NAME

xzgrep – search compressed files for a regular expression

SYNOPSIS

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xzgrep [grep_options] [-e] pattern file...
xzegrep ...
xzfgrep ...
lzgrep ...
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DESCRIPTION

xzgrep invokes grep(1) on *files* which may be either uncompressed or compressed with xz(1), lzma(1), gzip(1), bzip2(1), or lzop(1). All options specified are passed directly to grep(1).

If no *file* is specified, then standard input is decompressed if necessary and fed to grep(1). When reading from standard input, gzip(1), bzip2(1), and lzop(1) compressed files are not supported.

If **xzgrep** is invoked as **xzegrep** or **xzfgrep** then **egrep**(1) or **fgrep**(1) is used instead of **grep**(1). The same applies to names **lzgrep**, **lzegrep**, and **lzfgrep**, which are provided for backward compatibility with LZMA Utils.

ENVIRONMENT

GREP If the **GREP** environment variable is set, **xzgrep** uses it instead of **grep**(1), **egrep**(1), or **fgrep**(1).

SEE ALSO

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grep(1), xz(1), gzip(1), bzip2(1), lzop(1), zgrep(1)
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