



## ***Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'zless.1'***

**\$ man zless.1**

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### NAME

zless - file perusal filter for crt viewing of compressed text

### SYNOPSIS

zless [ name ... ]

### DESCRIPTION

The zless command is a filter which allows examination of compressed or plain text files one screenful at a time on a soft-copy terminal. It is the equivalent of setting the environment variable LESSOPEN to '|gzip -cdfq -- %s', and the environment variable LESSMETACHARS to '<space><tab><newline>,\*?")<>[&^`#\$%=-~', and then running less. However, enough people seem to think that having the command zless available is important to be worth providing it.

### SEE ALSO

zmore(1), less(1)

### BUGS

The zless command does not work with compressed data that is piped to it via standard input; it requires that input files be specified as arguments. To read compressed data from a pipe, you can use ...|gunzip|less instead of ...|zless.

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