

# SaveFilesTransformer

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A simplified [SourceWritingTransformer](#).

### Description

This transformer can be used to save portions of XML to a file or capture the stream output of a url and write that to a file.

Particularly useful to easily store generated content *and* copy (un)related files along with the output files in a single transform. For instance when processing all files in an input directory.

This transformer listens to the <http://daidalos.nl/cocoon/save/1.0> namespace.

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### Declaration

In order to use it you have to declare the [Transformer](#) as a sitemap component:

```
<map:transformers>
  ....
  <map:transformer
    logger='transformer.savefiles'
    name='savefiles'
    src='org.apache.cocoon.transformation.SaveFilesTransformer' />
  ....
</map:transformers>
```

### Invocation

You can call it as any other [Transformer](#):

```
<map:match>
  ....
  <map:transform name='savefiles' />
  ....
</map:match>
```

### Usage

Insert instructions in the content stream in one of the following formats:

To write an XML fragment to a file..

```
<save:file
  target="myTargetFileName"
  serializer="xml"
  xmlns:save="http://daidalos.nl/cocoon/save/1.0">

  ... some xml fragment ...
</save:file>
```

To write the complete result of a Cocoon or external call (XML or binary)..

```
<save:file
  src="mySourceUrl"
  target="myTargetFileName"
  xmlns:save="http://daidalos.nl/cocoon/save/1.0" />
```

Note: `src` and `serializer` attributes are mutually exclusive. Specifying both attributes will cause an Exception!

## Configuration

No configuration currently.

## Bugs

None known. This Cocoon component has been used in a few production level and several experimental projects.

## Source code

See attached file. The source is provided as-is, no guaranties, no support.

Note: it was originally developed for Cocoon 2.1.4, but it compiled straight-away with Cocoon 2.1.6. I reckon compiling it for even newer versions should not be a problem.

[SaveFilesTransformer.java](#)