NAME

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

SYNOPSIS

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xzless [file...] lzless [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 no *files* 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

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less(1), xz(1), xzmore(1), zless(1)
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