

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 (32/64 for nc, nc2, srv, ext, ieg; 1 - 32 for grb)
-f <format>	Output file format (grb, nc, nc2, srv, ext, ieg)
-g <grid>	Grid name or file Available grids: <x-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
-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	Compress GRIB records with szip

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> ifiles
diff	Compare two datasets listed by code number
diffv	Compare two datasets listed by variable name
Syntax	<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 time steps
Syntax	<operator> ifile
showformat	Show file format
showcode	Show code numbers
showname	Show variable names
showstdname	Show standard names
showlevel	Show levels
showltype	Show GRIB level types
showyear	Show years
showmon	Show months
showdate	Show dates
showtime	Show time steps
Syntax	<operator> ifile
pardes	Parameter description
griddes	Grid description
zaxisdes	Zaxis 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 code numbers
splitname	Split variable names
splitlevel	Split levels
splitgrid	Split grids
splitzaxis	Split zaxis
Syntax	<operator> ifile oprefix
splithour	Split hours
splitday	Split days
splitmon	Split months
splitseas	Split seasons
splityear	Split years
Syntax	<operator> ifile oprefix
splitsel	Split time selection
Syntax	splitsel,nsets[,noffset[,nskip]] ifile oprefix

Selection

selcode	Select variables by code number
delcode	Delete variables by code number
Syntax	<operator>,codes ifile ofile
selname	Select variables by name
delname	Delete variables by name
Syntax	<operator>,varnames ifile ofile
selstdname	Select variables by standard name
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
selltype	Select GRIB level types
Syntax	selltype,ltypes ifile ofile
seltabnum	Select parameter table numbers
Syntax	seltabnum,tabnums 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
sel mon	Select single month
Syntax	sel mon,month[,nts1[,nts2]] 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

chcode	Change code number
Syntax	chcode,oldcode,newcode[,...] ifile ofile
chname	Change variable name
Syntax	chname,ovar,nvar,... ifile ofile
chlevel	Change level
Syntax	chlevel,oldlev,newlev,... ifile ofile
chlevcl	Change level of one code
Syntax	chlevcl,code,oldlev,newlev ifile ofile
chlevlv	Change level of one variable
Syntax	chlevlv,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

maskregion	Mask regions
Syntax	maskregion,regions 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
settomiss	Set constant to missing value
Syntax	settomiss,constant ifile ofile
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
int	Integer value
nint	Nearest integer value
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
atan	Arc tangent

Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile
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Conditional selection

ifthen	If then
Syntax	If not then
<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

Comparison

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

Modification

setpartab	Set parameter table
Syntax	setpartab,table ifile ofile
setcode	Set code number
Syntax	setcode,code ifile ofile
setname	Set variable name
Syntax	setname,name ifile ofile
setlevel	Set level
Syntax	setlevel,level ifile ofile
setltype	Set GRIB level type
Syntax	setltype,ltype 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

addc	Add a constant		timptl	Time percentiles Syntax timptl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	genbil	Generate bilinear interpolation weights	setrtoc	Set range to constant Syntax setrtoc,rmin,rmax,c ifile ofile	
subc	Subtract a constant		hour<STAT>	Hourly statistical values Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	genbic	Generate bicubic interpolation weights	setrtoc2	Set range to constant others to constant2 Syntax setrtoc2,rmin,rmax,c,c2 ifile ofile	
mulf	Multiply with a constant		hourptl	Hourly percentiles Syntax hourptl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	gencon	Generate conservative interpolation weights	timsort	Sort over the time Syntax timsort ifile ofile	
divc	Divide by a constant	Syntax <operator>,c ifile ofile	day<STAT>	Daily statistical values Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	gendis	Generate distance-weighted averaging weights Syntax <operator>,grid ifile ofile	const	Create a constant field Syntax const,const,grid ofile	
add	Add two fields		dayptl	Daily percentiles Syntax dayptl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	remap	SCRIP grid remapping Syntax remap,grid,weights ifile ofile	random	Create a field with random values Syntax random,grid ofile	
sub	Subtract two fields		mon<STAT>	Monthly statistical values Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	interpolate	PINGO grid interpolation Syntax intgridbil <operator>,grid ifile ofile	rotuvb	Backward rotation Syntax rotuvb,u,... ifile ofile	
mul	Multiply two fields		monpctl	Monthly percentiles Syntax monpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	remapeta	Remap vertical hybrid level Syntax remapeta,vct,[oro] ifile ofile	mastrfu	Mass stream function Syntax mastrfu ifile ofile	
div	Divide two fields		year<STAT>	Yearly statistical values Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	ml2pl	Model to pressure level interpolation Syntax ml2pl,plevels ifile ofile	histcount	Histogram count Syntax histcount ifile ofile	
min	Minimum of two fields		yearpctl	Yearly percentiles Syntax yearpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	ml2hl	Model to height level interpolation Syntax ml2hl,hlevels ifile ofile	histsum	Histogram sum Syntax histsum ifile ofile	
max	Maximum of two fields		seas<STAT>	Seasonal statistical values Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	inttime	Time interpolation Syntax inttime,date,time[,inc] ifile ofile	histmean	Histogram mean Syntax histmean ifile ofile	
atan2	Arc tangent of two fields	Syntax <operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	seaspctl	Seasonal percentiles Syntax seaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	intntime	Time interpolation Syntax intntime,n ifile ofile	histfreq	Histogram frequency Syntax <operator>,bounds ifile ofile	
monadd	Add monthly time series		yhour<STAT>	Multi-year hourly statistical values Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	intyear	Year interpolation Syntax intyear,years ifile1 ifile2 oprefix	wct	Windchill temperature (C) Syntax wct ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
monsub	Subtract monthly time series		yday<STAT>	Multi-year daily statistical values Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	fdns	Frost days where no snow index per time period Syntax fdns ifile1 ifile2 ofile	strwin	Strong wind days index per time period Syntax strwin,[v] ifile ofile	
monmul	Multiply monthly time series		ydaypctl	Multi-year daily percentiles Syntax ydaypctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	strbre	Strong breeze days index per time period Syntax strbre ifile ofile	strgal	Strong gale days index per time period Syntax strgal ifile ofile	
mondiv	Divide monthly time series		ymon<STAT>	Multi-year monthly statistical values Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	hurr	Hurricane days index per time period Syntax hurr ifile ofile			
	<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile		ymonpctl	Multi-year monthly percentiles Syntax ymonpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile					
muldpm	Multiply with days per month		yseas<STAT>	Multi-year seasonal statistical values Syntax <operator> ifile ofile					
divdpm	Divide by days per month		yseaspctl	Multi-year seasonal percentiles Syntax yseaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile					
muldpv	Multiply with days per year		ydrun<STAT>	Multi-year daily running statistical values Syntax <operator>,nts ifile ofile					
divdpv	Divide by days per year	Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	ydrunpctl	Multi-year daily running percentiles Syntax ydrunpctl,p,nts ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile					
Statistical values									
Available statistical functions		<STAT>							
minimum		min							
maximum		max							
sum		sum							
mean		mean							
average		avg							
variance		var							
standard deviation		std							
ens<STAT>	Statistical values over an ensemble	Syntax <operator> ifiles ofile							
enspctl	Ensemble percentiles	Syntax enspctl,p ifiles ofile							
fld<STAT>	Statistical values over a field	Syntax <operator> ifile ofile							
fldpctl	Field percentiles	Syntax fldpctl,p ifile ofile							
zon<STAT>	Zonal statistical values	Syntax <operator> ifile ofile							
zonpctl	Zonal percentiles	Syntax zonpctl,p ifile ofile							
mer<STAT>	Meridional statistical values	Syntax <operator> ifile ofile							
merpctl	Meridional percentiles	Syntax merpctl,p ifile ofile							
vert<STAT>	Vertical statistical values	Syntax <operator> ifile ofile							
timsel<STAT>	Time range statistical values	Syntax <operator>,nsets[,nofset[,nskip]] ifile ofile							
timsepcctl	Time range percentiles	Syntax timsepcctl,p,nsets[,nofset[,nskip]] ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile							
run<STAT>	Running statistical values	Syntax <operator>,nts ifile ofile							
rumpctl	Running percentiles	Syntax rumpctl,p,nts ifile1 ifile ofile							
tim<STAT>	Statistical values over all time steps	Syntax <operator> ifile ofile							
Interpolation									
remapbil	Bilinear interpolation		genbil	Generate bilinear interpolation weights	setrtoc	Set range to constant Syntax setrtoc,rmin,rmax,c ifile ofile			
remapbic	Bicubic interpolation		genbic	Generate bicubic interpolation weights	setrtoc2	Set range to constant others to constant2 Syntax setrtoc2,rmin,rmax,c,c2 ifile ofile			
remapcon	Conservative remapping		gencon	Generate conservative interpolation weights	timsort	Sort over the time Syntax timsort ifile ofile			
remapdis	Distance-weighted averaging	Syntax <operator>,grid ifile ofile	gendis	Generate distance-weighted averaging weights Syntax <operator>,grid ifile ofile	const	Create a constant field Syntax const,const,grid ofile			
					random	Create a field with random values Syntax random,grid ofile			
					rotuvb	Backward rotation Syntax rotuvb,u,... ifile ofile			
					mastrfu	Mass stream function Syntax mastrfu ifile ofile			
					histcount	Histogram count Syntax histcount ifile ofile			
					histsum	Histogram sum Syntax histsum ifile ofile			
					histmean	Histogram mean Syntax histmean ifile ofile			
					histfreq	Histogram frequency Syntax <operator>,bounds ifile ofile			
					wct	Windchill temperature (C) Syntax wct ifile1 ifile2 ofile			
					fdns	Frost days where no snow index per time period Syntax fdns ifile1 ifile2 ofile			
					strwin	Strong wind days index per time period Syntax strwin,[v] ifile ofile			
					strbre	Strong breeze days index per time period Syntax strbre ifile ofile			
					strgal	Strong gale days index per time period Syntax strgal ifile ofile			
					hurr	Hurricane days index per time period Syntax hurr ifile ofile			
Transformation									
sp2gp	Spectral to gridpoint		sp2gp	Spectral to gridpoint	eca_cdd	Consecutive dry days index per time period Syntax eca_cdd ifile ofile			
sp2gpl	Spectral to gridpoint (linear)		sp2gpl	Spectral to gridpoint (linear)	eca_cfd	Consecutive frost days index per time period Syntax eca_cfd ifile ofile			
gp2sp	Gridpoint to spectral		gp2sp	Gridpoint to spectral (linear)	eca_csu	Consecutive summer days index per time period Syntax eca_csu,[T] ifile ofile			
gp2spl	Gridpoint to spectral (linear)	Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	gp2spl	Gridpoint to spectral (linear) Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	eca_cwd	Consecutive wet days index per time period Syntax eca_cwd ifile ofile			
sp2sp	Spectral to spectral		sp2sp	Spectral to spectral	eca_cwdi	Cold wave duration index wrt mean of reference per Syntax eca_cwdi,[nday,[T]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile			
spcut	Cut spectral wave number		spcut	Cut spectral wave number Syntax spcut,wnums ifile ofile	eca_cwfi	Cold-spell days index wrt 10th percentile of reference Syntax eca_cwfi,[nday] ifile1 ifile2 ofile			
dv2uv	Divergence and vorticity to U and V wind		dv2uv	Divergence and vorticity to U and V wind	eca_etr	Intra-period extreme temperature range Syntax eca_etr ifile1 ifile2 ofile			
dv2uvl	Divergence and vorticity to U and V wind (linear)		dv2uvl	Divergence and vorticity to U and V wind (linear)	eca_fd	Frost days index per time period Syntax eca_fd ifile ofile			
uv2dv	U and V wind to divergence and vorticity		uv2dv	U and V wind to divergence and vorticity	eca_gsl	Growing season length index Syntax eca_gsl,[nday,[T,fland]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile			
uv2dvl	U and V wind to divergence and vorticity (linear)	Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	uv2dvl	U and V wind to divergence and vorticity (linear) Syntax <operator> ifile ofile	eca_hd	Heating degree days per time period Syntax eca_hd,[T1,T2] ifile ofile			
					eca_hwdi	Heat wave duration index wrt mean of reference per Syntax eca_hwdi,[nday,[T]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile			
					eca_hwfi	Warm spell days index wrt 90th percentile of reference Syntax eca_hwfi,[nday] ifile1 ifile2 ofile			
					eca_id	Ice days index per time period Syntax eca_id ifile ofile			
					eca_r10mm	Heavy precipitation days index per time period Syntax eca_r10mm ifile ofile			

eca_r20mm	Very heavy precipitation days index per time period
Syntax	eca_r20mm ifile ofile
eca_r75p	Moderate wet days wrt 75th percentile of reference period
Syntax	eca_r75p ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_r75ptot	Precipitation percent due to R75p days
Syntax	eca_r75ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_r90p	Wet days wrt 90th percentile of reference period
Syntax	eca_r90p ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_r90ptot	Precipitation percent due to R90p days
Syntax	eca_r90ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_r95p	Very wet days wrt 95th percentile of reference period
Syntax	eca_r95p ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_r95ptot	Precipitation percent due to R95p days
Syntax	eca_r95ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_r99p	Extremely wet days wrt 99th percentile of reference period
Syntax	eca_r99p ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_r99ptot	Precipitation percent due to R99p days
Syntax	eca_r99ptot ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_rr1	Wet days index per time period
Syntax	eca_rr1 ifile ofile
eca_rx1day	Highest one day precipitation amount per time period
Syntax	eca_rx1day[.mode] ifile ofile
eca_rx5day	Highest five-day precipitation amount per time period
Syntax	eca_rx5day[.x] ifile ofile
eca_sdii	Simple daily intensity index per time period
Syntax	eca_sdii ifile ofile
eca_su	Summer days index per time period
Syntax	eca_su[.T] ifile ofile
eca_tg10p	Cold days percent wrt 10th percentile of reference period
Syntax	eca_tg10p ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_tg90p	Warm days percent wrt 90th percentile of reference period
Syntax	eca_tg90p ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_tn10p	Cold nights percent wrt 10th percentile of reference period
Syntax	eca_tn10p ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_tn90p	Warm nights percent wrt 90th percentile of reference period
Syntax	eca_tn90p ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_tr	Tropical nights index per time period
Syntax	eca_tr[.T] ifile ofile
eca_tx10p	Very cold days percent wrt 10th percentile of reference period
Syntax	eca_tx10p ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_tx90p	Very warm days percent wrt 90th percentile of reference period
Syntax	eca_tx90p ifile1 ifile2 ofile