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Title Load and Save MultiAssayExperiments

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Description Save MultiAssayExperiments into 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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`loadMultiAssayExperiment`*Load a MultiAssayExperiment*

Description

Load a dataset as a [MultiAssayExperiment](#), based on the metadata generated by the corresponding [stageObject](#) method.

Usage

```
loadMultiAssayExperiment(  
  ds.info,  
  project,  
  experiments = NULL,  
  BPPARAM = NULL,  
  include.nested = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

<code>ds.info</code>	Named list containing the metadata for this object.
<code>project</code>	Any argument accepted by the acquisition functions, see ?acquireFile . By default, this should be a string containing the path to a staging directory.
<code>experiments</code>	Character or integer vector specifying the subset of experiments to load. If NULL, all experiments are loaded.
<code>BPPARAM</code>	A BiocParallelParam object indicating how loading should be parallelized across multiple experiments. If NULL, loading is done serially.
<code>include.nested</code>	Logical scalar indicating whether to include nested DataFrames in the <code>colData</code> of the output.

Value

A [MultiAssayExperiment](#) object.

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Examples

```
library(SummarizedExperiment)  
  
# Mocking up an MAE  
mat <- matrix(rnorm(1000), ncol=10)  
colnames(mat) <- letters[1:10]  
rownames(mat) <- sprintf("GENE_%i", seq_len(nrow(mat)))
```

```
se <- SummarizedExperiment(list(counts=mat))

library(MultiAssayExperiment)
mae <- MultiAssayExperiment(list(gene=se))

# Staging it:
tmp <- tempfile()
dir.create(tmp)
info <- stageObject(mae, tmp, "dataset")

# Loading it back in:
loadMultiAssayExperiment(info, tmp)
```

stageObject,MultiAssayExperiment-method
Stage a dataset

Description

Save the metadata and annotations of a [MultiAssayExperiment](#) in a staging directory.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MultiAssayExperiment'
stageObject(
  x,
  dir,
  path,
  child = FALSE,
  sm.name = "sample_mapping",
  sd.name = "sample_data",
  meta.name = "dataset.json"
)
```

Arguments

x	A MultiAssayExperiment object or one of its subclasses.
dir	String containing the path to the staging directory.
path	String containing a prefix of the relative path inside dir where x is to be saved. The actual path used to save x may include additional components, see Details .
child	Logical scalar indicating whether x is a child of a larger object.
sm.name	String containing the prefix of the sample mapping file.
sd.name	String containing the prefix of the sample data file.
meta.name	String containing the name of the metadata file.

Details

`meta.name` is only needed to set up the output path, for consistency with the `stageObject` contract. Callers should make sure to write the metadata to the same document by using `.writeMetadata` with `meta.only=TRUE`.

Value

A named list containing the metadata for this dataset. The contents of `x` are saved into a path subdirectory inside `dir`.

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Examples

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rownames(mat) <- sprintf("GENE_%i", seq_len(nrow(mat)))

library(SummarizedExperiment)
se <- SummarizedExperiment(list(counts=mat))

library(MultiAssayExperiment)
mae <- MultiAssayExperiment(list(gene=se))

# Staging it:
tmp <- tempfile()
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stageObject(mae, tmp, "dataset")
```

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