Title

> **collect set —** Set the current (active) collection

Description

collect set identifies a collection to be the current (active) collection.

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Set c1 as the current collection

        collect set c1

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Syntax

        collect set *cname*

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

Remarks and examples

collect set identifies a collection to be the current collection. This means that any results collected with the collect prefix or the collect get command will be stored in this collection, by default. Also, any style specifications and labels will apply to this collection. And any exported tables will be based on this collection as well.

When you start Stata, you will have a single collection called default. This will be the current collection until you specify another collection to be the current one or until you issue a table, dtable, or etable command. These commands all create tables and automatically create a collection with their results.

If you want to set another collection to be the current collection but cannot remember the collection name, you can list all the collections in memory by typing

    . collect dir

You can then specify your selected collection name in collect set.

If you would instead like to create a new collection and make it the current one, you can use collect create.

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Stored results

collect set stores the following in s():

Macros
    s(current)   name of current collection

Also see