NAME

bzgrep, bzfgrep, bzegrep – search possibly bzip2 compressed files for a regular expression

SYNOPSIS

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bzgrep [ grep_options ] [ -e ] pattern filename...
bzegrep [ egrep_options ] [ -e ] pattern filename...
bzfgrep [ fgrep_options ] [ -e ] pattern filename...
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DESCRIPTION

Bzgrep is used to invoke the grep on bzip2-compressed files. All options specified are passed directly to grep. If no file is specified, then the standard input is decompressed if necessary and fed to grep. Otherwise the given files are uncompressed if necessary and fed to grep.

If *bzgrep* is invoked as *bzegrep* or *bzfgrep* then *egrep* or *fgrep* is used instead of *grep*. If the GREP environment variable is set, *bzgrep* uses it as the *grep* program to be invoked. For example:

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for sh: GREP=fgrep bzgrep string files for csh: (setenv GREP fgrep; bzgrep string files)
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SEE ALSO

```
grep(1), egrep(1), fgrep(1), bzdiff(1), bzmore(1), bzless(1), bzip2(1)
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