**collect copy — Copy a collection**

### 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
```

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
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