

# 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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readXStringSet      *Read an XStringSet from disk.*

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### Description

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

### Usage

```
readXStringSet(path, metadata, ...)
```

### Arguments

path	String containing a path to a directory, itself created using the <a href="#">saveObject</a> method for <a href="#">XStringSet</a> objects.
metadata	Named list of metadata for this object, see <a href="#">readObjectFile</a> for details.
...	Further arguments passed to internal <a href="#">altReadObject</a> calls.

### Value

An [XStringSet](#) subclass containing DNA, RNA, protein or custom sequences. This may also be a [QualityScaledDNAStrngSet](#) with quality scores.

### See Also

["saveObject,XStringSet-method"](#), to save an [XStringSet](#) to disk.

### Examples

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

tmp <- tempfile()
saveObject(stuff, tmp)
readObject(tmp)
```

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saveObject,XStringSet-method  
*Save a XStringSet to disk*

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### Description

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

### Usage

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

### **Arguments**

`x` A [XStringSet](#) or any of its subclasses such as a [QualityScaledXStringSet](#).  
`path` String containing the path to a directory in which to save `x`.  
`...` Further 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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### **See Also**

[readXStringSet](#), to read the `XStringSet` back into the R session.

### **Examples**

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

tmp <- tempfile()
saveObject(stuff, tmp)
list.files(tmp, recursive=TRUE)
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