EOFs	
eof	Calculate EOFs in spatial or time space
eotime	Calculate EOFs in time space
eofspatial	Calculate EOFs in spatial space
eof3d	Calculate 3-Dimensional EOFs in time space
<operator>,neof ifile ofile1 ofile2	
eofcoeff	Calculate principal coefficients of EOFs
eofcoeff ifile1 ifile2 obase	
Interpolation	
remapbil	Bilinear interpolation
genbil	Generate bilinear interpolation weights
<operator>,grid ifile ofile	
remapbic	Bicubic interpolation
genbic	Generate bicubic interpolation weights
<operator>,grid ifile ofile	
remapnm	Nearest neighbor remapping
gennm	Generate nearest neighbor remap weights
<operator>,grid ifile ofile	
remapdis	Distance-weighted average remapping
remapdis,grid,[neighbors] ifile ofile	
gendis	Generate distance-weighted average remap weights
gendis,grid ifile ofile	
remapyoncon	First order conservative remapping
genyoncon	Generate 1st order conservative remap weights
<operator>,grid ifile ofile	
remapcon	First order conservative remapping
gencon	Generate 1st order conservative remap weights
<operator>,grid ifile ofile	
remapcon2	Second order conservative remapping
remapcon2,grid ifile ofile	
gencon2	Generate 2nd order conservative remap weights
gencon2,grid2 ifile ofile	
remaplafl	Largest area fraction remapping
genlafl	Generate largest area fraction remap weights
<operator>,grid ifile ofile	

remap	Grid remapping
remap,grid,weights ifile ofile	
remapeta	Remap vertical hybrid level
remapeta,vct[,oro] ifile ofile	
ml2pl	Model to pressure level interpolation
ml2pl,plevels ifile ofile	
ml2hl	Model to height level interpolation
ml2hl,hlevels ifile ofile	
ap2pl	Model to pressure level interpolation
ap2pl,plevels ifile ofile	
intlevel	Linear level interpolation
intlevel,levels ifile ofile	
intlevel3d	Linear level interpolation onto a 3d vertical coordinate like intlevel3d but with extrapolation
<operator>,icoordinate ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
inttime	Interpolation between timesteps
inttime,date,time[,inc] ifile ofile	
intntime	Interpolation between timesteps
intntime,n ifile ofile	
intyear	Interpolation between two years
intyear,years ifile1 ifile2 obase	

Transformation

sp2gp	Spectral to gridpoint
sp2gpl	Spectral to gridpoint (linear)
gp2sp	Gridpoint to spectral
gp2spl	Gridpoint to spectral (linear)
<operator> ifile ofile	
sp2sp	Spectral to spectral
sp2sp,trunc ifile ofile	
dv2uv	Divergence and vorticity to U and V wind
dv2uvl	Divergence and vorticity to U and V wind (linear)
uv2dv	U and V wind to divergence and vorticity
uv2dvl	U and V wind to divergence and vorticity (linear)
dv2ps	D and V to velocity potential and stream function
<operator> ifile ofile	

Import/Export

import_binary	Import binary data sets
import_binary ifile ofile	
import_cmsaf	Import CM-SAF HDF5 files
import_cmsaf ifile ofile	
import_amsr	Import AMSR binary files
import_amsr ifile ofile	
input	ASCII input
input,grid ofile	
inputsrv	SERVICE ASCII input
inputtext	EXTRA ASCII input
<operator> ofile	
output	ASCII output
output ifiles	
outputf	Formatted output
outputf,format[,nelem] ifiles	
outputint	Integer output
outputsrv	SERVICE ASCII output
outputtext	EXTRA ASCII output
<operator> ifiles	
outputtab	Table output
outputtab,params ifiles ofile	
strwin	Strong wind days index per time period
strwin[,v] ifile ofile	
strbre	Strong breeze days index per time period
strbre ifile ofile	
strgal	Strong gale days index per time period
strgal ifile ofile	
hurr	Hurricane days index per time period
hurr ifile ofile	

Miscellaneous

gradsdes	GrADS data descriptor file
gradsdes[,mapversion] ifile	