

**collect save** — Save a collection to disk

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## Description

`collect save` saves a collection to a file.

## Quick start

Save current collection to a file, with the filename constructed using the collection name with the `.stjson` extension

```
collect save
```

Same as above, but save collection to `myfile.stjson`

```
collect save myfile
```

Save collection `c1` to `c1.stjson`, replacing it if it exists

```
collect save, name(c1) replace
```

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## Syntax

```
collect save [filename] [, replace name(cname)]
```

If *filename* is specified without an extension, `.stjson` is assumed. If *filename* contains embedded spaces, enclose it in double quotes.

## Options

`replace` permits `collect save` to overwrite an existing file.

`name(cname)` specifies the name of the collection to be saved. By default, the current collection is saved.

## Remarks and examples

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With `collect save`, you can save your collection to a file. This might be useful if, for example, you have collected the results you want and you are about to exit Stata but you plan to continue working with this collection in a future session. Suppose your [current collection](#) is named `default` and you simply type

```
. collect save
```

Your collection will be stored in a file called `default.stjson`. You might instead specify a more descriptive filename, as follows:

```
. collect save means
```

The default behavior is to save the current collection. If you have multiple collections in memory and you wish to save a collection other than the current collection, specify the collection name with `name()`.

Whenever you are ready to resume working with the collection `means`, you can type

```
. collect use means
```

to load the collection from that file into memory; see [\[TABLES\] collect use](#).

## Stored results

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

Macros

```
s(collection)  name of saved collection
s(filename)    name of the file
```

## Also see

[\[TABLES\] collect use](#) — Use a collection from disk

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