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Posted by [Phillip Bitzer](#) on Wed, 17 Feb 2016 14:44:07 GMT

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Subject: Re: FILE_LINES change in 8.4

Posted by [markb77](#) on Wed, 17 Feb 2016 15:52:53 GMT

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I see the same thing on Windows x64, IDL 8.5

Subject: Re: FILE_LINES change in 8.4

Posted by [Lajos Foldy](#) on Wed, 17 Feb 2016 16:00:47 GMT

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Subject: Re: FILE_LINES change in 8.4
Posted by chris_torrence@NOSPAM on Fri, 26 Feb 2016 22:02:30 GMT
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Posted by [markb77](#) on Mon, 29 Feb 2016 11:47:16 GMT
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hi Chris,

Can you give us more details about the change with respect to opening zipped files larger than 4GB?

thanks
Mark
