

Description

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

Syntax

```
collect dir
```

```
collect
```

Remarks and examples

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
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      Name   No. items
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  default    14
    means    12
regressions 134
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```

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

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