

# CDO Reference Card

Climate Data Operator  
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## Syntax

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

## 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,nc4c; F32/F64 for grb2.srv,ext.ieg; 1-24 for grb1.grb2)
-f <format>	Add L or B for Little or Big endian byteorder
-g <grid>	Outputformat: grb1.grb2,nc1,nc2,nc4,nc4c,srv,ext,ieg
-h	Grid or file name
-M	Grid names: r<Nx>x<Ny>, n<N>, gme<NI>
-m <missval>	Help information for the operators
-O	Indicate that the I/O streams have missing values
-R	Set the default missing value (default: -9e+33)
-r	Override existing output file, if checked
-s	Convert GRIB1 data from reduced to regular grid
-t <table>	Generate a relative time axis
-V	Silent mode
-v	Set the parameter table name or file
-V	Predefined tables: echam4 echam5 mpiom1
-v	Print the version number
-z szip	Print extra details for some operators
	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
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[,<attributes>]	infile

partab	Parameter table
codetab	Parameter code table
griddes	Grid description
zaxisdes	Z-axis description
vct	Vertical coordinate table
<operator> infile	

## File operations

apply	Apply operators on each input file.
apply,operators	infles
copy	Copy datasets
clone	Clone datasets
cat	Concatenate datasets
<operator> infles outfile	
tee	Duplicate a data stream
tee,outfile2	infile outfile1
pack	Pack data
pack infile	outfile
bitrounding	Bit rounding
bitrounding[,<params>]	infile outfile
replace	Replace variables
replace infile1	infile2 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> infles 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>[,<noffset>[,<nskip>]]]	infile obase
distgrid	Distribute horizontal grid
distgrid,nx[,ny]	infile obase
collgrid	Collect horizontal grid
collgrid,[<nx>[,<names>]]	infles outfile

## Selection

select	Select fields
delete	Delete fields
<operator>[,<params>]	infles 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
selyear	Select years
selyear,years	infile outfile
selseason	Select seasons
selseason,seasons	infile outfile
seldate	Select dates
seldate,startdate[,<enddate>]	infile outfile
selmon	Select single month
selmon,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
selregion	Select cells inside regions
selregion,regions	infile outfile
selcircle	Select cells inside a circle
selcircle,[<lon>,<lat>,<radius>]	infile outfile
selgridcell	Select grid cells
delgridcell	Delete grid cells
<operator>[,<indices>]	infile outfile
samplegrid	Resample grid
samplegrid,factor	infile outfile
selyearidx	Select year by index
selyearidx(infile1 infile2)	outfile

bottomvalue	Extract bottom level
topvalue	Extract top level
<operator> infile outfile	
isosurface	Extract isosurface
isosurface, isovalue	infile outfile

## Conditional selection

ifthen	If then
ifnotthen	If not then
<operator> infile1 infile2 outfile	
ifthenelse	If then else
ifthenelse infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
ifthenc	If then constant
ifnothenc	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	
eqc	Equal constant
nec	Not equal constant
lec	Less equal constant
ltc	Less than constant
gec	Greater equal constant
gtc	Greater than constant
<operator> c infile outfile	

## Modification

setattribute	Set attributes
setattribute, attributes	infile outfile
setpartabp	Set parameter table
setpartabn	Set parameter table
<operator>,table[,<convert>]	infile outfile
setcodetab	Set parameter code table
setcodetab, table	infile outfile
setcode	Select code number
setcode, code	infile outfile
setparam	Select parameter identifier
setparam, param	infile outfile
setname	Select variable name
setname, name	infile outfile
setunit	Select variable unit
setunit, unit	infile outfile
setlevel	Select level
setlevel, level	infile outfile
settype	Select GRIB level type
settype, 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	
setbounds	Set time bounds
setbounds,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	
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	
chlevlev	Change level of one variable
chlevlev,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,jcyclici,icoord 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	
setctomiss	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	
setmisstom	Set missing value to nearest neighbor
setmisstonn	Set missing value to distance-weighted average
setmisstodis	Set missing value to distance-weighted average
setmisstodis,[neighbors] infile outfile	
setgridcell	Set the value of a grid cell
setgridcell,params infile outfile	

## Arithmetic

expr	Evaluate expressions
expr,instr infile outfile	
exprf	Evaluate expressions script
exprf,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
nint	Nearest integer value
pow	Power
sqr	Square
sqrt	Square root
exp	Exponential
In	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	
dayadd	Add daily time series
daysub	Subtract daily time series
daymul	Multiply daily time series
daydiv	Divide daily time series

<operator> infile1 infile2 outfile	
monadd	Add monthly time series
monsub	Subtract monthly time series
monmul	Multiply monthly time series
mondiv	Divide monthly time series

yearadd	Add yearly time series
years sub	Subtract yearly time series
yearmul	Multiply yearly time series
yeardiv	Divide yearly 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	
muldpdm	Multiply with days per month
divdpdm	Divide by days per month
muldpyp	Multiply with days per year
divdpyp	Divide by days per year

<operator> infile1 infile2 outfile	
mulcoslat	Multiply with the cosine of the latitude
divcoslat	Divide by cosine of the latitude

## 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
timecumsum	infile outfile

consests	Consecutive Timesteps
<operator> infile outfile	

vars<stat>	Statistical values over all variables
<operator> infile outfile	

ens<stat>	Statistical values over an ensemble
ensskew	Ensemble skewness
enskurt	Ensemble kurtosis
ensmedian	Ensemble median

<operator> infiles outfile	
enspcctl	Ensemble percentiles
enspcctl,p infiles outfile	

ensrkhistspace	Ranked Histogram averaged over time
ensrkhisttime	Ranked Histogram averaged over space
ensroc	Ensemble Receiver Operating characteristics

<operator> obsfiles ensfiles outfile	
enscrps	Ensemble CRPS and decomposition
enscrps rfile infiles outfilebase	

ensbs	Ensemble Brier score
ensbs,x rfile infiles outfilebase	

fld<stat>	Statistical values over a field
<operator> infile outfile	
fldint	Field integral
<operator>,weights infile outfile	
fldskew	Field skewness

fldmedian	Field median
fldcount	Field count
<operator> infile outfile	
fldpctl	Field percentiles
fldpctl,p infile outfile	

zon<stat>	Zonal statistical values
<operator> infile outfile	
zonmean,[zonals] infile outfile	
zonskew	Zonal skewness
zonkurt	Zonal kurtosis

zonmedian	Zonal median




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year<stat>	Yearly statistical values
yearminidx	Yearly minimum indices
yearmaxidx	Yearly maximum indices
<operator> infile outfile	
yearpctl	Yearly percentiles
yearpctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
seas<stat>	Seasonal statistical values
<operator> infile outfile	
seaspctl	Seasonal percentiles
seaspctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
yhour<stat>	Multi-year hourly statistical values
<operator> infile outfile	
dhour<stat>	Multi-day hourly statistical values
<operator> infile outfile	
yday<stat>	Multi-year daily statistical values
<operator> infile outfile	
ydaypctl	Multi-year daily percentiles
ydaypctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
ymon<stat>	Multi-year monthly statistical values
<operator> infile outfile	
ymonpctl	Multi-year monthly percentiles
ymonpctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
yseas<stat>	Multi-year seasonal statistical values
<operator> infile outfile	
yseaspctl	Multi-year seasonal percentiles
yseaspctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
ydrun<stat>	Multi-year daily running statistical values
<operator>,nts infile outfile	
ydrunpctl	Multi-year daily running percentiles
ydrunpctl,p,nts infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
<b>Correlation and co.</b>	
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	
<b>Regression</b>	
regres	Regression
regres[,equal] infile outfile	
detrend	Detrend
detrend[,equal] infile outfile	
trend	Trend
trend[,equal] infile1 outfile1 outfile2	
addtrend	Add trend
subtrend	Subtract trend
<operator>[,equal] infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
<b>EOFs</b>	
eof	Calculate EOFs in spatial or time space
eoftime	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	
<b>Interpolation</b>	
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	
gh2hl	Geometric height to height level interpolation
gh2hl,hlevels infile outfile	
intlevel	Linear level interpolation
intlevel,levels infile outfile	
intlevel3d	Linear level interpolation onto a 3D vertical coordinate
intlevelx3d	like intlevel3d but with extrapolation
<operator>,tgtcoordinate infile1 infile2 outfile	
inttime	Interpolation between timesteps
inttime,date,time[,inc] infile outfile	
inttime	Interpolation between timesteps
intntime,n infile outfile	
intyear	Interpolation between two years
intyear,years infile1 infile2 obase	
<b>Transformation</b>	
sp2gp	Spectral to gridpoint
sp2gp[,type] infile outfile	
gp2sp	Gridpoint to spectral
gp2sp[,type=trunc] 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	
<b>Import/Export</b>	
import_binary	Import binary data sets
import_binary infile outfile	
import_cmsaf	Import CM-SAF HDF5 files
import_cmsaf infile outfile	
import_amr	Import AMSR binary files
import_amr infile outfile	
input	ASCII input
input,grid[,zaxis] infile	
inputsrv	SERVICE ASCII input
inputtext	EXTRA ASCII input
<operator> outfile	
output	ASCII output
output,infiles	
outputf	Formatted output
outputf,format[,nelem] infiles	
outputint	Integer output
outputsrv	SERVICE ASCII output
outputext	EXTRA ASCII output
<operator> infiles	
outputtab	Table output
outputtab,params infiles outfile	
gmtxyz	GMT xyz format
gmtcells	GMT multiple segment format
<operator> infile	
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,lhalo,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	
verifygrid	Verify grid coordinates
verifygrid infile	
<b>NCL</b>	
uv2vr_cfd	U and V wind to relative vorticity
uv2dv_cfd	U and V wind to divergence
<operator>[,u,v,boundOpt,outMode] infile outfile	