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

SYNOPSIS
xzless [*file*...]
lzless [*file*...]

DESCRIPTION
xzless is a filter that displays pagefulls of uncompressed text from compressed file(s) 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) as its only pager. Unlike **xzmore**, the choice of pagers is not alterable by 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)