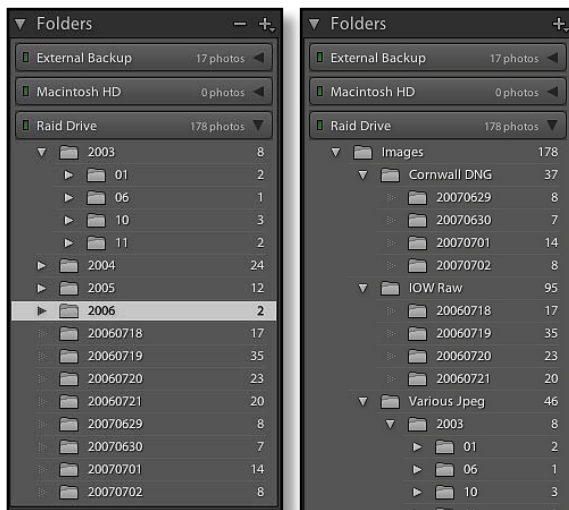


I have a long list of folders—can I change it to show the folder hierarchy?

Depending on your Import dialog settings, the folders may be in one long list regardless of their hierarchy on the hard drive, which can make them hard to find and relocate if they're ever marked as missing. Instead, as a preventative measure, you can configure Lightroom to show a few top level folders, with subfolders below. If Lightroom ever loses track of your photos, perhaps as a result of a hard drive failure or the drive letter changing, you will only need to relink the top level folders and that will cascade through the rest.

So how do we go from this slightly nondescript tangle of folders on the left... to the tidy hierarchy on the right...?



Right-click on the current top level folder and select 'Add Parent Folder.' This doesn't import new photos—it just adds an additional hierarchy level to your Folders panel, and does a lot more behind the scenes. Keep repeating that process on each top level folder until it shows your chosen parent folder.

If you go too far and want to remove a top level folder, right-click on that folder and choose 'Promote Subfolders.' It does the opposite of 'Add

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Parent Folder,' and will ask for confirmation before removing that top level folder from your Folders panel, as there may be photos directly in that folder that would be removed from the catalog.

