

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
-h	Grid or file name
-M	Grid names: r<NX>x<NY>, n<N>, gme<NI>
-m <missval>	Help information for the operators
-o	Indicate that the I/O streams have missing values
-O	Set the default missing value (default: -9e+33)
-R	Override existing output file, if checked
-r	Convert GRIB1 data from reduced to regular grid
-s	Generate a relative time axis
-t <table>	Silent mode
-v	Set the parameter table name or file
-V	Predefined tables: echam4 echam5 mpiom1
-w	Print the version number
-z szip	Print extra details for some operators
	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
splitzaxis	Split z-axes
splittabnum	Split parameter table numbers
<operator>[,swap] ifile obase	
splithour	Split hours
splitday	Split days
splitseas	Split seasons
splityear	Split years
<operator> ifile obase	
splitmon	Split months
splitmon[,format] ifile obase	
splitsel	Split time selection
splitsel[,nssets[,noffset[,nskip]]] ifile obase	

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
delcode	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	
selltype	Select GRIB level types
selltype[,ltypes] ifile ofile	
seltabnum	Select parameter table numbers
seltabnum[,tabnums] ifile ofile	

sel timestep	Select timesteps
sel timestep,timesteps	ifile ofile
sel time	Select times
sel time,times	ifile ofile
sel hour	Select hours
sel hour,hours	ifile ofile
sel day	Select days
sel day,days	ifile ofile
sel month	Select months
sel month,months	ifile ofile
sel year	Select years
sel year,years	ifile ofile
sel seas	Select seasons
sel seas,seasons	ifile ofile
sel date	Select dates
sel date,date1[,date2]	ifile ofile
sel mon	Select single month
sel mon,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

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
chlevelc	Change level of one code
chlevelc,code,oldlev,newlev	ifile ofile
chlevlev	Change level of one variable
chlevlev,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
setgatt	Set global attribute
setgatt,attname,attstring	ifile ofile
setgatts	Set global attributes
setgatts,attfile	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

Conditional selection

ifthen	If then
ifnotthen	If not then
<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
ifthenelse	If then else
ifthenelse ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
ifthenC	If then constant
ifnotthenC	If not then constant
<operator>[,c] ifile ofile	

Comparison

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

eqc	Equal constant
nec	Not equal constant
lec	Less equal constant
ltc	Less than constant
gec	Greater equal constant
gtc	Greater than constant
<operator>[,c] ifile ofile	

Modification

setpartabp	Set parameter table
setpartabn	Set parameter table
<operator>[,table]	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

setmissval	Set a new missing value
setmissval,newmiss ifile ofile	
setctomiss	Set constant to missing value
setmisstoC	Set missing value to constant
<operator>,c ifile ofile	
setrtomiss	Set range to missing value
setvrange	Set valid range
<operator>,rmin,rmax ifile ofile	

Arithmetic

expr	Evaluate expressions
expr,instr ifile ofile	
exprf	Evaluate expressions from script file
exprf,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	
addc	Add a constant
subc	Subtract a constant
mulc	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
monsub	Subtract monthly time series
monmul	Multiply monthly time series
mondiv	Divide monthly 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	
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	
muldpn	Multiply with days per month
divdpn	Divide by days per month
muldpv	Multiply with days per year
divdpv	Divide by days per year
<operator> ifile ofile	

Statistical values

Available statistical functions	<stat>
minimum	min
maximum	max
sum	sum
mean	mean
average	avg
variance	var, var1
standard deviation	std, std1

consects	Consecutive Timesteps
<operator> ifile ofile	

ens<stat>	Statistical values over an ensemble
<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 ofilebase	

ensbtrs	Ensemble Brier score
ensbtrs,x rfile ifiles ofilebase	

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]] ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 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 ifile1 ofile	

tim<stat>	Statistical values over all timesteps
<operator> ifile ofile	

timpctl	Time percentiles
timpctl,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 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	

ydaypctl	Multi-year daily percentiles
ydaypctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	

ysmonpctl	Multi-year monthly percentiles
ysmonpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	

ysmonadd	Add multi-year monthly time series
ysmonsus	Subtract multi-year monthly time series
ysmonmul	Multiply multi-year monthly time series
ysmondiv	Divide multi-year monthly time series

output	ASCII output
output ifiles	Formatted output
outpuft	Formatted output
outpuft,format[,nelem] ifiles	
outputint	Integer output
outputsrv	SERVICE ASCII output
outputtext	EXTRA ASCII output
<operator> ifiles	

strgal	Strong gale days index per time period
strgal ifile ofile	
hurr	Hurricane days index per time period
hurr ifile ofile	
fillmiss	Fill missing values
fillmiss ifile ofile	
fillmiss2	Fill missing values
fillmiss2[,maxiter] ifile ofile	

Miscellaneous

gradsdes	GrADS data descriptor file
gradsdes[,mapversion] ifile	
bandpass	Bandpass filtering
bandpass,fmin,fmax ifile ofile	
lowpass	Lowpass filtering
lowpass,fmax ifile ofile	
highpass	Highpass filtering
highpass,fmin ifile ofile	
gridarea	Grid cell area
gridweights	Grid cell weights
<operator> ifile ofile	
smooth9	9 point smoothing
smooth9 ifile ofile	
setvals	Set list of old values to new values
setvals,oldval,newval[,...] ifile ofile	
setrtoc	Set range to constant
setrtoc,rmin,rmax,c ifile ofile	
setrtoc2	Set range to constant others to constant2
setrtoc2,rmin,rmax,c,c2 ifile ofile	
timsort	Sort over the time
timsort ifile ofile	
const	Create a constant field
const,const,grid ifile	
random	Create a field with random numbers
random,grid[,seed] ofile	
stdatm	Create values for pressure and temperature for hydr
stdatm,levels ofile	
rotuvb	Backward rotation
rotuvb,u,v,... ifile ofile	
mastrfu	Mass stream function
mastrfu ifile ofile	
sealevelpressur	Sea level pressure
sealevelpressure ifile ofile	
adisit	Potential temperature to in-situ temperature
adisit[,pressure] ifile ofile	
adipot	In-situ temperature to potential temperature
adipot ifile ofile	
rhopot	Calculates potential density
rhopot[,pressure] ifile ofile	
histcount	Histogram count
histsum	Histogram sum
histmean	Histogram mean
histfreq	Histogram frequency
<operator>,bounds ifile ofile	
sethalo	Set the left and right bounds of a field
sethalo,llhalo,rhalo ifile ofile	
wct	Windchill temperature
wct ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
fdns	Frost days where no snow index per time period
fdns ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
strwin	Strong wind days index per time period
strwin[,v] ifile ofile	
strbre	Strong breeze days index per time period
strbre ifile ofile	

Climate indices

eca_rx5day	Highest five-day precipitation amount per time period
eca_rx5day[,x] ifile ofile	
eca_sdii	Simple daily intensity index per time period
eca_sdii[,R] ifile ofile	
eca_su	Summer days index per time period
eca_su[,T] ifile ofile	
eca_tg10p	Cold days percent wrt 10th percentile of reference period
eca_tg10p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_tg90p	Warm days percent wrt 90th percentile of reference period
eca_tg90p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_tn10p	Cold nights percent wrt 10th percentile of reference period
eca_tn10p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_tn90p	Warm nights percent wrt 90th percentile of reference period
eca_tn90p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_tr	Tropical nights index per time period
eca_tr[,T] ifile ofile	
eca_tx10p	Very cold days percent wrt 10th percentile of reference period
eca_tx10p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_tx90p	Very warm days percent wrt 90th percentile of reference period
eca_tx90p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_cdd	Consecutive dry days index per time period
eca_cdd[,R] ifile ofile	
eca_cfd	Consecutive frost days index per time period
eca_cfd ifile ofile	
eca_csu	Consecutive summer days index per time period
eca_csu[,T] ifile ofile	
eca_cwd	Consecutive wet days index per time period
eca_cwd[,R] ifile ofile	
eca_cwdi	Cold wave duration index wrt mean of reference per
eca_cwdi[,nday[,T]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_cwfi	Cold-spell days index wrt 10th percentile of referenc
eca_cwfi[,nday] ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_etr	Intra-period extreme temperature range
eca_etr ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_fd	Frost days index per time period
eca_fd ifile ofile	
eca_gsl	Growing season length index
eca_gsl[,nday[,T[,fand]]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_hd	Heating degree days per time period
eca_hd[,T1[,T2]] ifile ofile	
eca_hwdi	Heat wave duration index wrt mean of reference per
eca_hwdi[,nday[,T]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_hwfi	Warm spell days index wrt 90th percentile of referen
eca_hwfi[,nday] ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_id	Ice days index per time period
eca_id ifile ofile	
eca_r75p	Moderate wet days wrt 75th percentile of reference
eca_r75p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_r75ptot	Precipitation percent due to R75p days
eca_r75ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_r90p	Wet days wrt 90th percentile of reference period
eca_r90p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_r90ptot	Precipitation percent due to R90p days
eca_r90ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_r95p	Very wet days wrt 95th percentile of reference period
eca_r95p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_r95ptot	Precipitation percent due to R95p days
eca_r95ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_r99p	Extremely wet days wrt 99th percentile of reference
eca_r99p ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_r99ptot	Precipitation percent due to R99p days
eca_r99ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_pd	Precipitation days index per time period
eca_pd,x ifile ofile	
eca_r10mm	Heavy precipitation days index per time period
eca_r20mm	Very heavy precipitation days index per time period
<operator> ifile ofile	
eca_rr1	Wet days index per time period
eca_rr1[,R] ifile ofile	
eca_rx1day	Highest one day precipitation amount per time perio
eca_rx1day[,mode] ifile ofile	