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zcmp, zdiff − compare compressed files

SYNOPSIS

zcmp [cmp_options] file1 [file2]

zdiff [diff_options] file1 [file2]

DESCRIPTION

Zcmp and *zdiff* are used to invoke the *cmp* or the *diff* program on files compressed via *gzip*. All options specified are passed directly to *cmp* or *diff*. If only *file1* is specified, it is compared to the uncompressed contents of *file1*.gz. If two files are specified, their contents (uncompressed if necessary) are fed to *cmp* or *diff*. The input files are not modified. The exit status from *cmp* or *diff* is preserved.

SEE ALSO

cmp(1), diff(1), zmore(1), zgrep(1), znew(1), zforce(1), gzip(1), gzexe(1)

BUGS

Messages from the *cmp* or *diff* programs may refer to file names such as "−" instead of to the file names specified.