

NAME

zmore, **zless** — view compressed files

SYNOPSIS

zmore [*flags*] [*file* ...]

zless [*flags*] [*file* ...]

DESCRIPTION

zmore is a filter that allows the viewing of files compressed with Lempel-Ziv encoding. Such files generally have a “Z” or “gz” extension (both the `compress(1)` and `gzip(1)` formats are supported). Any *flags* that are specified are passed to the user’s preferred `PAGER` (which is `/usr/bin/more` by default).

zless is equivalent to **zmore** but uses `less(1)` as a pager instead of `more(1)`.

When multiple files are specified, **zmore** will pause at the end of each file and present the following prompt to the user:

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prev_file (END) - Next: next_file
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Where **prev_file** is the file that was just displayed and **next_file** is the next file to be displayed. The following keys are recognized at the prompt:

e or **q** quit **zmore**.

s skip the next file (or exit if the next file is the last).

If no files are specified, **zmore** will read from the standard input. In this mode **zmore** will assume `gzip(1)` style compression since there is no suffix on which to make a decision.

ENVIRONMENT

`PAGER` Program used to display files. If unset, `/usr/bin/more` is used (**zmore**) or `/usr/bin/less` (**zless**).

SEE ALSO

`compress(1)`, `less(1)`, `more(1)`