

# 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	

### 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

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	
seltabnum	Select parameter table numbers
seltabnum,tabnums 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	



<b>output</b>	ASCII output
<b>output ifiles</b>	Formatted output
<b>outputf</b>	Formatted output
<b>outputf,[nelem] ifiles</b>	
<b>outputint</b>	Integer output
<b>outputsrv</b>	SERVICE ASCII output
<b>outputtext</b>	EXTRA ASCII output
<b>&lt;operator&gt; ifiles</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
<b>gradsdes</b>	GrADS data descriptor file
<b>gradsdes,[mapversion] ifile</b>	
<b>bandpass</b>	Bandpass filtering
<b>bandpass,fmin,fmax ifile ofile</b>	
<b>lowpass</b>	Lowpass filtering
<b>lowpass,fmax ifile ofile</b>	
<b>highpass</b>	Highpass filtering
<b>highpass,fmin ifile ofile</b>	
<b>gridarea</b>	Grid cell area
<b>gridweights</b>	Grid cell weights
<b>&lt;operator&gt; ifile ofile</b>	
<b>smooth9</b>	9 point smoothing
<b>smooth9 ifile ofile</b>	
<b>setvals</b>	Set list of old values to new values
<b>setvals,oldval,newval[...] ifile ofile</b>	
<b>setrtoc</b>	Set range to constant
<b>setrtoc,rmin,rmax,c ifile ofile</b>	
<b>setrtoc2</b>	Set range to constant others to constant2
<b>setrtoc2,rmin,rmax,c,c2 ifile ofile</b>	
<b>timsort</b>	Sort over the time
<b>timsort ifile ofile</b>	
<b>const</b>	Create a constant field
<b>const,const,grid ifile</b>	
<b>random</b>	Create a field with random numbers
<b>random,grid,[seed] ofile</b>	
<b>stdatm</b>	Create values for pressure and temperature for hydr
<b>stdatm,levels ofile</b>	
<b>rotuvb</b>	Backward rotation
<b>rotuvb,u,v,... ifile ofile</b>	
<b>mastrfu</b>	Mass stream function
<b>mastrfu ifile ofile</b>	
<b>adisit</b>	Potential temperature to in-situ temperature
<b>adisit,[pressure] ifile ofile</b>	
<b>adipot</b>	In-situ temperature to potential temperature
<b>adipot ifile ofile</b>	
<b>rhopot</b>	Calculates potential density
<b>rhopot,[pressure] ifile ofile</b>	
<b>histcount</b>	Histogram count
<b>histsum</b>	Histogram sum
<b>histmean</b>	Histogram mean
<b>histfreq</b>	Histogram frequency
<b>&lt;operator&gt;,bounds ifile ofile</b>	
<b>sethalo</b>	Set the left and right bounds of a field
<b>sethalo,lhalo,rhalo ifile ofile</b>	
<b>wct</b>	Windchill temperature
<b>wct ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>fdns</b>	Frost days where no snow index per time period
<b>fdns ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>strwin</b>	Strong wind days index per time period
<b>strwin,[v] ifile ofile</b>	
<b>strbre</b>	Strong breeze days index per time period
<b>strbre ifile ofile</b>	
<b>strgal</b>	Strong gale days index per time period
<b>strgal ifile ofile</b>	
<b>hurr</b>	Hurricane days index per time period
<b>hurr ifile ofile</b>	
<b>fillmiss</b>	Fill missing values
<b>fillmiss ifile ofile</b>	
<b>fillmiss2</b>	Fill missing values
<b>fillmiss2,[maxiter] ifile ofile</b>	
<b>Climate indices</b>	
<b>eca_cdd</b>	Consecutive dry days index per time period
<b>eca_cdd,[R] ifile ofile</b>	
<b>eca_cfd</b>	Consecutive frost days index per time period
<b>eca_cfd ifile ofile</b>	
<b>eca_csu</b>	Consecutive summer days index per time period
<b>eca_csu,[T] ifile ofile</b>	
<b>eca_cwd</b>	Consecutive wet days index per time period
<b>eca_cwd,[R] ifile ofile</b>	
<b>eca_cwdi</b>	Cold wave duration index wrt mean of reference per
<b>eca_cwdi,[nday],[T] ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_cwfi</b>	Cold spell days index wrt 10th percentile of reference
<b>eca_cwfi,[nday] ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_etr</b>	Intra-period extreme temperature range
<b>eca_etr ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_fd</b>	Frost days index per time period
<b>eca_fd ifile ofile</b>	
<b>eca_gsl</b>	Growing season length index
<b>eca_gsl,[nday],[T],[fand]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_hd</b>	Heating degree days per time period
<b>eca_hd,[T1],[T2] ifile ofile</b>	
<b>eca_hwdi</b>	Heat wave duration index wrt mean of reference per
<b>eca_hwdi,[nday],[T] ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_hwfi</b>	Warm spell days index wrt 90th percentile of referen
<b>eca_hwfi,[nday] ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_id</b>	Ice days index per time period
<b>eca_id ifile ofile</b>	
<b>eca_r75p</b>	Moderate wet days wrt 75th percentile of reference
<b>eca_r75p ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_r75ptot</b>	Precipitation percent due to R75p days
<b>eca_r75ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_r90p</b>	Wet days wrt 90th percentile of reference period
<b>eca_r90p ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_r90ptot</b>	Precipitation percent due to R90p days
<b>eca_r90ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_r95p</b>	Very wet days wrt 95th percentile of reference period
<b>eca_r95p ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_r95ptot</b>	Precipitation percent due to R95p days
<b>eca_r95ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_r99p</b>	Extremely wet days wrt 99th percentile of reference
<b>eca_r99p ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_r99ptot</b>	Precipitation percent due to R99p days
<b>eca_r99ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile</b>	
<b>eca_pd</b>	Precipitation days index per time period
<b>eca_pd,x ifile ofile</b>	
<b>eca_r10mm</b>	Heavy precipitation days index per time period
<b>eca_r20mm</b>	Very heavy precipitation days index per time period
<b>&lt;operator&gt; ifile ofile</b>	
<b>eca_rr1</b>	Wet days index per time period
<b>eca_rr1,[R] ifile ofile</b>	
<b>eca_rx1day</b>	Highest one day precipitation amount per time peric
<b>eca_rx1day,[model] ifile ofile</b>	
<b>eca_rx5day</b>	Highest five-day precipitation amount per time peric
<b>eca_rx5day,[x] ifile ofile</b>	