

# 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 for nc1,nc2,nc4,nc4; F32/F64 for grb2.srv,ext,iwg; 1-24 for grb1,grb2)
-f <format>	Outputformat: grb1,grb2,nc1,nc2,nc4,nc4c,srv,ext
-g <grid>	Grid or file name
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	
xinfo	Extra short information listed by parameter name
xsinop	Extra short information listed by parameter identifier
<operator> infiles	
diff	Compare two datasets listed by parameter id
diffn	Compare two datasets listed by parameter name
<operator>[,parameter] 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
showfilter	Show filter specification
<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[<parameter>]	infile outfile
unpack	Unpack data
unpack	infile outfile
setfilter	Set NetCDF4 filter specification
setfilter[<parameter>]	infile outfile
bitrounding	Bit rounding
bitrounding[<parameter>]	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
merge	infles outfile
mergetime	Merge datasets sorted by date and time
mergetime[<options>]	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>[<parameter>]	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,[nsel],[noffset],[nskip]]	infile obase
splitdate	Splits a file into dates
splitdate	infile obase
distgrid	Distribute horizontal grid
distgrid,[nx,ny]	infile obase
collgrid	Collect horizontal grid
collgrid,[nx,ny]	infles 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
seltimeidx	Select timestep by index
seltimeidx	infile1 infile2 outfile

bottomvalue	Extract bottom level
topvalue	Extract top level
<operator>	infile outfile
isosurface	Extract isosurface
isosurface[<isovalue>]	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>,<parameter>	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
selaxis	Select z-axes
selaxis,[zaxes]	infile outfile
selaxisname	Select z-axes by name
selaxisname,[zaxisnames]	infile outfile
selltype	Select GRIB level types
selltype,[ltypes]	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[<parameter>]	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
neq	Not equal constant
lec	Less equal constant
ltc	Less than constant
gec	Greater equal constant
gtc	Greater than constant
<operator>,<c>	infile outfile
ymonEQ	Compare time series with Equal
ymonNE	Compare time series with NotEqual
ymonLE	Compare time series with LessEqual
ymonLT	Compares if time series with LessThan
ymongE	Compares if time series with GreaterEqual
ymongT	Compares if time series with GreaterThan
<operator>	infile1 infile2 outfile

Modification	
setattribute	Set attributes
delattribute	Delete attributes
<operator>,<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
setltype	Set GRIB level type
setltype,ltype	infile outfile
setmaxsteps	Set max timesteps
setmaxsteps,maxsteps	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,shiftValue	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
chlevetc	Change level of one code
chlevetc,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
setprojparams	Set proj params
setprojparams,projparams	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>,jshift,jcycle,jcoord	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
setcommiss	Set constant to missing value
setmisstoc	Set missing value to constant
<operator>,c	infile outfile
setrmiss	Set range to missing value
setvrange	Set valid range
<operator>,rmin,rmax	infile outfile
setmisstom	Set missing value to nearest neighbor
setmisston	infile outfile
setmisstdis	Set missing value to distance-weighted average
setmisstdis,[neighbors]	infile outfile
vertfillmiss	Vertical filling of missing values
vertfillmiss,[parameter]	infile outfile
timfillmiss	Temporal filling of missing values
timfillmiss,[parameter]	infile outfile
setgridcell	Set the value of a grid cell
setgridcell,parameter	infile outfile
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
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
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
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
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
yhours sub	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
ydays sub	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
ymons sub	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
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
timsel<stat>	Cumulative sum over all timesteps
timcumsum	infile outfile
consects	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
enspcl	Ensemble percentiles
enspcl,p	infiles outfile
ensrkhistspace	Ranked Histogram averaged over space
ensrkhisttime	Ranked Histogram averaged over time
ensroc	Ensemble Receiver Operating characteristics
<operator>	obsfile ensfiles outfile
enscrps	Ensemble CRPS and decomposition
enscrps,rfile	infiles outfilebase
ensb rs	Ensemble Brier score
ensb rs,rfile	infiles outfilebase
fld<stat>	Statistical values over a field
<operator>	infile outfile
fldint	Field integral
<operator>,weights	infile outfile
fldskew	Field skewness
fldkurt	Field kurtosis
fldmedian	Field median
fldcount	Field count
<operator>	infile outfile
fldpctl	Field percentiles
fldpctl,p	infile outfile
zon<stat>	Zonal statistics
<operator>	infile outfile
zonmean,[zonaldes]	infile outfile
zonskew	Zonal skewness
zonkurt	Zonal kurtosis
zonmedian	Zonal median
<operator>	infile outfile
zonpctl	Zonal percentiles
zonpctl,p	infile outfile
mer<stat>	Meridional statistics
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
remap<stat>	Remaps source points to target cells
remapskew	Remap skewness
remapkurt	Remap kurtosis
remapmedian	Remap median
<operator>,grid	infile outfile
vert<stat>	Vertical statistics
<operator>,weights	infile outfile
timsel<stat>	Time range statistics
<operator>,nsets,[nofset],[nskip]]	infile outfile
timselpctl	Time range percentiles
timselpctl,p,nsets,[nofset],[nskip]]	infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile
run<stat>	Running statistics
<operator>,nts	infile outfile

runcptl	Running percentiles	fldcovar	Covariance in grid space	gridarea	Grid cell area
runcptl,p,nts infile outfile		fldcovar infile1 infile2 outfile		gridarea,[radius]	infile outfile
tim<stat>	Statistical values over all timesteps	timcovar	Covariance over time	gridweights	Grid cell weights
timminidx	Index of time minimum	timcovar infile1 infile2 outfile		gridweights infile	outfile
timmaxidx	Index of time maximum	<operator> infile outfile		smooth	Smooth grid points
timptcl	Time percentiles	regres	Regression	smooth,[options]	infile outfile
timptcl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile		regres,[equal] infile outfile		smooth9	9 point smoothing
hour<stat>	Hourly statistics	detrend	Detrend	smooth9 infile	outfile
<operator> infile outfile		detrend,[equal] infile outfile		smooth9 infile outfile	
hourpctl	Hourly percentiles	trend	Trend	setvals	Set list of old values to new values
hourpctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile		trend,[equal] infile outfile1 outfile2		setvals,oldval,newval[...]	infile outfile
day<stat>	Daily statistics	addtrend	Add trend	setrtoc	Set range to constant
<operator>[,parameter] infile outfile		subtractrend	Subtract trend	setrtoc,rmin,rmax,c	infile outfile
daypctl	Daily percentiles	<operator>[,equal] infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile		setrtoc2	Set range to constant others to constant2
daypctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile				setrtoc2,rmin,rmax,c,c2	infile outfile
mon<stat>	Monthly statistics	EOFs		gridcellindex	Get grid cell index from lon/lat point
<operator>[,parameter] infile outfile		eof	Calculate EOFs in spatial or time space	gridcellindex,[parameter]	infile
monpctl	Monthly percentiles	eftime	Calculate EOFs in time space	const	Create a constant field
monpctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile		eofspatial	Calculate EOFs in spatial space	const,const,grid	outfile
yearmonmean	Yearly mean from monthly data	eof3d	Calculate 3-Dimensional EOFs in time space	random	Create a field with random numbers
yearmonmean infile outfile		<operator>,neof infile outfile1 outfile2		random,grid[,seed]	outfile
year<stat>	Yearly statistics	eofcoeff	Calculate principal coefficients of EOFs	topo	Create a field with topography
yearminidx	Index of yearly minimum	eofcoeff infile1 infile2 obase		topo,[grid]	outfile
yearmaxidx	Index of yearly maximum			seq	Create a time series
<operator>[,parameter] infile outfile				seq,start,end[,inc]	outfile
yearpctl	Yearly percentiles	Interpolation		stdatm	Create values for pressure and temperature for hydro
yearpctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile		remapbil	Bilinear interpolation	stdatm,levels	outfile
seas<stat>	Seasonal statistics	remapbil,grid	infile outfile	timsort	Sort over the time
<operator> infile outfile		genbil	Generate bilinear interpolation weights	timsort infile	outfile
seaspctl	Seasonal percentiles	genbil,grid,[map3d]	infile outfile	uvDestag	Destaggering of u/v wind components
seaspctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile		remapbic	Bicubic interpolation	uvDestag,u,v,-/+0.5/-/+0.5]	infile outfile
yhour<stat>	Multi-year hourly statistics	remapbic,grid	infile outfile	rotuvNorth	Rotate u/v wind to North pole.
<operator> infile outfile		genbic	Generate bicubic interpolation weights	projuvLatLon	Cylindrical Equidistant projection
dhour<stat>	Multi-day hourly statistics	genbic,grid,[map3d]	infile outfile	<operator>,u,v	infile outfile
<operator> infile outfile		remapnn	Nearest neighbor remapping	rotuvb	Backward rotation
dminute<stat>	Multi-day by the minute statistics	remapnn,grid	infile outfile	rotuvb,u,v,...	infile outfile
<operator> infile outfile		gennn	Generate nearest neighbor remap weights	mrotuvb	Backward rotation of MPIOM data
yday<stat>	Multi-year daily statistics	gennn,grid,[map3d]	infile outfile	mrotuvb infile1	infile2 outfile
<operator> infile outfile		remapdis	Distance weighted average remapping	mastrfu	Mass stream function
ydaypctl	Multi-year daily percentiles	remapdis,grid,[neighbors]	infile outfile	mastrfu infile	outfile
ydaypctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile		gendis	Generate distance weighted average remap weights	pressure_half	Pressure on half-levels
ymon<stat>	Multi-year monthly statistics	gendis,grid,[neighbors],[map3d]	infile outfile	pressure	Pressure on full-levels
<operator> infile outfile		remapcon	First order conservative remapping	delta_pressure	Pressure difference of half-levels
ymonpctl	Multi-year monthly percentiles	remapcon,grid	infile outfile	<operator> infile	outfile
ymonpctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile		gencon	Generate 1st order conservative remap weights	sealevelpressur	Sea level pressure
yseaspctl	Multi-year seasonal percentiles	gencon,grid,[map3d]	infile outfile	gheight	Geopotential height on full-levels
yseaspctl,p infile1 infile2 infile3 outfile		remaplafl	Largest area fraction remapping	gheight_half	Geopotential height on half-levels
remaplafl	Generate largest area fraction remap weights	<operator>,grid	infile outfile	<operator> infile	outfile
remap	Grid remapping	remap	Remap	adisit	Potential temperature to in-situ temperature
remap,grid,weights	infile outfile	remap,grid,vct,[oro]	infile outfile	adipot	In-situ temperature to potential temperature
remapeta	Remap vertical hybrid level	remapeta,vct,[oro]	infile outfile	rhopot	Calculates potential density
ml2pl	Model to pressure level interpolation	ml2pl,plevels	infile outfile	rhopot,[pressure]	infile outfile
ml2hl	Model to height level interpolation	ml2hl,hlevels	infile outfile	histcount	Histogram count
ap2pl	Air pressure to pressure level interpolation	ap2pl,plevels	infile outfile	histsum	Histogram sum
gh2hl	Geometric height to height level interpolation	gh2hl,hlevels	infile outfile	histmean	Histogram mean
intlevel	Linear level interpolation	intlevel,parameter	infile outfile	histfreq	Histogram frequency
Correlation and co.				<operator>,bounds	infile outfile
fdcor	Correlation in grid space			sethalo	Set the bounds of a field
fdcor infile1 infile2 outfile				sethalo,[parameter]	infile outfile
timcor	Correlation over time			wct	Windchill temperature
timcor infile1 infile2 outfile				wct infile1	infile2 outfile
				fdns	Frost days where no snow index per time period
				fdns infile1	infile2 outfile

<b>strwin</b>	Strong wind days index per time period
<b>strwin[,v]</b>	infile outfile
<b>strbre</b>	Strong breeze days index per time period
<b>strbre</b>	infile outfile
<b>strgal</b>	Strong gale days index per time period
<b>strgal</b>	infile outfile
<b>hurr</b>	Hurricane days index per time period
<b>hurr</b>	infile outfile
<b>cmorlite</b>	CMOR lite
<b>cmorlite,table[,convert]</b>	infile outfile
<b>verifygrid</b>	Verify grid coordinates
<b>verifygrid</b>	infile
<b>hpupgrade</b>	Degrade healpix
<b>hpupgrade</b>	Upgrade healpix
<b>&lt;operator&gt;,parameter</b>	infile outfile

## NCL

<b>uv2vr_cfd</b>	U and V wind to relative vorticity
<b>uv2dv_cfd</b>	U and V wind to divergence
<b>&lt;operator&gt;[,u,v,boundOpt,outMode]</b>	infile outfile