Title

frame copy — Make a copy of a frame

Description

frame copy copies an existing frame to a frame with a new name or to an existing frame, replacing its contents. All data and metadata from *frame_from* are copied.

Quick start

Copy the default frame to a frame named fr1

  frame copy default fr1

Copy frame fr1 to existing frame fr2, replacing the data

  frame copy fr1 fr2, replace

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Syntax

  frame copy *frame_from frame_to* [, replace]

Option

replace specifies that *frame_to* be replaced if it already exists.

Remarks and examples

frame_from must be an existing frame. It may be the current frame. *frame_to* may be the name of a new frame or an existing frame. If it is an existing frame, replace must be specified.

In a programming context within a do-file or an ado-file, if you obtain a temporary name and copy a frame to that name, the frame will automatically be removed upon conclusion of the do-file or program.

▷ Example 1

Let's assume we have a frame named default in memory. We want to copy this frame to a new frame named counties. To do this, we type

  . frame copy default counties

Later, we decide that we need to copy a frame named uscounties to our existing frame named counties, replacing it

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. frame copy uscounties counties, replace
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When programming, we might want to copy a frame to a temporary name. To copy a frame named counties to a temporary name, we could type the following:

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. tempname newframe
. frame copy counties `newframe'
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