

## Description

`set collect_style` controls the default styles used in tables created by `collect`. The default setting is `default`, which means that `collect` uses the styles defined in the file `style-default.stjson`. This file can be found in the `ado-path`.

## Syntax

*Use the system default styles in tables*

```
set collect_style default [ , permanently ]
```

*Specify a style set to be used as the default in tables*

```
set collect_style style [ , permanently ]
```

## Option

`permanently` specifies that, in addition to making the change right now, the setting be remembered and become the default setting when you invoke Stata.

## Remarks and examples

`set collect_style` controls the default style used in tables created by `collect`. The default setting is `default`, which means that `collect` uses the styles defined in the file `style-default.stjson`. This file can be found in the `ado-path`.

However, if you have a style that you plan to use with many of the tables that you will be creating, you can save that style to a file with `collect style save`. For example, you can save your style as `mystyle.stjson` by typing the following:

```
. collect style save mystyle.stjson
```

Then, to use that style by default with tables created by `collect`, you would type

```
. set collect_style mystyle
```

`set collect_style` will then search for `style-mystyle.stjson` in the `ado-path`. If `style-mystyle.stjson` is not found, it will search the `ado-path` for `mystyle.stjson`.

To see the current setting, type

```
. display c(collect_style)
```

## Also see

[TABLES] **collect style save** — Save collection styles to disk  
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