## 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)