

**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 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)**