

**collect dir** — Display names of all collections in memory

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## Description

`collect dir` lists all collections in memory and identifies the current collection. `collect` by itself is a synonym for `collect dir`.

## Syntax

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collect dir
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## Remarks and examples

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After creating one or more collections, you can use `collect dir` to learn about the collections you have in memory.

`collect dir` provides a report such as

```
. collect dir
Collections in memory
Current: means
```

Name	No. items
default	14
means	12
regressions	114

Above the table, we find that `means` is the name of our current collection. In the table, we learn that we have three collections in memory named `default`, `means`, and `regressions`. For each of these collections, `collect dir` reports the number of items in the collection. These items are the values collected from results of Stata commands, values that we can include in the cells of a table that we construct.

By default, new results collected by the `collect` prefix or `collect get` command will be stored in the current collection. Likewise, new `table layouts`, `styles`, and `labels` will apply to the current collection. Also, any exported tables will be based on the current collection. If you would like to work with a different collection, you can use `collect set` to specify that another collection from this list become the current collection.

To learn about commands for exploring the contents of one of these collections, see [\[TABLES\] collect dims](#) and [\[TABLES\] collect levelsof](#).

## Also see

[TABLES] **collect dims** — List dimensions in a collection

[TABLES] **collect get** — Collect results from a Stata command

[TABLES] **collect set** — Set the current (active) collection