

## Question

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# How to searching text stream columns in SQL

I have a table with a Varchar(max) column that I have created via the HealthShare SQL portal, and I see that in it's underlying class that column corresponds to a `%Stream.GlobalCharacter`

When I try to do a text search on that column (referenced as `cd.Code` in the example below) I get an error

```
select *
from DevTools_CodeAnalysis_tables.Code cd
inner join DevTools_CodeAnalysis_tables.MethodData mtd
on charindex( mtd.qualifiedRef, cd.Code) > 0
```

It produces the error

Scalar function CHARINDEX (arg2) not supported for stream fields

How do I search it?

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