

# nctoolkit v1.1.6

## Cheat Sheet

### Creating datasets

```
ds = nc.open_data(foo.nc)
    Open a local file as a dataset.
ds = nc.open_url('https://foo.foo.nc')
    Open/download a file as a dataset.
ds = nc.open_thredds('https://foo.foo.nc')
    Use thredds/opendap file as a dataset.
```

### Visualizing data

```
ds.plot()
    Plot all data in a dataset.
ds.plot('var')
    Plot a specific variable.
```

### Subsetting data

```
ds.subset(lon = [lon_min, lon_max],
          lat = [lat_min, lat_max])
    Crop to a latlon box.
ds.subset(variables = [var1, var2])
    Select a list of variables.
ds.subset(years = [2000, 2001])
    Select a list of years.
ds.subset(months = [5, 6])
    Select a list of years.
ds.drop(variables = ['var1', 'var2'])
    Remove a list of variables.
```

### Rolling methods

Rolling methods require a window to average over.

```
ds.rolling_mean(20)
    Calculate rolling mean using a window of 20.
ds.rolling_min(10)
    Calculate rolling min using a window of 10.
ds.rolling_max(5)
    Calculate rolling max using a window of 5.
ds.rolling_sum(20)
    Calculate rolling sum using a window of 20.
```

### Exporting datasets

```
ds.to_xarray()
    Export as xarray dataset.
ds.to_dataframe()
    Export as pandas dataframe.
ds.to_nc('foo/foo.nc')
    Export as netCDF file.
```

### Accessing attributes

```
ds.variables
    List dataset variables.
ds.years
    List dataset years.
ds.months
    List dataset months.
ds.times
    List dataset times.
ds.size
    Display dataset size.
ds.current
    Display dataset files.
```

### Merging methods

```
ds.merge("variables")
    Merge dataset of files with different variables.
ds.merge("time")
    Merge dataset of files with different timesteps.
```

### Copying dataset

```
ds_copy = ds.copy()
    Copy a dataset.
```

### Global settings

```
nc.options(lazy = False)
    Set evaluation to eager/non-lazy.
nc.options(temp_dir = '/foo')
    Set temporary directory to use in session.
nc.options(cores = 6)
    Set number of cores to use when
    processing multi-file datasets
nc.options(parallel = True)
    Tell nctoolkit multiple datasets will be
    processed in parallel
```

### Temporal methods

Temporal averaging methods require a list, which specifies the time periods to average over, the elements of which must be 'year', 'month', 'day'. Defaults to 'time', i.e. an average over all time steps.

```
ds.tmean('year')
    Calculate the annual mean.
ds.tmean(["year", "month"])
    Calculate the mean for each month in each
    year.
ds.tmin()
    Calculate the temporal minimum.
ds.tmax()
    Calculate the temporal maximum.
ds.tmedian()
    Calculate the temporal median.
ds.trange()
    Calculate the temporal range.
ds.tpercentile(95)
    Calculate the 95th percentile.
ds.tvariance()
    Calculate the temporal variance.

ds.shift(hours = -1)
    Shift time back 1 hour. Other valid arguments: 'days', 'months', 'years'.
ds.tcumsum()
    Temporal cumulative sum.
ds.first_above(0)
    Identify 1st time step variables are positive.
ds.first_below(0)
    Identify 1st time step variables are negative.
```

## Vertical methods

**ds.vertical\_mean()**  
Calculate vertical mean per grid-cell.

**ds.vertical\_min()**  
Calculate vertical minimum per grid-cell.

**ds.vertical\_max()**  
Calculate vertical maximum per grid-cell.

**ds.top()**  
Extract the top-cell, e.g. the sea-surface.

**ds.bottom()**  
Extract the bottom cell.

**ds.vertical\_interp([10, 20, 30])**  
Interpolate to a list of vertical depths.

## Ensemble methods

Ensemble methods allow the comparison of files with the same timesteps and grid. Calculations are done per-grid-cell.

**ds.ensemble\_mean()**  
Calculate mean across an ensemble.

**ds.ensemble\_max()**  
Calculate maximum across an ensemble.

**ds.ensemble\_min()**  
Calculate minimum across an ensemble.

**ds.ensemble\_range()**  
Calculate range across an ensemble.

## Spatial methods

Spatial methods are calculated per time-step

**ds.spatial\_mean()**  
Calculate the spatial mean.

**ds.spatial\_min()**  
Calculate the spatial minimum.

**ds.spatial\_max()**  
Calculate the spatial maximum.

**ds.spatial\_sum()**  
Calculate the spatial sum.

**ds.zonal\_mean()**  
Calculate the zonal mean.

**ds.meridional\_mean()**  
Calculate the meridional mean.

## Random hacks

**ds.zip()**  
Zip dataset files.

**ds.format('nc4')**  
Change netCDF format of dataset files.

**ds.as\_missing([0, 100])**  
Set values within a range to missing.

**ds.rename({'old\_foo': 'new\_foo'})**  
Change the name of a variable.

**ds.set\_units({'var': 'foo/s'})**  
Set the units for a variable.

**ds.set\_longnames({'foo': 'a long foo'})**  
Set the long names for variables.

## Creating variables

New variables can be created using the assign method. This requires a lambda function. Operations are carried out per-grid-cell and timestep.

**ds.assign(new = lambda x: x.old + 10)**  
Calculate a new variable, which is just an old one plus 10.

**ds.assign(new = lambda x: x.old > spatial\_mean(x.old))**  
Create a variable which identifies if a grid cell is higher than the spatial mean.

For more examples see the nctoolkit website.

## Multi-dataset methods

Multi-dataset methods let you add/subtract dataset from others so long as their grids and timesteps are compatible. Calculations carried out per-timestep and grid cell

**ds + ds1**  
Add one dataset to another.

**ds - ds1**  
Subtract one dataset from another.

**ds \* ds1**  
Multiply a dataset by another.

**ds / ds1**  
Divide a dataset by another.

**ds > ds1**  
Do a dataset's values exceed another's?

**ds < ds1**  
Are a dataset's values less than another's?

## Regridding

**ds.regrid('foo.nc')**  
Regrid to a file's grid.

**ds.regrid(ds2)**  
Regrid to another dataset's grid.

**ds.to\_latlon(lon = [lon\_min, lon\_max],  
lat = [lat\_min, lat\_max],  
res = [lon\_res, lat\_res])**  
Regrid to a regular latlon grid, with specified latlon ranges and resolutions.

**ds.resample\_grid(2)**  
Resample, selecting everything other lon/lat grid cell