collect drop — Drop collections from memory

Description

collect drop eliminates collections from memory.

collect keep works the same way as collect drop, except that you specify the collections to be kept rather than the collections to be deleted.

Quick start

Drop collection c1 from memory

    collect drop c1

Same as above, and drop collection c2

    collect drop c1 c2

Drop all collections from memory

    collect drop _all

Drop all collections, except for c2

    collect keep c2

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Syntax

Drop specified collections

    collect drop *cname* [*cname* [...]]

Drop all but the specified collections

    collect keep *cname* [*cname* [...]]

where *cname* is the name of an existing collection.

Remarks and examples

Results collected using the `collect` prefix or the `collect get` command are stored in memory. To see the collections currently in memory, you can type `collect dir`. `collect drop` is used to remove selected collections from memory. Alternatively, `collect keep` removes all but the specified collections from memory.

When `collect drop` or `collect keep` drops the current collection from memory, a new collection named `default` will be created and will become the current collection.

You can drop all collections by typing `collect drop _all`. `collect clear` can also be used to remove all collections from memory. The difference between `collect clear` and `collect drop _all` is that `collect drop _all` will post the list of dropped collections to macro `s(collections)`.

Stored results

`collect drop` and `collect keep` store the following in `s()`:

Macros
    `s(current)`   name of current collection
    `s(collections)` list of dropped collections

Also see

[TABLES] **collect clear** — Clear all collections in memory