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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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readMultiAssayExperiment

Read a MultiAssayExperiment from disk

Description

Read a [MultiAssayExperiment](#) from its on-disk representation. This is usually not directly called by users, but is instead called by dispatch in [readObject](#).

Usage

```
readMultiAssayExperiment(path, metadata, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
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| path | String containing a path to a directory, itself created using the stageObject method for MultiAssayExperiment objects. |
| metadata | Named list of metadata for this object, see readObjectFile for details. |
| ... | Further arguments passed to internal altReadObject calls. |

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)
```

saveObject,MultiAssayExperiment-method
Save a MultiAssayExperiment

Description

Save a [MultiAssayExperiment](#) to its on-disk representation.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MultiAssayExperiment'  
saveObject(x, path, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------|---|
| x | A MultiAssayExperiment object or one of its subclasses. |
| path | String containing the path to a directory in which to save x. |
| ... | Additional named arguments to pass to specific methods. |

Value

The contents of x are saved into a path, and NULL is invisibly returned.

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Examples

```
# Mocking up an MAE  
mat <- matrix(rnorm(1000), ncol=10)  
colnames(mat) <- letters[1:10]  
rownames(mat) <- sprintf("GENE_%i", seq_len(nrow(mat)))  
  
library(SummarizedExperiment)  
se <- SummarizedExperiment(list(counts=mat))  
  
library(MultiAssayExperiment)  
mae <- MultiAssayExperiment(list(gene=se))  
  
# Saving it:  
tmp <- tempfile()  
saveObject(mae, tmp)
```

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