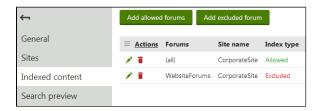
When editing forum indexes on the **Indexed content** tab in the **Smart search** application, select which <u>Forums</u> the search index covers



**Note**: Forum indexes are only available as <u>locally stored indexes</u> (not as <u>Azure Search</u> indexes).

You need to define allowed or excluded forums.



## Adding allowed forums

- 1. Click Add allowed forums.
- 2. Use the **Site name** selector to choose the site whose forums you wish to index.
  - If you select (all), all forums on all sites in the system will be indexed. Only websites assigned to the index on the Sites tab are available for selection.
- 3. If you selected a site in the previous step, click **Select** next to the **Forums** field.
- 4. Use the **Forum group** drop-down to select a forum group. The dialog lists the selected group's child forums.
- 5. To include a forum in the index, select the appropriate check boxes and click **Select**.



Alternatively, you can manually enter the code names of forums into the **Forums** field, separated by semicolons. All forums on the selected site can be added to the index this way, including group forums. The asterisk character (\*) can be used as a wildcard for any number of characters. For example, entering \*community\* adds all forums that contain the string community in their code name to the index.

## Adding excluded forums

You can exclude individual forums if you have all forums allowed for an index.

To exclude a forum, click **Add excluded forums** on the **Indexed content** tab. The procedure is the same as when adding allowed forums.

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