

**collect copy** — Copy a collection

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## Description

`collect copy` copies a collection in memory into a new collection.

## Quick start

Copy existing collection `c1` into collection `c2`

```
collect copy c1 c2
```

Same as above, but overwrite `c2` if it exists

```
collect copy c1 c2, replace
```

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## Syntax

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

where *cname* is the name of an existing collection and *newcname* is the name of the collection to be created.

## Option

`replace` permits `collect copy` to overwrite an existing collection. `replace` is required if *newcname* already exists and is not empty.

## Remarks and examples

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`collect copy` copies an existing collection into a new collection. This new collection becomes the [current collection](#), the collection to which subsequent `collect` subcommands will be applied.

## Stored results

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

Macros  
`s(current)`      name of current collection

### Also see

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

[TABLES] **collect drop** — Drop collections from memory

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