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 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

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