

Package ‘alabaster.sce’

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Title Load and Save SingleCellExperiment from File

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Description Save SingleCellExperiment 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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readSingleCellExperiment

Read a SingleCellExperiment from disk

Description

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

Usage

```
readSingleCellExperiment(path, metadata, ...)
```

Arguments

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

Value

A [SingleCellExperiment](#) object.

Author(s)

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See Also

"[saveObject,SingleCellExperiment-method](#)", to save the [SingleCellExperiment](#) to disk.

Examples

```
# Mocking up an SCE:
mat <- matrix(rpois(10000, 10), ncol=10)
colnames(mat) <- letters[1:10]
rownames(mat) <- sprintf("GENE_%i", seq_len(nrow(mat)))

se <- SingleCellExperiment(list(counts=mat))
se$stuff <- LETTERS[1:10]
se$blah <- runif(10)
reducedDims(se) <- list(
  PCA=matrix(rnorm(ncol(se)*10), ncol=10),
  TSNE=matrix(rnorm(ncol(se)*2), ncol=2)
)
altExps(se) <- list(spikes=SummarizedExperiment(list(counts=mat[1:2,])))
```

```
# Staging it:
tmp <- tempfile()
saveObject(se, tmp)
readObject(tmp)
```

saveSingleCellExperiment

Save a SingleCellExperiment to disk

Description

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

Usage

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

Arguments

| | |
|------|--|
| x | A SingleCellExperiment object or one of its subclasses. |
| path | String containing the path to a directory in which to save x. |
| ... | Further arguments to pass to the <code>RangedSummarizedExperiment</code> method. |

Value

x is saved into path and NULL is invisibly returned.

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See Also

[readSingleCellExperiment](#), to read the `SingleCellExperiment` back into the R session.

Examples

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reducedDims(se) <- list(  
  PCA=matrix(rnorm(ncol(se)*10), ncol=10),  
  TSNE=matrix(rnorm(ncol(se)*2), ncol=2)  
)  
altExps(se) <- list(spikes=SummarizedExperiment(list(counts=mat[1:2,])))  
  
# Staging it:  
tmp <- tempfile()  
saveObject(se, tmp)  
list.files(tmp, recursive=TRUE)
```

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