

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: 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

showformat	Show file format
showcode	Show codes
showvar	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

vardes	Variable description
griddes	Grid description
vct	Vertical coordinate table

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
splitaxis	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,GRIDS NAMES ifile ofile
selzaxis	Select zaxes
Syntax	selzaxis,ZAXES ifile ofile
selzaxismame	Select zaxes by name
Syntax	selzaxismame,ZAXIS NAMES ifile ofile
selltype	Select GRIB level types
Syntax	selltype,LTYPES 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,MONTH1[,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

eqc	Equal constant
nec	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	Select code number
Syntax	setcode,CODE ifile ofile
setvar	Select variable name
Syntax	setvar,NAME ifile ofile
setlevel	Select level
Syntax	setlevel,LEVEL ifile ofile
setltype	Select GRIB level type
Syntax	setltype,LTYPE ifile ofile
setdate	Select date
Syntax	setdate,DATE ifile ofile
settime	Select time
Syntax	settime,TIME ifile ofile
setday	Select day
Syntax	setday,DAY ifile ofile
setmon	Select month
Syntax	setmon,MONTH ifile ofile
setyear	Select year
Syntax	setyear,YEAR ifile ofile
settunits	Select time units
Syntax	settunits,UNITS ifile ofile
settaxis	Select time axis
Syntax	settaxis,DATE,TIME[,INC] ifile ofile
setreftime	Select reference time
Syntax	setreftime,DATE,TIME ifile ofile
setcalendar	Select calendar
Syntax	setcalendar,CALNDAR ifile ofile
shifttime	Shift time steps
Syntax	shifttime,SVAL 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
sqr	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
chvar	Change variable name
Syntax	chvar,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,ATTRSTRING ifile ofile
setgatts	Set global attributes
Syntax	setgatts,ATTRNAME ifile ofile

invertlat	Invert latitude
Syntax	invertlat ifile ofile
invertlon	Invert longitude
Syntax	invertlon ifile ofile
invertlatdes	Invert latitude description
Syntax	invertlatdes ifile ofile
invertlondes	Invert longitude description
Syntax	invertlondes ifile ofile
invertlatdata	Invert latitude data
Syntax	invertlatdata 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
setconst	Select constant to missing value
Syntax	setconst,MISS ifile ofile
setmissoc	Select missing value to constant
Syntax	<operator>,C ifile ofile
setrtomiss	Select 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
sqr	Square root
exp	Exponential
ln	Natural logarithm
log10	Base 10 logarithm
sin	Sine
cos	Cosine
tan	Tangent
asin	Arc sine
acos	Arc cosine
atan	A

addc	Add a constant							
subc	Subtract a constant							
multc	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							
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	<operator> 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	<operator> 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	<operator> ifiles ofile							
enspclt	Ensemble percentiles							
Syntax	enspclt,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	<operator> 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	<operator> ifile ofile							
zonpclt	Zonal percentiles							
Syntax	zonpclt,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	<operator> ifile ofile							
merpclt	Meridional percentiles							
Syntax	merpclt,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	<operator> ifile ofile							
selmin	Time range minimum							
selmax	Time range maximum							
selsum	Time range sum							
selmean	Time range mean							
selavg	Time range average							
selvar	Time range variance							
selstd	Time range standard deviation							
Syntax	<operator>,nsets[,noffset[,nskip]] 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	<operator>,nts 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	<operator> 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	<operator> 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	<operator> ifile ofile							
daypctl	Daily percentiles							
Syntax	daypctl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile							
monmin	Monthly minimum							
monmax	Monthly maximum							
monsom	Monthly sum							
monmean	Monthly mean							
monavg	Monthly average							
monvar	Monthly variance							
monstd	Monthly standard deviation							
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile							
monpclt	Monthly percentiles							
Syntax	monpclt,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	<operator> ifile ofile							
merpclt	Meridional percentiles							
Syntax	merpclt,p ifile ofile							
yearmin	Yearly minimum							
yearmax	Yearly maximum							
yearsom	Yearly sum							
yearmean	Yearly mean							
yearavg	Yearly average							
yearvar	Yearly variance							
yearstd	Yearly standard deviation							
Syntax	<operator> 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	<operator> 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	<operator> ifile ofile							
ydaypctl	Multi-year daily percentiles							
Syntax	ydaypctl,p,nts 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	<operator>,nts ifile ofile							
ydrunpctl	Multi-year daily running percentiles							
Syntax	ydrunpctl,p,nts ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile							
detrend	Detrend							
Syntax	detrend ifile ofile							
trend	Trend							
Syntax	trend ifile ofile1 ofile2							
subtrend	Subtract trend							
Syntax	subtrend ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile							
Interpolation								
remapbil	Bilinear interpolation							
remapbic	Bicubic interpolation							
remapcon	Conservative remapping							
remapdis	Distance-weighted averaging							
Syntax	<operator>,grid ifile ofile							
genbil	Generate bilinear interpolation weights							
genbic	Generate bicubic interpolation weights							
gencon	Generate conservative interpolation weights							
gendis	Generate distance-weighted averaging weights							
Syntax	<operator>,grid ifile ofile							
remap	SCRIP grid remapping							
Syntax	remap,grid,weights ifile ofile							
interpolate	PINGO grid interpolation							
intgridbil	Bilinear grid interpolation							
Syntax	<operator>,grid ifile ofile							
ml2pl	Model to pressure level interpolation							
Syntax	ml2pl,plevels ifile ofile							
ml2hl	Model to height level interpolation							
Syntax	ml2hl,hlevels ifile ofile							
inttime								

timsort	Sort over the time
Syntax	timsort ifile ofile
const	Create a constant field
Syntax	const,const,grid ofile
random	Create a field with random values
Syntax	random,grid ofile
vardup	Duplicate variables
Syntax	vardup ifile ofile
varmul	Multiply variables
Syntax	varmul,nmul ifile ofile
rotuvb	Backward rotation
Syntax	rotuvb,u,v,... ifile ofile
mastrfu	Mass stream function
Syntax	mastrfu ifile ofile
hi	Humidity index (C)
Syntax	hi ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile
wct	Windchill temperature (C)
Syntax	wct ifile1 ifile2 ofile

ECA indices

eca_cdd	Consecutive dry days index per time period
Syntax	eca_cdd ifile ofile
eca_cfd	Consecutive frost days index per time period
Syntax	eca_cfd ifile ofile
eca_csu	Consecutive summer days index per time period
Syntax	eca_csu[,T] ifile ofile
eca_cwd	Consecutive wet days index per time period
Syntax	eca_cwd ifile ofile
eca_cwdi	Cold wave duration index wrt mean of reference period
Syntax	eca_cwdi[,nday[,T]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_cwfi	Cold-spell days index wrt 10th percentile of reference period
Syntax	eca_cwfi[,nday] ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_etr	Intra-period extreme temperature range
Syntax	eca_etr ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_fd	Frost days index per time period
Syntax	eca_fd ifile ofile
eca_fdns	Frost days where no snow index per time period
Syntax	eca_fdns ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_gsl	Growing season length index
Syntax	eca_gsl[,nday[,T]] 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 period
Syntax	eca_hwdi[,nday[,T]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile
eca_hwfi	Warm spell days index wrt 90th percentile of reference period
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_strwin	Strong wind days index per time period
Syntax	eca_strwin[,v] ifile ofile
eca_stbre	Strong breeze days index per time period
Syntax	eca_stbre ifile ofile
eca_strgal	Strong gale days index per time period
Syntax	eca_strgal ifile ofile
eca_hurr	Hurricane days index per time period
Syntax	eca_hurr 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