

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

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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