

# CDO Reference Card

Climate Data Operator  
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## Syntax

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cdo [Options] Operator1 [-Operator2 [-OperatorN ]]
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## Options

-a	Generate an absolute time axis
-b <nbits>	Set the number of bits for the output precision (I8/I16/I32/F32/F64 for nc1,nc2,nc4,nc4; F32/F64 for grb2.srv,ext.ieg; 1-24 for grb1.grb2) Add L or B for Little or Big endian byteorder Outputformat: grb1.grb2,nc1,nc2,nc4,nc4,srv,ext.ieg
-f <format>	Grid or file name
-g <grid>	Grid names: r<NX>x<NY>, n<N>, gme<NI>
-h	Help information for the operators
-M	Indicate that the I/O streams have missing values
-m <missval>	Set the default missing value (default: -9e+33)
-O	Overwrite existing output file, if checked
-R	Convert GRIB1 data from reduced to regular grid
-r	Generate 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	SZIP compression of GRIB1 records

## Operators

### Information

info	Dataset information listed by parameter identifier
infon	Dataset information listed by parameter name
map	Dataset information and simple map
<operator> infiles	
sinfo	Short information listed by parameter identifier
sinfon	Short information listed by parameter name
<operator> infiles	
diff	Compare two datasets listed by parameter id
diffn	Compare two datasets listed by parameter name
<operator>[,options] infile1 infile2	
npar	Number of parameters
nlevel	Number of levels
nyear	Number of years
nmon	Number of months
ndate	Number of dates
ntime	Number of timesteps
ngridpoints	Number of gridpoints
ngrids	Number of horizontal grids
<operator> infile	

showformat	Show file format
showcode	Show code numbers
showname	Show variable names
showstdname	Show standard names
showatts	Show all attributes
showattsglob	Show all global attributes
showlevel	Show levels
showtype	Show GRIB level types
showyear	Show years
showmon	Show months
showdate	Show date information
showtime	Show time information
showtimestamp	Show timestamp
<operator> infile	
showattribute	Show a global attribute or a variable attribute
showattribute,attribute infile	
showattsvar	Show all variable attributes.
showattsvar[,var.num] infile	
partab	Parameter table
codetab	Parameter code table
griddes	Grid description
zaxisdes	Z-axis description
vct	Vertical coordinate table
<operator> infile	

### File operations

copy	Copy datasets
cat	Concatenate datasets
<operator> infiles outfile	
tee	Duplicate a data stream
tee infile outfile1 outfile2	
replace	Replace variables
replace infile1 outfile	
duplicate	Duplicates a dataset
duplicate[,ndup] infile outfile	
mergegrid	Merge grid
mergegrid infile1 infile2 outfile	
merge	Merge datasets with different fields
mergetime	Merge datasets sorted by date and time
<operator> infiles outfile	
splitcode	Split code numbers
splitparam	Split parameter identifiers
splitname	Split variable names
splitlevel	Split levels
splitgrid	Split grids
splitzaxis	Split z-axes
splittabnum	Split parameter table numbers
<operator>[,params] infile obase	
splithour	Split hours
splitday	Split days
splitseas	Split seasons
splityear	Split years
splityearmon	Split in years and months
<operator> infile obase	
splitmon	Split months
splitmon[,format] infile obase	
splitsel	Split time selection
splitsel[,nsets[,nofsel[,nskip]]] infile obase	
distgrid	Distribute horizontal grid
distgrid,nx[,ny] infile obase	
collgrid	Collect horizontal grid
collgrid[,nx[,names]] infiles outfile	

### Selection

select	Select fields
delete	Delete fields
<operator>,params infiles outfile	
selmulti	Select multiple fields
delmulti	Delete multiple fields
changemulti	Change identification of multiple fields
<operator>,selection-specification infile outfile	
selparam	Select parameters by identifier
delparam	Delete parameters by identifier
<operator>,params infile outfile	
selcode	Select parameters by code number
delcode	Delete parameters by code number
<operator>,codes infile outfile	
selname	Select parameters by name
delname	Delete parameters by name
<operator>,names infile outfile	
selstdname	Select parameters by standard name
selstdname, stdnames infile outfile	
sellevel	Select levels
sellevel,levels infile outfile	
sellevidx	Select levels by index
sellevidx,levidx infile outfile	
selgrid	Select grids
selgrid,grids infile outfile	
selzaxis	Select z-axes
selzaxis,zaxes infile outfile	
selzaxisname	Select z-axes by name
selzaxisname,zaxisnames infile outfile	
selltype	Select GRIB level types
selltype,types infile outfile	
seltabnum	Select parameter table numbers
seltabnum,tabnums infile outfile	
sel timestep	Select timesteps
sel timestep,timesteps infile outfile	
seltime	Select times
seltime,times infile outfile	
selhour	Select hours
selhour,hours infile outfile	
selday	Select days
selday,days infile outfile	
selmonth	Select months
selmonth,months infile outfile	
seyear	Select years
seyear,years infile outfile	
selseason	Select seasons
selseason,seasons infile outfile	
seldate	Select dates
seldate,startdate[ enddate] infile outfile	
selsmmon	Select single month
selsmmon,month[,nts1[,nts2]] infile outfile	
sellonlatbox	Select a longitude/latitude box
sellonlatbox,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2 infile outfile	
selindexbox	Select an index box
selindexbox,idx1,IDX2,idy1,idy2 infile outfile	
selgridcell	Select grid cells
delgridcell	Delete grid cells
<operator>,indexes infile outfile	
samplegrid	Resample grid
samplegrid,factor infile outfile	

ifthen	If then constant
ifnotthen	If not then constant
<operator>,c infile outfile	

reducegrid	Reduce input file variables to locations, where mask
reducegrid,mask[,limitCoordsOutput]	infile outfile

### Comparison

eq	Equal
ne	Not equal
le	Less equal
lt	Less than
ge	Greater equal
gt	Greater than
<operator> infile1 infile2 outfile	

### Modification

setattribute	Set attributes
setattribute,attributes infile outfile	
setatabp	Set parameter table
setatabn	Set parameter table
<operator>,table[,convert] infile outfile	
setcodetab	Set parameter code table
setcodetab,table infile outfile	
setcode	Set code number
setcode,code infile outfile	
setparam	Set parameter identifier
setparam,param infile outfile	
setname	Set variable name
setname,name infile outfile	
setunit	Set variable unit
setunit,unit infile outfile	
setlevel	Set level
setlevel,level infile outfile	
setltype	Set GRIB level type
setltype,ltype infile outfile	
setdate	Set date
setdate,date infile outfile	
settime	Set time of the day
settime,time infile outfile	
setday	Set day
setday,day infile outfile	
setmon	Set month
setmon,month infile outfile	
setyear	Set year
setyear,year infile outfile	
settunits	Set time units
settunits,units infile outfile	
settaxis	Set time axis
settaxis,date,time[,inc] infile outfile	
settbounds	Set time bounds
settbounds,frequency infile outfile	
setreftime	Set reference time
setreftime,date,time[,units] infile outfile	
setcalendar	Set calendar
setcalendar,calendar infile outfile	
shifttime	Shift timesteps
shifttime,sval infile outfile	

### Conditional selection

ifthen	If then
ifnotthen	If not then
<operator> infile1 infile2 outfile	
ifthenelse	If then else
ifthenelse infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	

chcode	Change code number
chcode,oldcode,newcode[...]	infile outfile
chparam	Change parameter identifier
chparam,oldparam,newparam,...	infile outfile
chname	Change variable or coordinate name
chname,oldname,newname,...	infile outfile
chunit	Change variable unit
chunit,oldunit,newunit,...	infile outfile
chlevel	Change level
chlevel,oldlev,newlev,...	infile outfile
chlevelc	Change level of one code
chlevelc,code,oldlev,newlev	infile outfile
chlevelv	Change level of one variable
chlevelv,name,oldlev,newlev	infile outfile
setgrid	Set grid
setgrid,grid	infile outfile
setgridtype	Set grid type
setgridtype,gridtype	infile outfile
setgridarea	Set grid cell area
setgridarea,gridarea	infile outfile
setgridmask	Set grid mask
setgridmask,gridmask	infile outfile
setzaxis	Set z-axis
setzaxis,zaxis	infile outfile
genlevelbound	Generate level bounds
genlevelbounds[,zbot[,ztop]]	infile outfile
invertlat	Invert latitudes
invertlat	infile outfile
invertlev	Invert levels
invertlev	infile outfile
shiftx	Shift x
shifty	Shift y
<operator>,inshift,i,cyclic,i,coord,i	infile outfile
maskregion	Mask regions
maskregion,regions	infile outfile
masklonlatbox	Mask a longitude/latitude box
masklonlatbox,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2	infile outfile
maskindexbox	Mask an index box
maskindexbox,idx1,idx2,idy1,idy2	infile outfile
setclonlatbox	Set a longitude/latitude box to constant
setclonlatbox,c,lon1,lon2,lat1,lat2	infile outfile
setcindexbox	Set an index box to constant
setcindexbox,c,idx1,idx2,idy1,idy2	infile outfile
enlarge	Enlarge fields
enlarge,grid	infile outfile
setmissval	Set a new missing value
setmissval,newmiss	infile outfile
settomiss	Set constant to missing value
setmisstoc	Set missing value to constant
<operator>,c	infile outfile
setrtomiss	Set range to missing value
setvrange	Set valid range
<operator>,rmin,rmax	infile outfile
setmisstnn	Set missing value to nearest neighbor
setmisstnn	infile outfile
setmisstodis	Set missing value to distance-weighted average
setmisstodis[,neighbors]	infile outfile

## Arithmetic

expr	Evaluate expressions
expr,instr	infile outfile
exprf	Evaluate expressions script
expr,filename	infile outfile
aexpr	Evaluate expressions and append results
aexpr,instr	infile outfile
aexprf	Evaluate expression script and append results
aexprf,filename	infile outfile

abs	Absolute value
int	Integer value
rint	Nearest integer value
pow	Power
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
reci	Reciprocal value
not	Logical NOT
<operator>	infile outfile
addc	Add a constant
subc	Subtract a constant
mulc	Multiply with a constant
divc	Divide by a constant
minc	Minimum of a field and a constant
maxc	Maximum of a field and a constant
<operator>,c	infile outfile
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
<operator>	infile1 infile2 outfile
monadd	Add monthly time series
monsub	Subtract monthly time series
monmul	Multiply monthly time series
mondiv	Divide monthly time series
<operator>	infile1 infile2 outfile
yhouradd	Add multi-year hourly time series
yhoursub	Subtract multi-year hourly time series
yhourmul	Multiply multi-year hourly time series
yhourdiv	Divide multi-year hourly time series
<operator>	infile1 infile2 outfile
ydayadd	Add multi-year daily time series
ydaysub	Subtract multi-year daily time series
ydaymul	Multiply multi-year daily time series
ydaydiv	Divide multi-year daily time series
<operator>	infile1 infile2 outfile
ymonadd	Add multi-year monthly time series
ymonsub	Subtract multi-year monthly time series
ymonmul	Multiply multi-year monthly time series
ymondiv	Divide multi-year monthly time series
<operator>	infile1 infile2 outfile
yseasadd	Add multi-year seasonal time series
yseassub	Subtract multi-year seasonal time series
yseasmul	Multiply multi-year seasonal time series
yseasdiv	Divide multi-year seasonal time series
<operator>	infile1 infile2 outfile
muldpm	Multiply with days per month
divdpm	Divide by days per month
muldpv	Multiply with days per year
divdpv	Divide by days per year
<operator>	infile outfile

## Statistical values

Available statistical functions	<stat>
minimum	min
maximum	max
range	range
sum	sum
mean	mean
average	avg
variance	var, var1
standard deviation	std, std1

timcumsum	Cumulative sum over all timesteps
timcumsum	infile outfile
consects	Consecutive Timesteps
<operator>	infile outfile
vars<stat>	Statistical values over all variables
varsrange	Variables range
<operator>	infile outfile
ens<stat>	Statistical values over an ensemble
ensrange	Ensemble range
<operator>	infiles outfile
enspcl	Ensemble percentiles
enspcl,p	infiles outfile
ensrkhistspace	Ranked Histogram averaged over time
ensrkhisttime	Ranked Histogram averaged over space
ensroc	Ensemble Receiver Operating characteristics
<operator>	obsfile ensfiles outfile
enscrps	Ensemble CRPS and decomposition
enscrps,rfile	infiles outfilebase
ensbrs	Ensemble Brier score
ensbrs,x	rfile infiles outfilebase
fld<stat>	Statistical values over a field
fldrange	Field range
<operator>,weights	infile outfile
fldpcl	Field percentiles
fldpcl,p	infile outfile
zon<stat>	Zonal statistical values
zonrange	Zonal range
<operator>	infile outfile
zonpcl	Zonal percentiles
zonpcl,p	infile outfile
mer<stat>	Meridional statistical values
merrange	Meridional range
<operator>	infile outfile
merpcl	Meridional percentiles
merpcl,p	infile outfile
gridbox<stat>	Statistical values over grid boxes
gridboxrange	Gridbox range
<operator>,nx,ny	infile outfile
vert<stat>	Vertical statistical values
vertrange	Vertical range
<operator>,weights	infile outfile
timsel<stat>	Time range statistical values
timselrange	Time selection range
<operator>,nssets[,noffset[,nskip]]	infile outfile
timselpcl	Time range percentiles
timselpcl,p,nssets[,noffset[,nskip]]	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
run<stat>	Running statistical values
runrange	Running range
<operator>,nts	infile outfile
runpcl	Running percentiles
runpcl,p,nts	infile outfile
tim<stat>	Statistical values over all timesteps
timrange	Time range
<operator>	infile outfile
timpcl	Time percentiles
timpcl,p	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
fldcor	Correlation in grid space
fldcor	infile1 infile2 outfile
timcor	Correlation over time
timcor	infile1 infile2 outfile
fldcovar	Covariance in grid space
fldcovar	infile1 infile2 outfile
timcovar	Covariance over time
timcovar	infile1 infile2 outfile

## Correlation and co.

## Regression

regres	Regression
regres	infile outfile
detrend	Detrend
detrend	infile outfile
trend	Trend
trend	infile outfile1 outfile2
subtrend	Subtract trend
subtrend	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile

## EOFs

eof	Calculate EOFs in spatial or time space
eotime	Calculate EOFs in time space
eofspatial	Calculate EOFs in spatial space
eof3d	Calculate 3-Dimensional EOFs in time space
<operator>,neof	infile outfile1 outfile2
eofcoeff	Calculate principal coefficients of EOFs
eofcoeff	infile1 infile2 obase

## Interpolation

remapbil	Bilinear interpolation
genbil	Generate bilinear interpolation weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remapbic	Bicubic interpolation
genbic	Generate bicubic interpolation weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remapnn	Nearest neighbor remapping
gennn	Generate nearest neighbor remap weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remapdis	Distance-weighted average remapping
remapdis,grid[,neighbors]	infile outfile
gendis	Generate distance-weighted average remap weights
gendis,grid	infile outfile
remapcon	First order conservative remapping
gencon	Generate 1st order conservative remap weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remapcon2	Second order conservative remapping
gencon2	Generate 2nd order conservative remap weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remaplaf	Largest area fraction remapping
genlaf	Generate largest area fraction remap weights
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
remap	Grid remapping
remap,grid,weights	infile outfile

remapeta Remap vertical hybrid level  
remapeta,vct[,oro] infile outfile

ml2pl Model to pressure level interpolation  
ml2pl,plevels infile outfile

ml2hl Model to height level interpolation  
ml2hl,hlevels infile outfile

ap2pl Air pressure to pressure level interpolation  
ap2pl,plevels infile outfile

ap2hl Air pressure to height level interpolation  
ap2hl,hlevels infile outfile

intlevel Linear level interpolation  
intlevel,levels infile outfile

intlevel3d Linear level interpolation onto a 3d vertical coordinate  
like intlevel3d but with extrapolation  
<operator>,icordinate infile1 infile2 outfile

inttime Interpolation between timesteps  
inttime,date,time[,inc] infile outfile

intntime Interpolation between timesteps  
intntime,n infile outfile

intyear	Interpolation between two years
intyear,years	infile1 infile2 obase

## Transformation

sp2gp	Spectral to gridpoint
gp2sp	Gridpoint to spectral
<operator>,[gridtype]	infile outfile
sp2sp	Spectral to spectral
sp2sp,trunc	infile outfile
dv2ps	D and V to velocity potential and stream function
dv2ps	infile outfile
dv2uv	Divergence and vorticity to U and V wind
uv2dv	U and V wind to divergence and vorticity
<operator>,[gridtype]	infile outfile
fourier	Fourier transformation
fourier,epsilon	infile outfile

setvals	Set list of old values to new values
setvals,oldval,newval[,...]	infile outfile

setrtoc Set range to constant

setrtoc,rmin,rmax,c infile outfile

setrtoc2 Set range to constant others to constant2

setrtoc2,rmin,rmax,c,c2 infile outfile

timsort Sort over the time

timsort infile outfile

const Create a constant field

const,const,grid outfile

random Create a field with random numbers

random,grid[,seed] outfile

topo Create a field with topography

topo,[grid] outfile

for Create a time series

for,start,end[,inc] outfile

stdatm Create values for pressure and temperature for hydrostatic atmosphere

stdatm,levels outfile

uvDestag Destaggering of u/v wind components

uvDestag,u,v,-/+0.5,-/+0.5] infile outfile

rotuvNorth Rotate u/v wind to North pole.

projuvLatLon Cylindrical Equidistant projection

<operator>,u,v infile outfile

rotuvb Backward rotation

rotuvb,u,v,... infile outfile

mastrfu Mass stream function

mastrfu infile outfile

sealevelpressur Sea level pressure

sealevelpressure infile outfile

adisit Potential temperature to in-situ temperature

adisit[,pressure] infile outfile

adiptot In-situ temperature to potential temperature

adiptot infile outfile

rhopot Calculates potential density

rhopot[,pressure] infile outfile

histcount Histogram count

histsum Histogram sum

histmean Histogram mean

histfreq Histogram frequency

<operator>,bounds infile outfile

sethalo Set the left and right bounds of a field

sethalo,ll halo.rhalo infile outfile

wct Windchill temperature

wct infile1 infile2 outfile

fdns Frost days where no snow index per time period

fdns infile1 infile2 outfile

strwin Strong wind days index per time period

strwin[,v] infile outfile

strbre Strong breeze days index per time period

strbre infile outfile

strgal Strong gale days index per time period

strgal infile outfile

hurr Hurricane days index per time period

hurr infile outfile

cmorlite CMOR lite

cmorlite,table[,convert] infile outfile

## Miscellaneous

gradsdes	GrADS data descriptor file
gradsdes[,mapversion]	infile
after	ECHAM standard post processor
after[,vct]	infiles outfile
bandpass	Bandpass filtering
bandpass,fmin,fmax	infile outfile
lowpass	Lowpass filtering
lowpass,fmax	infile outfile
highpass	Highpass filtering
highpass,fmin	infile outfile
gridarea	Grid cell area
gridweights	Grid cell weights
<operator>	infile outfile
smooth	Smooth grid points
smooth,[options]	infile outfile
smooth9	9 point smoothing
smooth9	infile outfile

## NCL

uv2vr_cfd	U and V wind to relative vorticity
uv2dv_cfd	U and V wind to divergence
<operator>[,u,v,boundOpt,outMode]	infile outfile