

Clean up leftover {tmdb-...} folders in a media library

Media managers (Radarr, Sonarr, Jellyfin) name folders like `Movie (2020) {tmdb-12345}`. When an item is removed or re-imported, a folder can be left behind with just artwork or an `.nfo` file. This how-to finds those folders and removes them, after showing you the list first.

Find candidates (dry run)

A candidate is a folder with `{` or `}` in its name, no subfolders, exactly two files, and no video file:

```
#!/bin/bash
root=${1:?usage: tmdb-clean <library> [--delete]}
find "$root" -mindepth 1 -type d \( -name '*{' -o -name '}*' \) -print0 |
while IFS= read -r -d '' d; do
    subs=$(find "$d" -mindepth 1 -maxdepth 1 -type d | wc -l)
    files=$(find "$d" -maxdepth 1 -type f | wc -l)
    vids=$(find "$d" -maxdepth 1 -type f \( -iname '*.mkv' -o -iname '*.mp4' -o -iname '*.avi' -o -iname '*.m4v' \) | wc -l)
    if (( subs == 0 && files == 2 && vids == 0 )); then
        if [[ ${2:-} == --delete ]]; then rm -rf -- "$d"; echo "deleted: $d"
        else echo "would delete: $d"; fi
    fi
done
```

Use it

```
./tmdb-clean.sh /mnt/media/movies      # review the list
./tmdb-clean.sh /mnt/media/movies --delete # then delete
```

- The **video check** is important. Without it, a folder with one movie and one subtitle file also matches "exactly two files".
- `-print0` with `read -d ''` handles any file name safely.

- Rescan the library in your media server afterwards.
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