

NAME

xzless, lzless - view xz or lzma compressed (text) files

SYNOPSIS

xzless [*file...*]

lzless [*file...*]

DESCRIPTION

xzless is a filter that displays text from compressed files to a terminal. It works on files compressed with **xz(1)** or **lzma(1)**. If *nofiles* are given, **xzless** reads from standard input.

xzless uses **less(1)** to present its output. Unlike **xzmore**, its choice of pager cannot be altered by setting an environment variable. Commands are based on both **more(1)** and **vi(1)** and allow back and forth movement and searching. See the **less(1)** manual for more information.

The command named **lzless** is provided for backward compatibility with LZMA Utils.

ENVIRONMENT**LESSMETACHARS**

A list of characters special to the shell. Set by **xzless** unless it is already set in the environment.

LESSOPEN

Set to a command line to invoke the **xz(1)** decompressor for preprocessing the input files to **less(1)**.

SEE ALSO

[less\(1\)](#), [xz\(1\)](#), [xzmore\(1\)](#), [zless\(1\)](#)