Azure Search uses <u>Language analyzers</u> to process text values. By default, searchable fields are analyzed with the <u>Apache Lucene Standard analyzer</u>. Because Azure Search supports a variety of languages, it additionally provides other text analyzers with more advanced capabilities for specific languages.

If you wish to assign a specific analyzer to the fields of an index, <u>customize</u> the functionality that Kentico uses to build Azure Search indexes:

- 1. Open your Kentico solution in Visual Studio.
- 2. Create a custom module class.
- 3. Override the module's **OnInit** method and assign a handler to the **DocumentFieldCreator.Instance.CreatingField.After** event.
- 4. Perform the following in the event's handler method:
 - a. Write a condition to limit which search indexes and fields are affected by the analyzer customization (using values of the **SearchIndex** and **SearchField** properties of the handler's *CreateFieldEventArgs* parameter).
 - b. Access the **Field** property of the handler's *CreateFieldEventArgs* parameter, and assign a valid <u>analyzer name</u> into one of its *Analyzer* properties.



Field analyzer properties

The **Field** class (Microsoft.Azure.Search.Models.Field) offers the following properties for setting the analyzer:

- Analyzer
- IndexAnalyzer (used at indexing time)
- SearchAnalyzer (used at search time)

For more information, see the **Index Attributes** section of the <u>Create Index</u> article.

- 5. Sign in to the Kentico administration interface.
- 6. Open the Smart search application and Rebuild any related Azure Search indexes.

The customized Azure Search index fields now use the specified language analyzer.

Example

The following example demonstrates how to set the language analyzer for the *skudescription* field of an Azure Search index named *dq-store*.

Start by preparing a separate project in your Kentico solution for the custom module class:

- 1. Open your Kentico solution in Visual Studio.
- 2. Create a new Class Library project in the Kentico solution named **SearchCustomization**.
- 3. Add references to the required Kentico libraries (DLLs) for the new project:
 - a. Right-click the project and select **Add -> Reference**.
 - b. Switch to the **Browse** tab, click **Browse**, and navigate to the *Lib* folder of your Kentico web project.
 - c. Add references to the following libraries:
 - CMS.Base.dll
 - CMS.Core.dll
 - CMS.DataEngine.dll
 - CMS.Search.Azure.dll
- 4. Right-click the SearchCustomization project in the Solution Explorer and select Manage NuGet Packages.
- 5. Install the Microsoft.Azure.Search package.
- 6. Reference the SearchCustomization project from the Kentico web project (CMSApp or CMS).
- 7. Edit the SearchCustomization project's AssemblyInfo.cs file (in the Properties folder).
- 8. Add the **AssemblyDiscoverable** assembly attribute:

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```
using CMS;
[assembly:AssemblyDiscoverable]
```

Continue by implementing the custom module class and rebuilding the related search index:

1. Create a new class named CustomAzureSearchModule under the SearchCustomization project, with the following code:

```
using System;
using CMS;
using CMS.DataEngine;
using CMS.Search.Azure;
// Registers the custom module into the system
[assembly: RegisterModule(typeof(CustomAzureSearchModule))]
public class CustomAzureSearchModule : Module
    // Module class constructor, the system registers the module under the name
"CustomAzureSearch"
    public CustomAzureSearchModule()
        : base("CustomAzureSearch")
    // Contains initialization code that is executed when the application starts
    protected override void OnInit()
    {
        base.OnInit();
        // Assigns a handler to the CreatingField.After event for Azure Search
indexes
        DocumentFieldCreator.Instance.CreatingField.After +=
UseCustomSearchAnalyzer;
    }
    private void UseCustomSearchAnalyzer(object sender, CreateFieldEventArgs e)
        string indexName = e.SearchIndex.IndexCodeName;
        string fieldName = e.SearchField.FieldName;
        // Sets the 'en.microsoft' analyzer for the 'skudescription' field in the
'dg-store' index
        if (indexName.Equals("dg-store", StringComparison.
InvariantCultureIgnoreCase)
            && fieldName.Equals("skudescription", StringComparison.
InvariantCultureIgnoreCase))
            e.Field.Analyzer = "en.microsoft";
    }
}
```

- 2. Save all changes and **Build** the *SearchCustomization* project.
- 3. Sign in to the Kentico administration interface.

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4. Open the **Smart search** application and **Rebuild** the *dg-store* index.

The *skudescription* field of the *dg-store* index now uses the "en.microsoft" language analyzer, both during indexing and at search time.

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