

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
-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

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Parameter description
Grid description
Vertical coordinate table

Syntax <operator> ifile

File operations

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

splitcode	Split code numbers
splitname	Split variable names
splitlevel	Split levels
splitgrid	Split grids
splitzaxis	Split zaxis <operator> ifile oprefix
Syntax	

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

splitsel	Split time selection
Syntax	splitsel,nsets[,noffset[,nskip]] ifile oprefix

Selection

selcode	Select variables by code number
delcode	Delete variables by code number <operator>,codes ifile ofile
Syntax	
selname	Select variables by name
delname	Delete variables by name <operator>,varnames ifile ofile
Syntax	
selstdname	Select variables by standard name <operator>,stdnames ifile ofile
Syntax	
sellevel	Select levels <operator>,levels ifile ofile
Syntax	
selgrid	Select grids <operator>,grids ifile ofile
Syntax	
selgridname	Select grids by name <operator>,gridname,gridnames ifile ofile
Syntax	
selzaxis	Select zaxes <operator>,zaxes ifile ofile
Syntax	
selzaxisname	Select zaxes by name <operator>,zaxisnames ifile ofile
Syntax	
selltype	Select GRIB level types <operator>,ltype ifile ofile
Syntax	
seltabnum	Select parameter table numbers <operator>,tabnums ifile ofile
Syntax	
sel timestep	Select time steps <operator>,timesteps ifile ofile
Syntax	
sel time	Select times <operator>,times ifile ofile
Syntax	
sel hour	Select hours <operator>,hours ifile ofile
Syntax	
sel day	Select days <operator>,days ifile ofile
Syntax	
sel mon	Select months <operator>,months ifile ofile
Syntax	
sel year	Select years <operator>,years ifile ofile
Syntax	
sel seas	Select seasons <operator>,seasons ifile ofile
Syntax	
sel date	Select dates <operator>,date1[,date2] ifile ofile
Syntax	
sel mon	Select single month <operator>,month[,nts1[,nts2]] ifile ofile
Syntax	

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
Syntax	invertlat
invertlon	Invert longitude
Syntax	invertlon
invertlatdes	Invert latitude description
Syntax	invertlatdes
invertlondes	Invert longitude description
Syntax	invertlondes
invertlatdata	Invert latitude data
Syntax	invertlatdata
invertlondata	Invert longitude data
Syntax	invertlondata
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
setconst	Set constant to missing value
Syntax	setconst,missing ifile ofile
setmissoc	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

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

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

addc	Add a constant	
subc	Subtract a constant	
mule	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	
monadd	Add monthly time series	
mons sub	Subtract monthly time series	
monmul	Multiply monthly time series	
mondiv	Divide monthly time series	
Syntax	<operator> ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
ymonadd	Add multi-year monthly time series	
ymon sub	Subtract multi-year monthly time series	
ymonmul	Multiply multi-year monthly time series	
ymondiv	Divide multi-year monthly time series	
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		
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	
enspcl	Ensemble percentiles	
Syntax	enspcl,p ifiles ofile	
fld<STAT>	Statistical values over a field	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
fldpcl	Field percentiles	
Syntax	fldpcl,p ifile ofile	
zon<STAT>	Zonal statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
zonpcl	Zonal percentiles	
Syntax	zonpcl,p ifile ofile	
mer<STAT>	Meridional statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
merpcl	Meridional percentiles	
Syntax	merpcl,p ifile ofile	
vert<STAT>	Vertical statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
timsel<STAT>	Time range statistical values	
Syntax	<operator>,nssets[,nofsets[,nskip]] ifile ofile	
timsepc1	Time range percentiles	
Syntax	timsepc1,p,nssets[,nofsets[,nskip]] ifile1-3 ofile	
run<STAT>	Running statistical values	
Syntax	<operator>,nts ifile ofile	
rumpcl	Running percentiles	
Syntax	rumpcl,p,nts ifile1 ofile	
tim<STAT>	Statistical values over all time steps	
Syntax	<operator>,grid ifile ofile	
timptcl	Time percentiles	
Syntax	timptcl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
hour<STAT>	Hourly statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
hourpcl	Hourly percentiles	
Syntax	hourpcl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
day<STAT>	Daily statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
daypcl	Daily percentiles	
Syntax	daypcl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
mon<STAT>	Monthly statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
monpcl	Monthly percentiles	
Syntax	monpcl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
year<STAT>	Yearly statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
yearpcl	Yearly percentiles	
Syntax	yearpcl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
seas<STAT>	Seasonal statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
seaspcl	Seasonal percentiles	
Syntax	seaspcl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
yhour<STAT>	Multi-year hourly statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
yday<STAT>	Multi-year daily statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
ydaypcl	Multi-year daily percentiles	
Syntax	ydaypcl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
ymon<STAT>	Multi-year monthly statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
ymonpcl	Multi-year monthly percentiles	
Syntax	ymonpcl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
yseas<STAT>	Multi-year seasonal statistical values	
Syntax	<operator> ifile ofile	
yseaspcl	Multi-year seasonal percentiles	
Syntax	yseaspcl,p ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
ydrun<STAT>	Multi-year daily running statistical values	
Syntax	<operator>,nts ifile ofile	
ydrunpcl	Multi-year daily running percentiles	
Syntax	ydrunpcl,p,nts ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
Regression		
detrend	Detrend	
Syntax	detrend ifile ofile	
trend	Trend	
Syntax	trend ifile ofile1 ofile2	
subtrend	Subtract trend	
Syntax	subtrend ifile1 ifile2 ifile3 ofile	
Interpolation		
remabil	Bilinear interpolation	
remapbic	Bicubic interpolation	
remapcon	Conservative remapping	
remapidis	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	
remapeta	Remap vertical hybrid level	
Syntax	remapeta,vct[,oro] ifile ofile	
ml2pl	Model to pressure level interpolation	
ml2hl	Model to height level interpolation	
Syntax	ml2hl,hlevels ifile ofile	
inttime	Time interpolation	
inttime	inttime,date,time[,inc] ifile ofile	
intntime	Time interpolation	
intntime,n	intntime,n ifile ofile	
intyear	Year interpolation	
Syntax	intyear,years ifile1 ifile2 oprefix	
rotuvb	Backward rotation	
Syntax	rotuvb,u,v,... ifile ofile	
mastrfu	Mass stream function	
Syntax	mastrfu ifile ofile	
histcount	Histogram count	
histsum	Histogram sum	
histmean	Histogram mean	
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	
Climate 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	
Syntax	eca_cwdi,[nday],[T]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_cwfi	Cold-spell days index wrt 10th perc. of reference	
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_gsl	Growing season length index	
Syntax	eca_gsl,[nday],[T],fland]] ifile1 ifile2 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	
Syntax	eca_hwdi,[nday],[T]] ifile1 ifile2 ofile	
eca_hwf1	Warm spell days index wrt 90th perc. of reference	
Syntax	eca_hwf1,[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 p.	
Syntax	eca_r20mm ifile ofile	
eca_r75p	Moderate wet days wrt 75th perc. of reference p.	
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