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Subject: Re: openr or openw with COMPRESS flag broken for large data files  
Posted by [Nigel Wade](#) on Thu, 09 Jun 2011 16:05:26 GMT

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On 09/06/11 15:37, kBob wrote:

>  
> From my dealing with gzip, inside and outside of IDL, there is a 2Gb  
> file size limit.  
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>

There isn't any 2GB file size limit for gzip. Your filesystem may well have a 2GB limit (FAT32/VFAT for example), but gzip has none.

As an example:

```
$ ls -lh user.tgz  
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 159G 2010-09-28 19:11 user.tgz
```

that's a 160GB gzipped tar file.

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Nigel Wade

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