

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><new-line>;*?"()<>[|&^'#\\$\%=\~', 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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