



Search Interface Implementation for a Learning Management System

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Swissteach



- Employee since November 2016
 - Customer Care
 - > Software Engineer after achieving Bachelor's degree
- One Product: LMS (Learning Management System)
 Global Teach
- Microsoft Partner



Search at LMS Global Teach



- Learning Content published in catalog
 - Courses
 - Documents
 - > Training Plans
 - **>** ...
- > Catalog search for Student
 - > Full Text Search
 - > Filter Search



Existing Global Teach Search



Example from Customer: Swiss Government



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Motivation



Why isn't your search more like Google search?



Technologies



- Frontend
 - React
 - Typescript
- Backend
 - > .NET Core
 - **)** C#
- > Search Engine: Azure Cognitive Search
- > CICD
 - Azure DevOps
 - Azure Web App



Microsoft Azure Cognitive Search



- Cloud search as a service
- > Extract information from content
- Create Index
- Use API to search
- Useful features
 - Autocomplete
 - Skills Extract key phrases, translate
 - Filtering
 - Fuzzy search
 - Scoring



Azure Search API Example



> Send Post Request to Backend with parameters:

```
▼ {search: "swiss~0^1", maxResults: 5, queryType: 1}
   maxResults: 5
   queryType: 1
   search: "swiss~0^1"
```

- Backend adds Highlights -> API Search
- Results with: \$top=2&highlight=keyphrases&search=swiss



Research for Interface



- **)** Google Trends:
 - > People ask more personal questions
 - > Expecting better results with less effort
 - > Expecting tailored experience
- Dealing with failure
 - to take control will help to overcome failure







Prototype (Interface) One



> People asking for a Google search? — I'll give them a Google search!



Prototype (Interface) Two



- Prototype One with "Failure Control"
- Give user possibility to understand the search and change it
 - User wont have to change the search input
 - > Impact search results live
 - > Give user impression to be in control

Demo





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Next Steps



- > Evaluate which interface is better
 - > Testing both interfaces with two different customers
- Indexing content from the customer
- > Improving searches one final search