

Kentico provides an index-based search solution, which allows users to search through the content of websites and various types of data within the system.

You can choose between two different approaches – Azure Search and local indexes.

## Azure Search

- Indexed content is stored using the cloud-based [Azure Search](#)
- Wide range of features, including [faceted navigation](#), search result scoring, language analysis, etc.
- Requires an Azure Search service (subscriptions are paid except for limited search scenarios, the price depends on the selected [Pricing tier](#))
- No default components for searching through Azure Search indexes and displaying search results (requires custom development)
- Search queries can target only one search index

To learn more, see the [Using Azure Search](#) sub-chapter.

## Locally stored search indexes

- Search indexes are stored as files on the web server's file system
- Offers multiple specialized index types by default (web crawler indexes and indexes covering custom table, forum or form data)
- Built-in components for searching and displaying results (for websites based on ASP.NET web forms)
- Searches can target multiple indexes

To learn more, see the [Using locally stored search indexes](#) sub-chapter.