

# 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; F32/F64 for grb2.srv,ext.ieg; 1-24 for grb1.grb2) Add L or B for Little or Big endian byteorder
-f <format>	Outputformat: grb1.grb2,nc1,nc2,nc4,nc4c,srv,ext,le
-g <grid>	Grid or file name
-h	Grid names: r<NX>x<NY>, n<N>, gme<NI>
-M	Help information for the operators
-m <missval>	Indicate that the I/O streams have missing values
-n	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
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	

## Selection

select	Select fields
delete	Delete fields
<operator>[,params] infile 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
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

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
ifnotthenc	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
neq	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	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
settype	Set 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>,inshifti,icyclici,icoordi 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
setmisston[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	
monadd	Add monthly time series
mons sub	Subtract monthly time series
monmul	Multiply monthly time series
mondiv	Divide monthly time series
<operator> infile1 infile2 outfile	
yearadd	Add yearly time series
yearsub	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
muldp y	Multiply with days per year
divdp y	Divide by days per year
<operator> infile outfile	
mulcoslat	Multiply with the cosine of the latitude
divcoslat	Divide by cosine of the latitude
<operator> infile outfile	

fld<stat>	Statistical values over a field
fldint	Field integral
fldskew	Field skewness
fldkurt	Field kurtosis
fldmedian	Field median
<operator>,weights infile outfile	
fldpctl	Field percentiles
fldpctl,p infile outfile	
zon<stat>	Zonal statistical values
zonskew	Zonal skewness
zonkurt	Zonal kurtosis
zonmedian	Zonal median
<operator> infile outfile	
zonpctl	Zonal percentiles
zonpctl,p infile outfile	
mer<stat>	Meridional statistical values
merskew	Meridional skewness
merkurt	Meridional kurtosis
mermedian	Meridional median
<operator> infile outfile	
merpctl	Meridional percentiles
merpctl,p infile outfile	
gridbox<stat>	Statistical values over grid boxes
gridboxskew	Gridbox skewness
gridboxkurt	Gridbox kurtosis
gridboxmedian	Gridbox median
<operator>,nx,ny infile outfile	
vert<stat>	Vertical statistical values
<operator>,weights infile outfile	
timsel<stat>	Time range statistical values
<operator>,nssets,[noffset,[nskip]] infile outfile	
timselpctl	Time range percentiles
timselpctl,p,nssets,[noffset,[nskip]] infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
run<stat>	Running statistical values
<operator>,nts infile outfile	
runpctl	Running percentiles
runpctl,p,nts infile outfile	
tim<stat>	Statistical values over all timesteps
<operator> infile outfile	
timpctl	Time percentiles
timpctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
hour<stat>	Hourly statistical values
<operator> infile outfile	
hourpctl	Hourly percentiles
hourpctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
day<stat>	Daily statistical values
<operator> infile outfile	
daypctl	Daily percentiles
daypctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
mon<stat>	Monthly statistical values
<operator> infile outfile	
monpctl	Monthly percentiles
monpctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile	
yearmonmean	Yearly mean from monthly data
yearmonmean(infile)	Yearly mean from monthly data
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
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>	
fdcor	Correlation in grid space
fdcor	infile1 infile2 outfile
timcor	Correlation over time
timcor	infile1 infile2 outfile
fdcovar	Covariance in grid space
fdcovar	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 outfile2
addtrend	Add trend
subtrend	Subtract trend
<operator>,equal	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
<b>EOFs</b>	
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
<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
inttime,n	infile outfile
intyear	Interpolation between two years
intyear,years	infile1 infile2 obase
<b>Transformation</b>	
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
import.binary	Import binary data sets
import.binary	infile outfile
import.cmsaf	Import CM-SAF HDF5 files
import.cmsaf	infile outfile
import.amsr	Import AMSR binary files
import.amsr	infile outfile
input	ASCII input
input,grid[,zaxis]	outfile
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
outputtext	EXTRA ASCII output
<operator>	infiles
outputtab	Table output
outputtab,params	infiles outfile
gmtxyz	GMT xyz format
gmtcells	GMT multiple segment format
<operator>	infile
mastrfu	Mass stream function
mastrfu	infile outfile
sealevelpressur	Sea level pressure
gheight	Geopotential height
<operator>	infile outfile
adisit	Potential temperature to in-situ temperature
adipot	In-situ temperature to potential temperature
<operator>,[pressure]	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,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
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
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
seq	Create a time series
seq,start,end,[inc]	outfile
stdatm	Create values for pressure and temperature for hydrostatic atmosphere
stdatm,levels	outfile
timsort	Sort over the time
timsort	infile 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
mrotuvb	Backward rotation of MPIOM data
mrotuvb	infile1 infile2 outfile