

NAME

zcmp, *zdiff* - compare compressed files

SYNOPSIS

zcmp [*cmp_options*] *file1* [*file2*]

zdiff [*diff_options*] *file1* [*file2*]

DESCRIPTION

Zcmp and *zdiff* are used to invoke the *cmp* or the *diff* program on files compressed via *gzip*. All options specified are passed directly to *cmp* or *diff*. If only *file1* is specified, it is compared to the uncompressed contents of *file1.gz*. If two files are specified, their contents (uncompressed if necessary) are fed to *cmp* or *diff*. The input files are not modified. The exit status from *cmp* or *diff* is preserved.

SEE ALSO

[cmp\(1\)](#), [diff\(1\)](#), [zmore\(1\)](#), [zgrep\(1\)](#), [znew\(1\)](#), [zforce\(1\)](#), [gzip\(1\)](#), [gzexe\(1\)](#)

BUGS

Messages from the *cmp* or *diff* programs may refer to file names such as "-" instead of to the file names specified.