

# CDO Reference Card

Climate Data Operators  
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## Syntax

cdo [Options] Operators

## Options

-a	Convert from a relative to an absolute time axis
-b <nbits>	Set the number of bits for the output precision (4/8 for nc, nc2, srv, ext; 1/2/3 for grb)
-f <format>	Output file format (grb, nc, nc2, srv, ext, ieg)
-g <grid>	Grid name or file Available grids: t<RES>grid, r<NX>x<NY>
-h	Help information for the operators
-m <missval>	Set the default missing value (default: -9e+33)
-R	Convert GRIB data from reduced to regular grid
-r	Convert from an absolute to a relative time axis
-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

## Operators

### Information

info	Dataset information listed by code number
infov	Dataset information listed by variable name
map	Dataset information and simple map
Syntax	<operator> ifiles
sinfo	Short dataset information listed by code number
sinfov	Short dataset information listed by variable name
Syntax	<operator> ifile
diff	Compare two datasets listed by code number
diffv	Compare two datasets listed by variable name
Syntax	<operator> ifile1 ifile2
ncode	Number of codes
nvar	Number of variables
nlevel	Number of levels
nyear	Number of years
nmon	Number of months
ndate	Number of dates
ntime	Number of time steps
Syntax	<operator> ifile
showcode	Show codes
showvar	Show variable names
showstdname	Show standard names
showlevel	Show levels
showyear	Show years
showmon	Show months
showdate	Show dates
showtime	Show time steps
Syntax	<operator> ifile
vardes	Variable description
griddes	Grid description
vct	Vertical coordinate table
Syntax	<operator> ifile

## File operations

copy	Copy datasets
cat	Concatenate datasets
Syntax	<operator> ifiles ofile
replace	Replace variables
Syntax	replace ifile1 ifile2 ofile
merge	Merge datasets with different fields
mergetime	Merge datasets sorted by date and time
Syntax	<operator> ifiles ofile

splitcode	Split codes
splitvar	Split variables
splitlevel	Split levels
splitgrid	Split grids
splitzaxis	Split zaxis
splitrec	Split records
Syntax	<operator> ifile oprefix

splithour	Split hours
splitday	Split days
splitmon	Split months
splitseas	Split seasons
splityear	Split years
Syntax	<operator> ifile oprefix

## Selection

selcode	Select codes
delcode	Delete codes
Syntax	<operator>,codes ifile ofile
selvar	Select variables
delvar	Delete variables
Syntax	<operator>,vars ifile ofile
selstdname	Select standard names
Syntax	selstdname,stdnames ifile ofile
sellevel	Select levels
Syntax	sellevel,levels ifile ofile
selgrid	Select grids
Syntax	selgrid,grids ifile ofile
selgridname	Select grids by name
Syntax	selgridname,gridnames ifile ofile
selzaxis	Select zaxes
Syntax	selzaxis,zaxes ifile ofile
selzaxisname	Select zaxes by name
Syntax	selzaxisname,zaxisnames ifile ofile
seltabnum	Select parameter table numbers
Syntax	seltabnum,tabnums ifile ofile
selrec	Select records
Syntax	selrec,records ifile ofile
sel timestep	Select time steps
Syntax	sel timestep,timesteps ifile ofile
sel time	Select times
Syntax	sel time,times ifile ofile
sel hour	Select hours
Syntax	sel hour,hours ifile ofile
sel day	Select days
Syntax	sel day,days ifile ofile
sel mon	Select months
Syntax	sel mon,months ifile ofile
sel year	Select years
Syntax	sel year,years ifile ofile
sel seas	Select seasons
Syntax	sel seas,seasons ifile ofile
sel date	Select dates
Syntax	sel date,date1[,date2] ifile ofile
sellonlatbox	Select a longitude/latitude box
Syntax	sellonlatbox,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2 ifile ofile
selindexbox	Select an index box
Syntax	selindexbox,idx1,idx2,idy1,idy2 ifile ofile

## Conditional selection

ifthen	If then
ifnotthen	If not then
Syntax	<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile
ifthenelse	If then else
Syntax	ifthenelse ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile
ifthenc	If then constant
ifnotthenc	If not then constant
Syntax	<operator>,c ifile ofile

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

eqc	Equal constant
neq	Not equal constant
lec	Less equal constant
ltc	Less than constant
gec	Greater equal constant
gtc	Greater than constant
Syntax	<operator>,c ifile ofile

## Modification

setpartab	Set parameter table
Syntax	setpartab,table ifile ofile
setcode	Set code number
Syntax	setcode,code ifile ofile
setvar	Set variable name
Syntax	setvar,name ifile ofile
setlevel	Set level
Syntax	setlevel,level ifile ofile
setdate	Set date
Syntax	setdate,date ifile ofile
settime	Set time
Syntax	settime,time ifile ofile
setday	Set day
Syntax	setday,day ifile ofile
setmon	Set month
Syntax	setmon,month ifile ofile
setyear	Set year
Syntax	setyear,year ifile ofile
settunits	Set time units
Syntax	settunits,units ifile ofile
settaxis	Set time axis
Syntax	settaxis,date,time[,inc] ifile ofile
setreftime	Set reference time
Syntax	setreftime,date,time ifile ofile
setcalendar	Set calendar
Syntax	setcalendar,calendar ifile ofile
shifttime	Shift time steps
Syntax	shifttime,sval ifile ofile
chcode	Change code number
Syntax	chcode,oldcode,newcode[,...] ifile ofile
chvar	Change variable name
Syntax	chvar,ovar,nvar,... ifile ofile
chlevel	Change level
Syntax	chlevel,oldlev,newlev,... ifile ofile
chlevelc	Change level of one code
Syntax	chlevelc,code,oldlev,newlev ifile ofile
chlevelv	Change level of one variable
Syntax	chlevelv,var,oldlev,newlev ifile ofile

setgrid	Set grid
Syntax	setgrid,grid ifile ofile
setgridtype	Set grid type
Syntax	setgridtype,gridtype ifile ofile
setzaxis	Set zaxis
Syntax	setzaxis,zaxis ifile ofile
setgatt	Set global attribute
Syntax	setgatt,attname,attstring ifile ofile
setgatts	Set global attributes
Syntax	setgatts,attfile ifile ofile

invertlat	Invert latitude
invertlon	Invert longitude
invertlatdes	Invert latitude description
invertlondes	Invert longitude description
invertlatdata	Invert latitude data
invertlondata	Invert longitude data
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

masklonlatbox	Mask a longitude/latitude box
Syntax	masklonlatbox,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2 ifile ofile
maskindexbox	Mask an index box
Syntax	maskindexbox,idx1,idx2,idy1,idy2 ifile ofile
setclonlatbox	Set a longitude/latitude box to constant
Syntax	setclonlatbox,c,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2 ifile ofile
setcindexbox	Set an index box to constant
Syntax	setcindexbox,c,idx1,idx2,idy1,idy2 ifile ofile
enlarge	Enlarge fields
Syntax	enlarge,grid ifile ofile

setmissval	Set a new missing value
Syntax	setmissval,miss ifile ofile
setctomiss	Set constant to missing value
Syntax	setctomiss
setmisstoc	Set missing value to constant
Syntax	<operator>,c ifile ofile
setrtomiss	Set range to missing value
Syntax	setrtomiss,rmin,rmax ifile ofile

expr	Evaluate expressions
Syntax	expr,instr ifile ofile
exprf	Evaluate expressions from script file
Syntax	exprf,filename ifile ofile
abs	Absolute value
sqrt	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
atan	Arc tangent
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile

addc	Add a constant
subc	Subtract a constant
mulc	Multiply with a constant
divc	Divide by a constant
Syntax	<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
Syntax	<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile

<b>ymonadd</b>	Add multi-year monthly time average
<b>ymonsub</b>	Subtract multi-year monthly time average
<b>ymonmul</b>	Multiply multi-year monthly time average
<b>ymondiv</b>	Divide multi-year monthly time average
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile1} \text{ ifile2 } \text{ofile}$
<b>muldpm</b>	Multiply with days per month
<b>divdpm</b>	Divide by days per month
<b>muldy</b>	Multiply with days per year
<b>divdy</b>	Divide by days per year
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>Statistical values</b>	
<b>ensmin</b>	Ensemble minimum
<b>ensmax</b>	Ensemble maximum
<b>enssum</b>	Ensemble sum
<b>ensmean</b>	Ensemble mean
<b>ensavg</b>	Ensemble average
<b>ensstd</b>	Ensemble standard deviation
<b>ensvar</b>	Ensemble variance
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifiles } \text{ofile}$
<b>fldmin</b>	Field minimum
<b>fldmax</b>	Field maximum
<b>fldsum</b>	Field sum
<b>fldmean</b>	Field mean
<b>fldavg</b>	Field average
<b>fldstd</b>	Field standard deviation
<b>fldvar</b>	Field variance
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>zonmin</b>	Zonal minimum
<b>zonmax</b>	Zonal maximum
<b>zonsum</b>	Zonal sum
<b>zonmean</b>	Zonal mean
<b>zonavg</b>	Zonal average
<b>zonstd</b>	Zonal standard deviation
<b>zonvar</b>	Zonal variance
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>mermin</b>	Meridional minimum
<b>mermax</b>	Meridional maximum
<b>mersum</b>	Meridional sum
<b>mermean</b>	Meridional mean
<b>meravg</b>	Meridional average
<b>merstd</b>	Meridional standard deviation
<b>mervar</b>	Meridional variance
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>vertmin</b>	Vertical minimum
<b>vertmax</b>	Vertical maximum
<b>vertsum</b>	Vertical sum
<b>vertmean</b>	Vertical mean
<b>vertavg</b>	Vertical average
<b>vertstd</b>	Vertical standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>selmin</b>	Time range minimum
<b>selmax</b>	Time range maximum
<b>selsum</b>	Time range sum
<b>selmean</b>	Time range mean
<b>selavg</b>	Time range average
<b>selstd</b>	Time range standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}>, \text{nsets}, [\text{noffset}, \text{nskip}] \text{ ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>runmin</b>	Running minimum
<b>runmax</b>	Running maximum
<b>runsum</b>	Running sum
<b>runmean</b>	Running mean
<b>runavg</b>	Running average
<b>runstd</b>	Running standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}>, \text{nts} \text{ ifile } \text{ofile}$

<b>timmin</b>	Time minimum
<b>timmax</b>	Time maximum
<b>timsum</b>	Time sum
<b>timmean</b>	Time mean
<b>timavg</b>	Time average
<b>timstd</b>	Time standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>hourmin</b>	Hourly minimum
<b>hourmax</b>	Hourly maximum
<b>hoursum</b>	Hourly sum
<b>hourmean</b>	Hourly mean
<b>houravg</b>	Hourly average
<b>hourstd</b>	Hourly standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>daymin</b>	Daily minimum
<b>daymax</b>	Daily maximum
<b>daysum</b>	Daily sum
<b>daymean</b>	Daily mean
<b>dayavg</b>	Daily average
<b>daystd</b>	Daily standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>monmin</b>	Monthly minimum
<b>monmax</b>	Monthly maximum
<b>monsum</b>	Monthly sum
<b>monmean</b>	Monthly mean
<b>monavg</b>	Monthly average
<b>monstd</b>	Monthly standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>yearmin</b>	Yearly minimum
<b>yearmax</b>	Yearly maximum
<b>yearsum</b>	Yearly sum
<b>yearmean</b>	Yearly mean
<b>yearavg</b>	Yearly average
<b>yearstd</b>	Yearly standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>seasmin</b>	Seasonally minimum
<b>seasmax</b>	Seasonally maximum
<b>seassum</b>	Seasonally sum
<b>seasmean</b>	Seasonally mean
<b>seasavg</b>	Seasonally average
<b>seasstd</b>	Seasonally standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>ydaymin</b>	Multi-year daily minimum
<b>ydaymax</b>	Multi-year daily maximum
<b>ydaymean</b>	Multi-year daily mean
<b>ydayavg</b>	Multi-year daily average
<b>ydaystd</b>	Multi-year daily standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>ymonmin</b>	Multi-year monthly minimum
<b>ymonmax</b>	Multi-year monthly maximum
<b>ymonmean</b>	Multi-year monthly mean
<b>ymonavg</b>	Multi-year monthly average
<b>ymonstd</b>	Multi-year monthly standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>yseasmin</b>	Multi-year seasonally minimum
<b>yseasmax</b>	Multi-year seasonally maximum
<b>yseasmean</b>	Multi-year seasonally mean
<b>yseasavg</b>	Multi-year seasonally average
<b>yseastd</b>	Multi-year seasonally standard deviation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>Regression</b>	
<b>detrend</b>	Detrend
Syntax	<b>detrend ifile ofile</b>
<b>trend</b>	Trend
Syntax	<b>trend ifile ofile1 ofile2</b>
<b>subtrend</b>	Subtract trend
Syntax	<b>subtrend ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile</b>

<b>Interpolation</b>	
<b>remapbil</b>	Bilinear interpolation
<b>remapbic</b>	Bicubic interpolation
<b>remapcon</b>	Conservative remapping
<b>remapidis</b>	Distance-weighted averaging
Syntax	$<\text{operator}>, \text{grid } \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>genbil</b>	Generate bilinear interpolation weights
<b>genbic</b>	Generate bicubic interpolation weights
<b>gencon</b>	Generate conservative interpolation weights
<b>gendis</b>	Generate distance-weighted averaging weights
Syntax	$<\text{operator}>, \text{grid } \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>remap</b>	SCRIP grid remapping
Syntax	<b>remap, grid, weights ifile ofile</b>
<b>interpolate</b>	PINGO grid interpolation
<b>intgridbil</b>	Bilinear grid interpolation
Syntax	$<\text{operator}>, \text{grid } \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>ml2pl</b>	Model to pressure level interpolation
Syntax	<b>ml2pl, plevels ifile ofile</b>
<b>ml2hl</b>	Model to height level interpolation
Syntax	<b>ml2hl, hlevels ifile ofile</b>
<b>inttime</b>	Time interpolation
Syntax	<b>inttime, date, time, [inc] ifile ofile</b>
<b>intyear</b>	Year interpolation
Syntax	<b>intyear, years ifile1 ifile2 oprefix</b>
<b>Transformation</b>	
<b>sp2gp</b>	Spectral to gridpoint
<b>sp2gpl</b>	Spectral to gridpoint linear
<b>gp2sp</b>	Gridpoint to spectral
<b>gp2spl</b>	Gridpoint to spectral linear
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>sp2sp</b>	Spectral to spectral
Syntax	<b>sp2sp, trunc ifile ofile</b>
<b>uv2dv</b>	U and V wind to divergence and vorticity
<b>dv2uv</b>	Divergence and vorticity to U and V wind
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifile } \text{ofile}$
<b>Formatted I/O</b>	
<b>input</b>	ASCII input
Syntax	<b>input, grid ofile</b>
<b>inputsrv</b>	SERVICE input
<b>inputext</b>	EXTRA input
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ofile}$
<b>output</b>	ASCII output
Syntax	<b>output ifiles</b>
<b>outputf</b>	Formatted output
Syntax	<b>outputf, format, nelem ifiles</b>
<b>outputint</b>	Integer output
<b>outputsrv</b>	SERVICE output
<b>outputext</b>	EXTRA output
Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ifiles}$
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
<b>timsort</b>	Sort over the time
Syntax	<b>timsort ifile ofile</b>
<b>const</b>	Create a constant field
Syntax	<b>const, const, grid ofile</b>
<b>random</b>	Create a field with random values
Syntax	<b>random, grid ofile</b>
<b>vardup</b>	Duplicate variables
Syntax	<b>vardup ifile ofile</b>
<b>varmul</b>	Multiply variables
Syntax	<b>varmul, nmul ifile ofile</b>