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A classical result of Zelinsky states that every linear transformation on a vector space  $V$ , except when  $V$  is one dimensional over  $Z_2$ , is a sum of two invertible linear transformations. We extend this result to any right selfinjective ring  $R$  by proving that every element of  $R$  is a sum of two units if and only if no factor ring of  $R$  is isomorphic to  $Z_2$ . We also give a complete characterization of unit sum numbers of right self-injective rings. Finally, we discuss the Hochschild extensions of rings generated by units. (Received August 23, 2007)