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## 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

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