

NAME

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

SYNOPSIS

xzless [*file...*]

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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\(1\)](#)