

Package ‘alabaster.string’

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Title Save and Load Biostrings to/from File

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Description Save Biostrings objects to file artifacts, and load them back into memory.
This is a more portable alternative to serialization of such objects into RDS files.
Each artifact is associated with metadata for further interpretation;
downstream applications can enrich this metadata with context-specific properties.

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loadXStringSet *Load a DNStringSet*

Description

Load a [DNStringSet](#) object, typically from a FASTA or FASTQ file generated by the corresponding [stageObject](#) method.

Usage

```
loadXStringSet(seq.info, project)
```

Arguments

seq.info	A named list of metadata for this object.
project	Any argument accepted by the acquisition functions, see ?acquireFile . By default, this should be a string containing the path to a staging directory.

Value

A [DNStringSet](#) containing DNA sequences. This may also be a [QualityScaledDNStringSet](#) with quality scores.

Examples

```
library(Biostrings)
stuff <- DNStringSet(c("AAA", "CC", "G", "TTTT"))

tmp <- tempfile()
dir.create(tmp)
info <- stageObject(stuff, tmp, path="dna_thing")
loadXStringSet(info, project=tmp)
```

stageObject,XStringSet-method
Stage a XStringSet

Description

Stage a XStringSet by saving it to the appropriate file format.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'XStringSet'
stageObject(x, dir, path, child = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A XStringSet or any of its subclasses, in particular a QualityScaledXStringSet .
<code>dir</code>	String containing the path to the staging directory.
<code>path</code>	String containing a prefix of the relative path inside <code>dir</code> where <code>x</code> is to be saved. The actual path used to save <code>x</code> may include additional components, see Details .
<code>child</code>	Logical scalar indicating whether <code>x</code> is a child of a larger object.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments to pass to specific methods.

Value

A list containing metadata for `x`. A subdirectory is created at `path` inside `dir` and the contents of `x` are saved to various files within that subdirectory. If `x` is a [QualityScaledXStringSet](#), a FASTQ file is created instead of a FASTA file.

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Examples

```
library(Biostrings)
stuff <- DNASTringSet(c("AAA", "CC", "G", "TTTT"))

tmp <- tempfile()
dir.create(tmp)
stageObject(stuff, tmp, path="dna_thing")
list.files(tmp, recursive=TRUE)
```

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