

**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)`