collect rename — Rename a collection

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collect rename changes the name associated with a collection.

Quick start

```
Change name of existing collection c1 to collection1
collect rename c1 collection1

Same as above, but overwrite collection1 if it exists
collect rename c1 collection1, replace
```

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Syntax

```
collect rename cname newcname [ , replace ]
```

where *cname* is the name of an existing collection and *newcname* is the new name for the existing collection.

Option

replace permits collect rename to overwrite an existing collection.

Remarks and examples

collect rename changes the name associated with a collection. This is useful when you have multiple collections in memory. For example, you may be collecting results into the collection named default. You may want to give this collection a more descriptive name, based on the results you have collected. For example, you might call this collection means:

```
. collect rename default means
```

Now it is clear that the collection means contains means.

Stored results

```
collect rename stores the following in s():

Macros
s(current) name of current collection
```

Also see

[TABLES] **collect create** — Create a new collection [TABLES] **collect copy** — Copy a collection

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