

**NAME**

**cleanlinks** - remove dangling symlinks and empty directories

**SYNOPSIS**

**cleanlinks** [ *options* ] [ *DIRECTORY* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

Enforces the absence of dangling symbolic links; i.e., symbolic links pointing to targets which no longer exist.

The **cleanlinks** program searches the directory tree descended from the current directory or the *DIRECTORY* rooted at the path given as an optional argument, for dangling symlinks, and removes them. Use the **--directory** option to remove symlinks that point to directories. Finally, it removes all empty directories in that directory tree.

**OPTIONS**

**-h, --help**

display usage guide

**-V, --version**

output version and copyright information

**-d, --directory**

remove symlinks to directories

**-m, --manual**

print manual text

**DIAGNOSTICS**

A message will be printed upon encountering each dangling symlink, directory symlink or empty directory. Cyclic symlinks emit the warning **\*\*Too many levels of symbolic links\*\*** and require removal manually.

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**REPORTING BUGS**

<http://bitbucket.org/superstition/cleanlinks/issues/>

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**SEE ALSO**

**lndir(1) stow(1) xstow(1)**