

frame copy — Make a copy of a frame

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Description

`frame copy` copies an existing frame to a frame with a new name or to an existing frame, replacing its contents. All data and metadata from *frame_from* are copied.

Quick start

Copy the default frame to a frame named `fr1`

```
frame copy default fr1
```

Copy frame `fr1` to existing frame `fr2`, replacing the data

```
frame copy fr1 fr2, replace
```

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Syntax

```
frame copy frame_from frame_to [, replace]
```

Option

`replace` specifies that *frame_to* be replaced if it already exists.

Remarks and examples

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frame_from must be an existing frame. It may be the current frame. *frame_to* may be the name of a new frame or an existing frame. If it is an existing frame, `replace` must be specified.

In a programming context within a do-file or an ado-file, if you obtain a temporary name and copy a frame to that name, the frame will automatically be removed upon conclusion of the do-file or program.

▷ Example 1

Let's assume we have a frame named `default` in memory. We want to copy this frame to a new frame named `counties`. To do this, we type

```
. frame copy default counties
```

Later, we decide that we need to copy a frame named `uscounties` to our existing frame named `counties`, replacing it

```
. frame copy uscounties counties, replace
```



When programming, we might want to copy a frame to a temporary name. To copy a frame named `counties` to a temporary name, we could type the following:

```
. tempname newframe  
. frame copy counties 'newframe'
```

Also see

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