

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: <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

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
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
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 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>,vars 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
selzaxismame	Select zaxes by name
Syntax	selzaxismame,ZAXISNAMES ifile ofile
selltype	Select GRIB level types
Syntax	selltype,LTYPE 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
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

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

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	set date,DATE ifile ofile
settime	Set time
Syntax	set time,TIME ifile ofile
setday	Set day
Syntax	set day,DAY ifile ofile
setmon	Set month
Syntax	set mon,MONTH ifile ofile
setyear	Set year
Syntax	set year,YEAR ifile ofile
settunits	Set time units
Syntax	set time units,UNITS ifile ofile
settaxis	Set time axis
Syntax	set time axis,DATE[,TIME][,INC] ifile ofile
setreftime	Set reference time
Syntax	set ref time,REFTIME ifile ofile
setcalendar	Set calendar
Syntax	set calendar,CAL ifile ofile
shifttime	Shift time steps
Syntax	shift time steps,SHIFT 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

chcode	Change code number
Syntax	chcode,OLDCODE,NEWCODE[,...] ifile ofile
chname	Change variable name
Syntax	chname,VAR,NAME[,...] ifile ofile
chlevel	Change level
Syntax	chlevel,OLDLEV,NEWLEV[,...] ifile ofile
chlevcl	Change level of one code
Syntax	chlevcl,CODE,OLDLEV,NEWLEV ifile ofile
chlevlev	Change level of one variable
Syntax	chlevlev,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,ATTRSTRING ifile ofile
setgatts	Set global attributes
Syntax	setgatts,ATTRFILE ifile ofile

invertlat	Invert latitude
inverlon	Invert longitude
invertlatdes	Invert latitude description
inverlondes	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,CLON,CLON,CLAT,CLAT 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	set missval,MISS ifile ofile
setconst	Set constant to missing value
Syntax	set const,MISS ifile ofile
setmissoc	Set missing value to constant
Syntax	<operator>,C ifile ofile
setrtomiss	Set range to missing value
Syntax	set range,MIN,MAX ifile ofile

Arithmetic

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

addc	Add a constant		subtrend	Subtract trend
subc	Subtract a constant		Syntax	subtrend ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile
mule	Multiply with a constant			
dive	Divide by a constant			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}>,c \text{ ifile ofile}$		
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	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile1 ifile2 ofile}$		
ymonadd	Add multi-year monthly time average			
ymonsub	Subtract multi-year monthly time average			
ymonmul	Multiply multi-year monthly time average			
ymondiv	Divide multi-year monthly time average			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile1 ifile2 ofile}$		
muldpm	Multiply with days per month			
divdpm	Divide by days per month			
muldpv	Multiply with days per year			
divdpv	Divide by days per year			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
Statistical values				
ensmin	Ensemble minimum			
ensmax	Ensemble maximum			
enssum	Ensemble sum			
ensmean	Ensemble mean			
ensavg	Ensemble average			
ensvar	Ensemble variance			
ensstd	Ensemble standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifiles ofile}$		
enspctl	Ensemble percentiles			
	Syntax	enspctl,p ifiles ofile		
fldmin	Field minimum			
fldmax	Field maximum			
fldsum	Field sum			
fldmean	Field mean			
fldavg	Field average			
fldvar	Field variance			
fldstd	Field standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
fldpctl	Field percentiles			
	Syntax	fldpctl,p ifile ofile		
zonmin	Zonal minimum			
zonmax	Zonal maximum			
zonsum	Zonal sum			
zonmean	Zonal mean			
zonavg	Zonal average			
zonvar	Zonal variance			
zonstd	Zonal standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
zonpctl	Zonal percentiles			
	Syntax	zonpctl,p ifile ofile		
mermin	Meridional minimum			
mermax	Meridional maximum			
mersum	Meridional sum			
mermean	Meridional mean			
meravg	Meridional average			
mervar	Meridional variance			
merstd	Meridional standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
merpctl	Meridional percentiles			
	Syntax	merpctl,p ifile ofile		
vertmin	Vertical minimum			
vertmax	Vertical maximum			
vertsom	Vertical sum			
vertmean	Vertical mean			
vertavg	Vertical average			
vertvar	Vertical variance			
vertstd	Vertical standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
selmin	Time range minimum			
selmax	Time range maximum			
selsum	Time range sum			
selmean	Time range mean			
selavg	Time range average			
selstd	Time range standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}>,nsets[,noffset[,nskip]] \text{ ifile ofile}$		
selpctl	Time range percentiles			
	Syntax	selpctl,p,nsets[,noffset[,nskip]] in1 in2 in3 out		
runmin	Running minimum			
runmax	Running maximum			
runsum	Running sum			
runmean	Running mean			
runavg	Running average			
runvar	Running variance			
runstd	Running standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}>,nts \text{ ifile ofile}$		
runpctl	Running percentiles			
	Syntax	runpctl,p,nts ifile1 ofile		
timmin	Time minimum			
timmax	Time maximum			
timsum	Time sum			
timmean	Time mean			
timavg	Time average			
timvar	Time variance			
timstd	Time standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
timpctl	Time percentiles			
	Syntax	timpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile		
hourmin	Hourly minimum			
hourmax	Hourly maximum			
hoursom	Hourly sum			
hourmean	Hourly mean			
houravg	Hourly average			
hourvar	Hourly variance			
hourstd	Hourly standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
hourpctl	Hourly percentiles			
	Syntax	hourpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile		
daymin	Daily minimum			
daymax	Daily maximum			
daysom	Daily sum			
daymean	Daily mean			
dayavg	Daily average			
dayvar	Daily variance			
daystd	Daily standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
daypctl	Daily percentiles			
	Syntax	daypctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile		
monmin	Monthly minimum			
monmax	Monthly maximum			
monsom	Monthly sum			
monmean	Monthly mean			
zonavg	Zonal average			
zonvar	Zonal variance			
zonstd	Zonal standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
zonpctl	Zonal percentiles			
	Syntax	zonpctl,p ifile ofile		
monmin	Monthly minimum			
monmax	Monthly maximum			
monsom	Monthly sum			
monmean	Monthly mean			
monavg	Monthly average			
monvar	Monthly variance			
monstd	Monthly standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
monpctl	Monthly percentiles			
	Syntax	monpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile		
yearmin	Yearly minimum			
yearmax	Yearly maximum			
yearsom	Yearly sum			
yearmean	Yearly mean			
yearavg	Yearly average			
yearvar	Yearly variance			
yearstd	Yearly standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
yearpctl	Yearly percentiles			
	Syntax	yearpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile		
seasmin	Seasonal minimum			
seasmax	Seasonal maximum			
seassum	Seasonal sum			
seasmean	Seasonal mean			
seasavg	Seasonal average			
seasvar	Seasonal variance			
seasstd	Seasonal standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
seaspctl	Seasonal percentiles			
	Syntax	seaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile		
ydaymin	Multi-year daily minimum			
ydaymax	Multi-year daily maximum			
ydaysum	Multi-year daily sum			
ydaymean	Multi-year daily mean			
ydayavg	Multi-year daily average			
ydayvar	Multi-year daily variance			
ydaystd	Multi-year daily standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
ydaypctl	Multi-year daily percentiles			
	Syntax	ydaypctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile		
ymonmin	Multi-year monthly minimum			
ymonmax	Multi-year monthly maximum			
ymonsum	Multi-year monthly sum			
ymonmean	Multi-year monthly mean			
ymonavg	Multi-year monthly average			
ymonvar	Multi-year monthly variance			
ymonstd	Multi-year monthly standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
ymonpctl	Multi-year monthly percentiles			
	Syntax	ymonpctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile		
yseasmin	Multi-year seasonal minimum			
yseasmax	Multi-year seasonal maximum			
yseassum	Multi-year seasonal sum			
yseasmean	Multi-year seasonal mean			
yseasavg	Multi-year seasonal average			
yseasvar	Multi-year seasonal variance			
yseasstd	Multi-year seasonal standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
sp2gp	Spectral to gridpoint			
sp2gpl	Spectral to gridpoint (linear)			
gp2sp	Gridpoint to spectral			
gp2spl	Gridpoint to spectral (linear)			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
sp2sp	Spectral to spectral			
sp2sp,trunc	$\text{sp2sp,trunc ifile ofile}$			
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)			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifile ofile}$		
yseaspctl	Multi-year seasonal percentiles			
	Syntax	yseaspctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile		
ydrunmin	Multi-year daily running minimum			
ydrunmax	Multi-year daily running maximum			
ydrunsum	Multi-year daily running sum			
ydrunmean	Multi-year daily running mean			
ydrunavg	Multi-year daily running average			
ydrunvar	Multi-year daily running variance			
ydrunstd	Multi-year daily running standard deviation			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}>,nts \text{ ifile ofile}$		
ydrunpctl	Multi-year daily running percentiles			
	Syntax	ydrunpctl,p,nts ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile		
input	ASCII input			
Syntax	input,grid ofile			
inputsrv	SERVICE input			
inputtext	EXTRA input			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ofile}$		
output	ASCII output			
Syntax	output ifiles			
outputf	Formatted output			
Syntax	outputf,format,nelem ifiles			
outputint	Integer output			
outputsrv	SERVICE output			
outputtext	EXTRA output			
	Syntax	$<\text{operator}> \text{ ifiles}$		
Regression				
detrend	Detrend			
Syntax	detrend ifile ofile			
trend	Trend			
Syntax	trend ifile ofile1 ofile2			

Miscellaneous

gradsdes1	GrADS data descriptor file (version 1 GRIB map)	eca_r95p	Very wet days wrt 95th percentile of reference period
gradsdes2	GrADS data descriptor file (version 2 GRIB map)	Syntax <i><operator> ifile</i>	eca_r95p <i>ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>
timsort	Sort over the time	Syntax timsort <i>ifile ofile</i>	eca_r95ptot
			Precipitation percent due to R95p days
const	Create a constant field	Syntax const , <i>const,grid ofile</i>	eca_r99p
			Extremely wet days wrt 99th percentile of reference
random	Create a field with random values	Syntax random , <i>grid ofile</i>	eca_r99ptot
			Precipitation percent due to R99p days
rotuvb	Backward rotation	Syntax rotuvb , <i>u,v,... ifile ofile</i>	eca_rr1
			Wet days index per time period
mastrfu	Mass stream function	Syntax mastrfu <i>ifile ofile</i>	eca_rx1day
			Highest one day precipitation amount per time period
hi	Humidity index (C)	Syntax hi <i>ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile</i>	eca_rx5day
			Highest five-day precipitation amount per time period
wct	Windchill temperature (C)	Syntax wct <i>ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	eca_sdii
			Simple daily intensity index per time period
ECA indices			
eca_cdd	Consecutive dry days index per time period	Syntax eca_cdd <i>ifile ofile</i>	eca_strwin
			Strong wind days index per time period
eca_cfd	Consecutive frost days index per time period	Syntax eca_cfd <i>ifile ofile</i>	eca_stbre
			Strong breeze days index per time period
eca_csu	Consecutive summer days index per time period	Syntax eca_csu , <i>[,T] ifile ofile</i>	eca_strgal
			Strong gale days index per time period
eca_cwd	Consecutive wet days index per time period	Syntax eca_cwd <i>ifile ofile</i>	eca_hurr
			Hurricane days index per time period
eca_cwdi	Cold wave duration index wrt mean of reference period	Syntax eca_cwdi , <i>[,nday[,T]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	eca_su
			Summer days index per time period
eca_cwfi	Cold-spell days index wrt 10th percentile of reference period	Syntax eca_cwfi , <i>[,nday] ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	eca_tg10p
			Cold days percent wrt 10th percentile of reference
eca_cwdi	Intra-period extreme temperature range	Syntax eca_cwdi <i>ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	eca_tg90p
			Warm days percent wrt 90th percentile of reference
eca_cwfi	Frost days index per time period	Syntax eca_cwfi <i>ifile ofile</i>	eca_tn10p
			Cold nights percent wrt 10th percentile of reference
eca_cwdi	Frost days where no snow index per time period	Syntax eca_cwdi <i>ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	eca_tn90p
			Warm nights percent wrt 90th percentile of reference
eca_gsl	Growing season length index	Syntax eca_gsl , <i>[,nday[,T]] ifile ofile</i>	eca_tr
			Tropical nights index per time period
eca_hd	Heating degree days per time period	Syntax eca_hd , <i>[,T1[,T2]] ifile ofile</i>	eca_tx10p
			Very cold days percent wrt 10th percentile of reference
eca_fdns	Heat wave duration index wrt mean of reference period	Syntax eca_fdns <i>ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	eca_tx90p
			Very warm days percent wrt 90th percentile of reference
eca_hwdi	Ice days index per time period	Syntax eca_hwdi , <i>[,T] ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	
eca_hwfi	Ice days index per time period	Syntax eca_hwfi , <i>[,nday] ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	
eca_id	Ice days index per time period	Syntax eca_id <i>ifile ofile</i>	
eca_r10mm	Heavy precipitation days index per time period	Syntax eca_r10mm <i>ifile ofile</i>	
eca_r20mm	Very heavy precipitation days index per time period	Syntax eca_r20mm <i>ifile ofile</i>	
eca_r75p	Moderate wet days wrt 75th percentile of reference period	Syntax eca_r75p <i>ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	
eca_r75ptot	Precipitation percent due to R75p days	Syntax eca_r75ptot <i>ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	
eca_r90p	Wet days wrt 90th percentile of reference period	Syntax eca_r90p <i>ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	
eca_r90ptot	Precipitation percent due to R90p days	Syntax eca_r90ptot <i>ifile1 ifile2 ofile</i>	