Blazor Simple AI Project

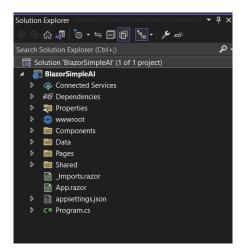
Welcome to the Blazor Simple AI Single Page App, the AI that responds to questions instantly using Microsoft Azure OpenAI Services. This document explains the project in my GitHub repository which is available here: https://github.com/tejinderrai/public/tree/main/BlazorSimpleAI.

Technologies

Blazor Simple AI is made up of the following technologies:

- Microsoft .NET Blazor (.NET 6.0 LTS release)
- Microsoft Azure.Al.OpenAl .NET Library
- Microsoft Azure Al Services OpenAl

It's that simple!



Why Blazor?

Blazor is simply amazing, and I have been developing Blazor projects for over four years. There has been great demand for Blazor over the past few years and as a component framework and use of C# this is exactly what I need to develop solutions and concepts super-fast!

What Blazor Simple AI Does?

Blazor Simple AI is a Blazor server-side single page app which has a single page and a single component. The razor page has two basic user interface controls, a textbox and a submit button for a user to enter the question for Azure OpenAI. The component "AzureOpenAIChat.razor", has a single parameter which receives the question from the main index page. When the parameter is received by the child component, the component has OnParametersSetAsync() method which then retrieves the appsettings.json values in relation to the Azure OpenAI service AI endpoint, Azure OpenAI key and the deployment name which has the associated model, which was deployed with Azure AI Studio, then send the text to the Azure OpenAI service and retrieves and displays the response.

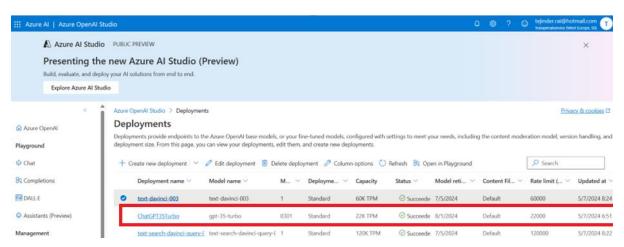
Core Blazor Template Changes

There have been some basic changes to the basic Blazor layout to accommodate the project. These are as follows:

- 1) The sidebar has been removed from the MainLayout.razor page
- 2) A new Index.razor.css style sheet has been added to centre the UI components on the page
- 3) A new Components folder has been added to the project
- 4) A new component named AzureOpenAlChat.razor has been added into the Components folder
- 5) A new configuration section has been added to appsettings.json to include the configuration required for the project to interact with the Azure OpenAl service
- 6) The title and main element have had text changes to represent the project name and description

Steps to Deploy Azure Open AI

- 1) Create an Azure Resource Group
- 2) Deploy the Azure OpenAl service in the resource group, see: <u>How-to: Create and deploy an</u> Azure OpenAl Service resource Azure OpenAl | Microsoft Learn
- 3) Manage Deployments in Azure Al Studio and create a deployment using the gpt-35-turbo model



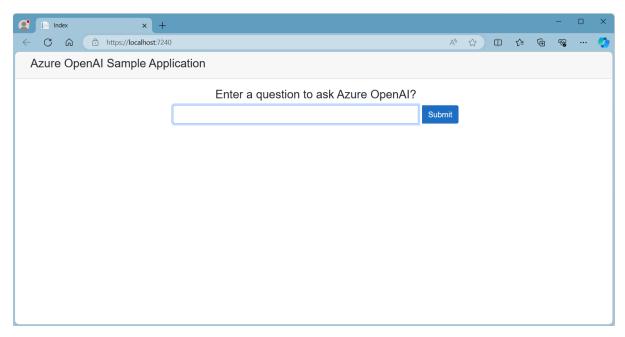
4) Update the appsettings.json with the settings

```
"AzureAIConfig": {
    "OpenAIEndpoint": "https://[You Azure OpenAI Service].openai.azure.com/",
    "OpenAIKeyCredential": "[Your Azure Open AI Key]",
    "OpenAIDeploymentName": "[Your Azure Open AI Deployment Name]"
    "RetroResponse": "true or false"
}
```

5) Build the project and ask Azure OpenAI anything you like.

The UI

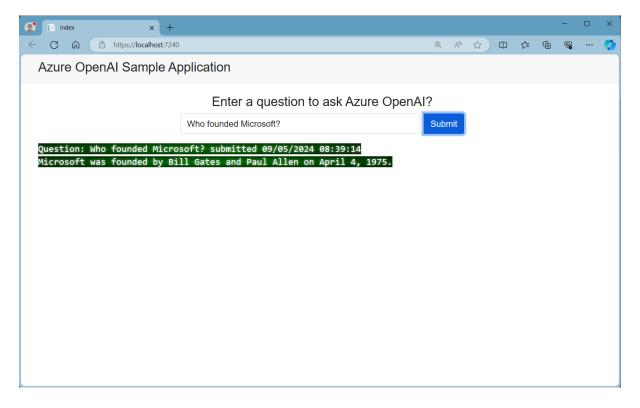
The landing page.



Sample Questions and Responses

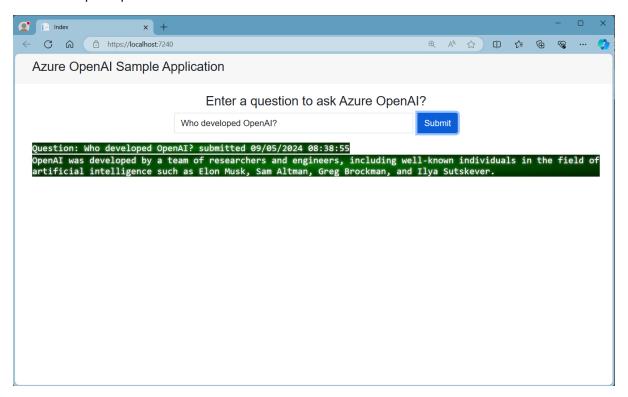
Question 1

Who founded Microsoft?



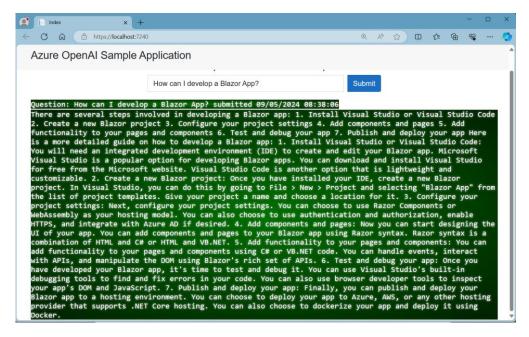
Question 2

Who developed OpenAI?



Question 3

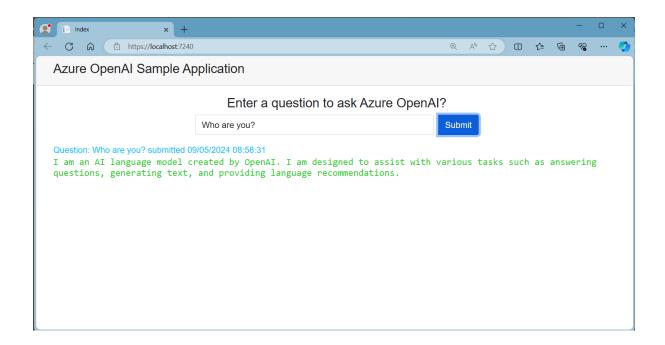
How can I develop a Blazor App?



Basic CSS

The AzureOpenAlChat.razor component has a basic CSS style sheet which allows the deployment to have a retro style response or a basic response text visualization option. If the app setting below is set to true, you will get the retro response as per the sample above. For a standard non-retro style response, you can set the value to false, example below.

```
"AzureAIConfig": {
    "RetroResponse": "false"
}
```

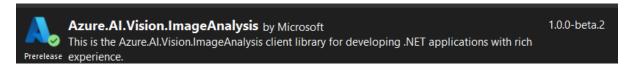


Blazor Simple AI Project (Part 2) Image Analysis with Azure AI Vision

Welcome to the Blazor Simple AI Single Page App, Part 2 of the Microsoft AI services journey, which now includes image analysis utilising Microsoft Azure AI Vision. The Vision Read API is used to extract the text from an image. This document explains the project in my GitHub repository which is available here: https://github.com/tejinderrai/public/tree/main/BlazorSimpleAI.

Since part 1, the following nuget packages have been added to the project.

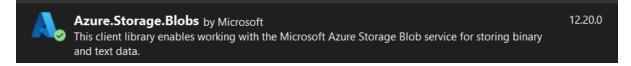
Azure Al Vision Image Analysis – for reading text and metadata from images.



Radzen Blazor – for providing an amazing UI experience.



Azure Storage Blob – for handling interactions with Azure Blob Storage.



Visual Changes

I have made some appealing improvements from the basic Blazor template and styled the UI based on a project from Martin Mogusu available here: <u>GitHub - martinmogusu/blazor-top-navbar: A top navbar example created in blazor</u>. This saved me a lot of time and all I had to do was apply my own visual styles after the top navigation was applied to the project in shared/NavMenu.razor. In addition, I had added a pre-built model for interactive Invoice Analysis and processing, which I will leave the full explanation until Part 3 of this post.

Components

Three components have been developed for the image analysis. These are as follows:

- 1) Vision.razor The Image Analysis page
- 2) VisionBlobLoader.razor—This includes the capability to upload files to Azure blob storage, which also sets the content type for the blob file.
- 3) VisionBlobFileList.razor This is a child component embedded into the VisionBlobLoader component, which lists the image files that have been uploaded to Azure blob storage.

Learn about Microsoft AI Vision

To learn more about the capabilities of Microsoft AI Vision, see What is Azure AI Vision? - Azure AI Services | Microsoft Learn. Azure AI Vision includes more analysis capabilities, not just specifically image files.

Configuration Settings Changes

The following configuration settings were added to appsettings.json.

```
"AzureVsionConfig": {
    "AzureAIVisionEndpoint": "https://[Your AI Vision
Service].cognitiveservices.azure.com/",
    "AzureAIVisionKeyCredential": "[AI Vision Service Key]"
},

"AzureStorageConfig": {
    "AzureStorageConnectionString": "[Your Storage Account Connection String",
    "AzureStorageContainer": "[Your Storage Account Container]",
    "AzureStorageAccountName": "[Your Storage Account Name]",
    "AzureStorageAccountKey": "Your Storage Account Key"
},
```

Note: Whist this project utilises the service key, in an enterprise environment, you must consider using token based access to the service secured by Microsoft Entra ID, or if you wish to utilise the service key for any reason, utilise Azure Key Vault to protect the key used by the application with a managed identity for the application to access the service key stored in Azure Key Vault.

Components

File Upload Component (VisionBlobLoader)

The file upload component utilises Blazor InputFile for the user to select the file to upload in the application. The component reads the Azure Storage connection string from the configuration, including the container, then uploads the file to the container and also adds a blob http header for the file content type taken from the file properties. The Radzen notification service is used to notify the user of the application activities. I also included a basic spinner as part of the interaction for the upload process.

Blob List Component (VisionBlobFileList.razor)

This component reads the Azure Storage connection string from the configuration, including the container, then displays the blob file names in a Radzen DataGrid. A button is added to Analyse the image, which then calls the Radzen notification service to display the activities being taken by the application.

Data Classes

Two data classes have been created as follows:

- AzureBlobFile.cs Azure blob file properties
- ImageDetails.cs Image details for extraction from the AI Vision Analysis

The UI

The UI is as follows. Notice the menu control has now changed since Part 1. Invoice Analysis will be formed in Part 3, at the time of writing this blog post, I had already uploaded the code to my GitHub repo.

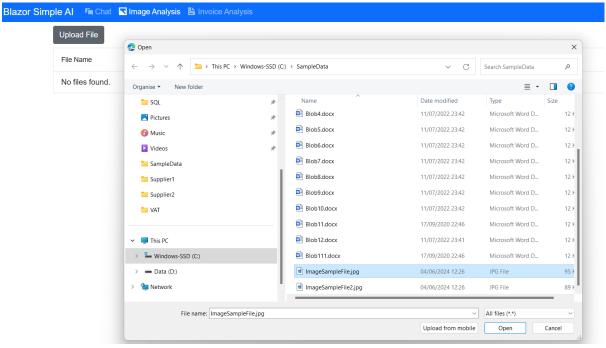
Home page (Chat)



Image Analysis



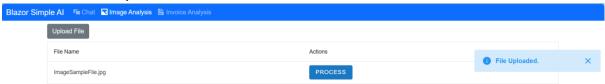
Upload File Control



Upload Action Spinner



Radzen Blazor File Uploaded Notification



Process Button

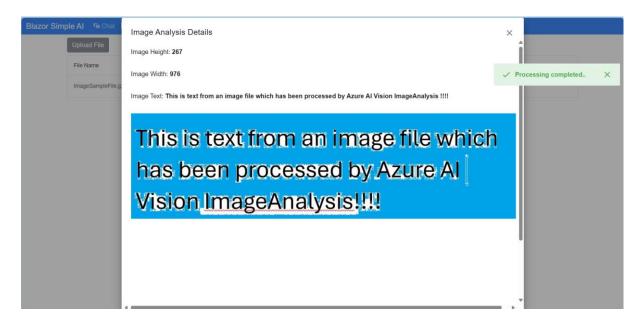
The process button read the application configuration for the Azure AI Vision endpoint and service key, then retrieves a SAS token from Azure for the blob being processed and a URL is generated with the generated SAS token, then this is submitted to Azure AI Vision with the generated URL. The SAS token is generated by the async method

Create Service SASRI ob (string BlobName) in the component class. Whilst the method of

CreateServiceSASBlob(string BlobName) in the component class. Whilst the method can be defined as a utility class, I have composed this for easier reading of code.

Image Analysis Dialog

When the image processing has completed, a Radzen notification is displayed to the user, with a Radzen dialog popping up to show basic metadata (height and width) of the image, including the text the AI Vision service has extracted as well as the image itself.



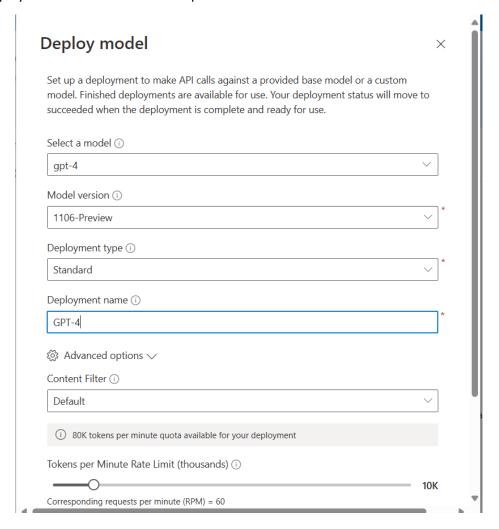
That is AI Vision and Image Analysis wrapped up. Part 3 will focus on processing invoices using the pre-built AI model "prebuilt-invoice" part of Microsoft Azure AI Document Intelligence.

Blazor Simple AI Project (Part 3) Upgrading to GPT-4

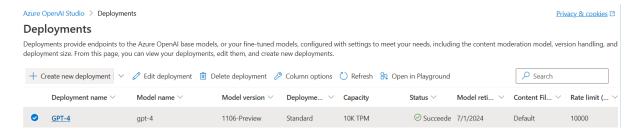
Many models in the Azure Open AI service are being deprecated on June 14th 2024. All Microsoft Azure Open AI service model retirement dates can be found on Microsoft learn <u>here</u>. It's time to deploy GPT-4 to Blazor Simple AI and make the minor changes in appsettings.json to utilise the a deployment based on GPT-4. Follow the steps below.

Deploy a new Model with Azure AI Studio

- 1) Launch and authenticate to Al Studio https://oai.azure.com/
- 2) Click Deployments
- 3) Click Deploy a new model
- 4) Set the model version, deployment type, I have chosen standard, enter the name of the deployment and the number of required tokens minute and click **Create**.



Your model will be deployed.



Update the configuration settings in the application

In the configuration section below, update the Open AI deployment name setting, in my case the deployment name I had chosen is "GPT-4".

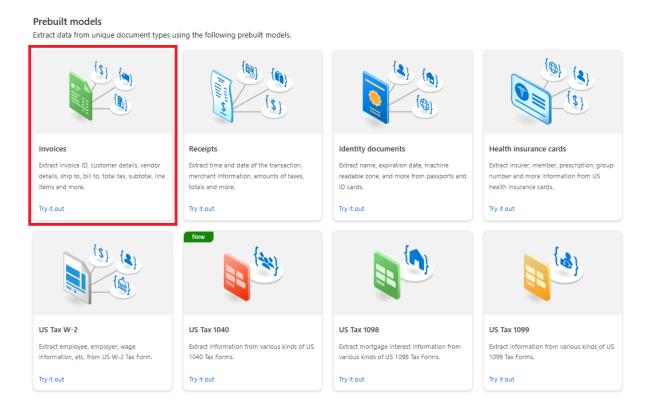
```
"AzureAIConfig": {
          "OpenAIDeploymentName": "GPT-4",
}
```

That's all you need to do!

Blazor Simple AI Project (Part 4)

Invoice Analysis

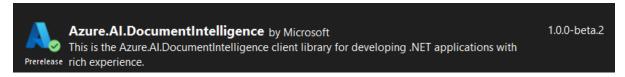
Welcome to the Blazor Simple AI Single Page App, Part 4 of the Microsoft AI services journey, which now includes invoice analysis which utilises Microsoft Azure AI Document Intelligence service. The document Intelligence service is used to extract the text from an invoice using a pre-built model. A sample of some of the models is shown below in document intelligence studio.



This document explains the project in my GitHub repository which is available here: https://github.com/tejinderrai/public/tree/main/BlazorSimpleAI.

Since part 3, the following nuget packages have been added to the project.

Azure.AI.DocumentIntelligence (Pre-release)



New Components

Three components have been developed for the image analysis. These are as follows:

1) InvoiceLoader.Razor – A component which includes the child component (InvoiceFileList.Razor), which uploads invoices to Azure blog storage container

- 2) InvoiceFileList.Razor A component which lists the invoices that a present in the invoice upload container
- 3) InvoiceViewer.Razor A component which allows the user to view the uploaded invoice in a dialog

Provisioning a Microsoft AI Document Intelligence Service

To provision a Microsoft AI Document Intelligence Service resource, follow the instructions in the article below.

<u>Create a Document Intelligence (formerly Form Recognizer) resource - Azure AI services | Microsoft Learn</u>

Learn about Microsoft AI Document Intelligence

To learn more about the capabilities of Microsoft AI Document Intelligence capabilities, see.

<u>Document Intelligence documentation - Quickstarts, Tutorials, API Reference - Azure AI services | Microsoft Learn</u>. Microsoft Azure AI Document Intelligence includes more analysis capabilities, not just specifically an invoice model.

Configuration Settings Changes

The following configuration settings were added to appsettings.json.

```
"AzureDocumentIntelligenceConfig": {
    "AzureDocumentIntelligenceKey": "[Your Azure Document Intelligence Key]",
    "AzureDocumentIntelligenceEndpoint": "[Your document intelligence endpoint
https://[Resource Name].cognitiveservices.azure.com/"
    },
"AzureStorageConfig": {
        "AzureStorageInvoiceContainer": "[Your Invoice Upload Container Name]",
        "AzureStorageInvoiceProcessedContainer": "[Your Invoice Processed Container
Name]",
    },
```

The invoice processed container is the output interface file that is generated from the text extracted from the original invoice file. It is an output of JSON which utilises the InvoiceAnalysisData data type.

Note: Whist this project utilises the service key, in an enterprise environment, you must consider using token based access to the service secured by Microsoft Entra ID, or if you wish to utilise the service key for any reason, utilise Azure Key Vault to protect the key used by the application with a managed identity for the application to access the service key stored in Azure Key Vault.

Components

Invoice Loader Component (InvoiceLoader.Razor)

The invoice upload component utilises Blazor InputFile for the user to select the file to upload in the application. The component reads the Azure Storage connection string from the configuration, including the container, then uploads the file to the container and also adds a blob http header for the file content type taken from the file properties. The Radzen notification service is used to notify the user of the application activities. I also included a basic spinner as part of the interaction for the upload process.

Invoice File List Component (InvoiceFileList.Razor)

This component reads the Azure Storage connection string from the configuration, including the container, then displays the invoice blob file names in a Radzen DataGrid. A button is added to view the invoice, or process the invoice, which then calls the Radzen notification service to display the activities being taken by the application.

Invoice Viewer Component (InvoiceViewer.Razor)

This component is a child component displayed in a Radzen dialog box which displays the original uploaded invoice directly from the Azure blob storage invoice upload container. A storage SAS key is generated which provides time limited access to the user in order for the invoice to be displayed in the dialog.

Data Classes

InvoiceAnalysisData.cs – The class for the invoice.

InvoiceItem.cs - The class for the invoice items.

Invoice Sample

I have created an invoice samples to test the pre-built invoice model from Microsoft Azure Document Intelligence.

Supplier 1 Invoice (PDF)

DATE 15/05/2024	00001 PO NO. 10001	15 Stre Poole, 1 01872 2	ts UK Ltd et Gardens Dorset, DS11 333 2828282 arts.co.uk
INVOICE TO Car Shop 555 Car Street Manchester MN1 CAR			
01430 303982			
	JOB	PAYMENT TERMS	DUE DATE
O1430 303982 SALESPERSON John McEnzie QUANTITY		PAYMENT TERMS 30 Days UNIT PRICE	DUE DATE 15/06/2024 LINE TOTAL

I created two additional sample invoices, both of which were tested and successfully processed. I have not covered the upload of these in my blog post.

Supplier 2 - Jpeg image

(Missing Quantity)

Porsche Parts Specialist

INVOICE

The best parts, all the time, on time!

911 Porsche Avenue, Silverstone, SL11 POS Phone 04556 282811 porsche@partsspecialist.com DATE 21/05/2024

TO:

FOR Porsche 911 Refresh Project PO NO. 10002

CAR SHOP 555 CAR STREET MANCHESTER MN1 CAR 01430 303982

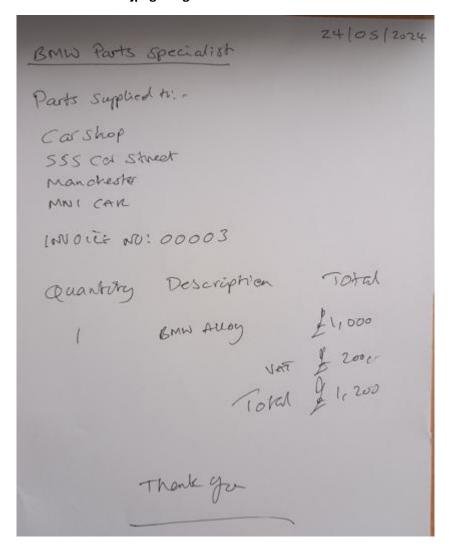
Description	Amount
Porsche 911 993 Engine casing	£3,000
Porsche 911 993 IMS Bearing	£2,000
Porsche 911 993 Rear Spoiler	£2,000
Porsche 911 993 Suspension Kit	£8,000
VAT 20%	£3,000
Total	£18,000

Make all cheques payable to Porsche Parts Specialist Payment is due within 30 days.

If you have any questions concerning this invoice, contact Rob | 04456 282812 | rob@porschespecialist.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

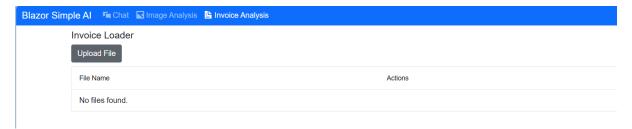
Invoice 3 - Handwritten Invoice - jpeg image



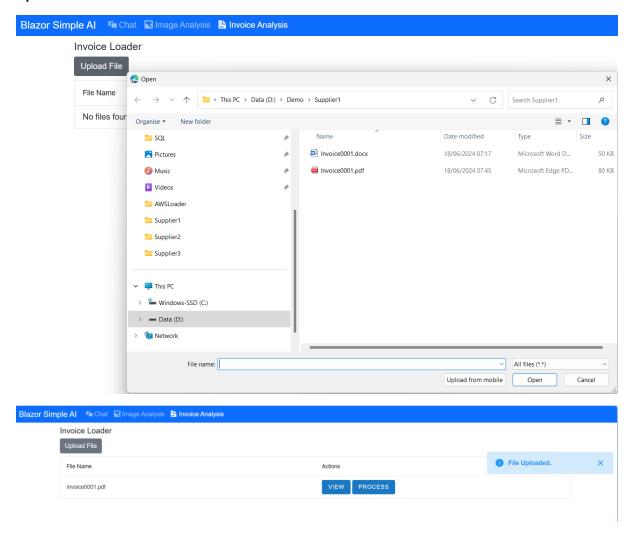
The UI

The UI for invoice analysis is as follows.

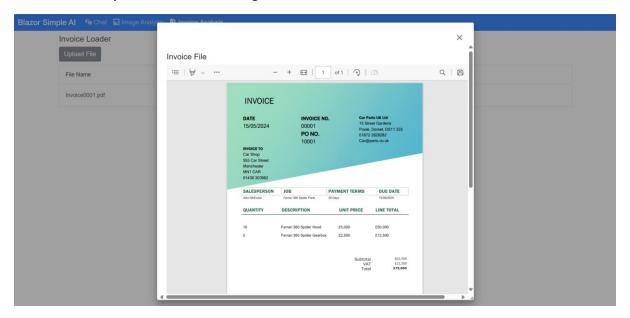
Invoice Analysis



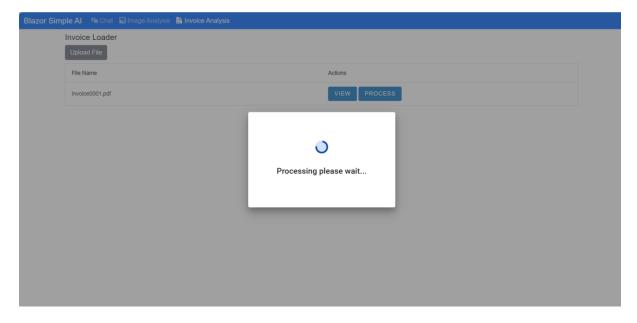
Upload File



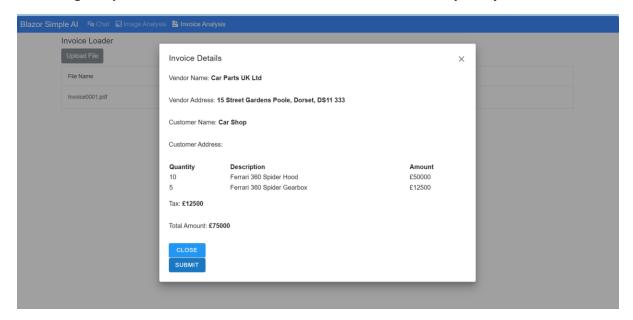
View Button - Opens the PDF in a dialog box



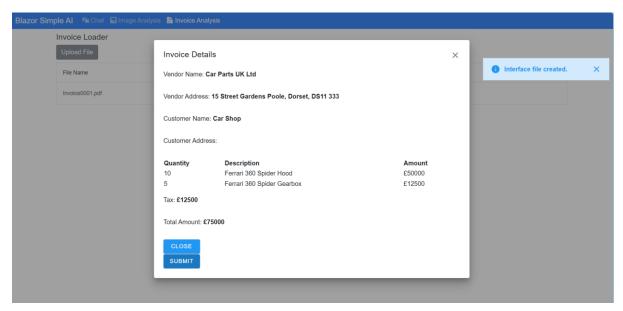
Process Button – Interactive Dialog box



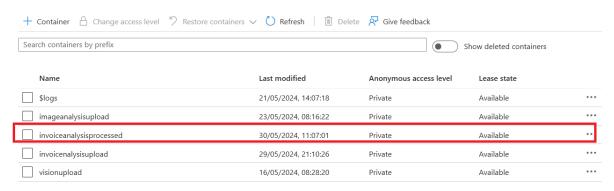
Processing Completed - Invoice details - text extracted into InvoiceAnalysis object.



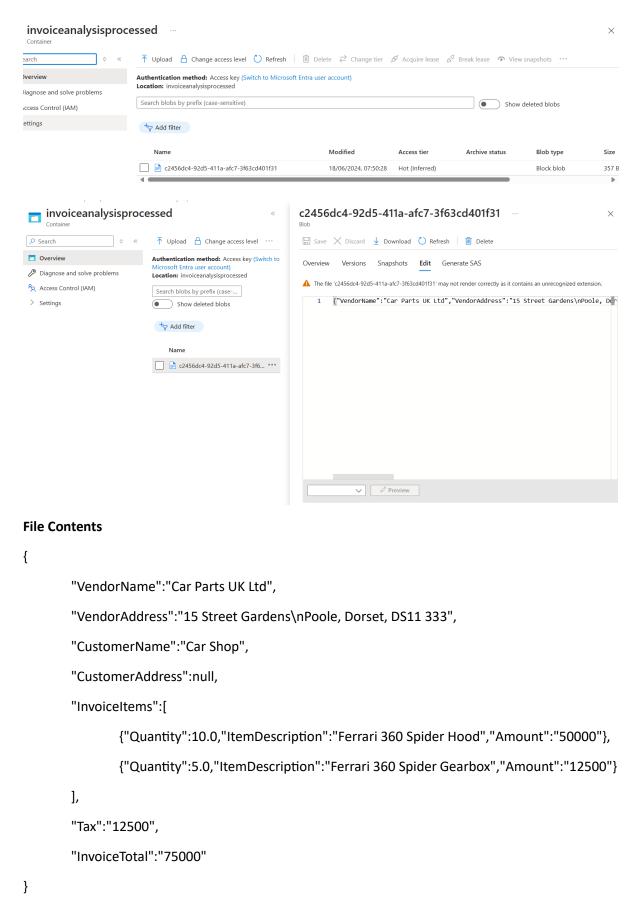
Submit Button - Create an output interface file in JSON format.



Azure Storage - (invoiceanalysisupload container)



Processed Output file



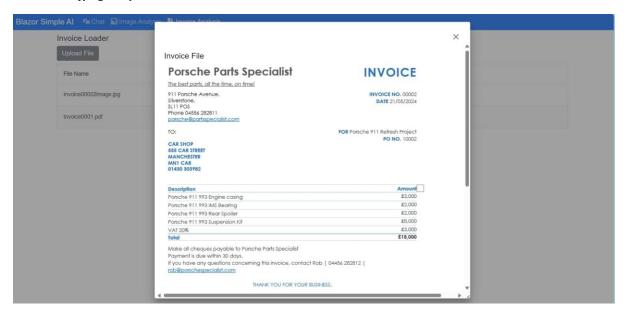
Note: The code does not extract the customer address, but this is in fact possible.

The handwritten jpeg image, the second invoice as a jpeg image and the PDF all proved to have 100% extraction using the Microsoft AI Document Intelligence service. That's just amazing!

It is as simple as that!

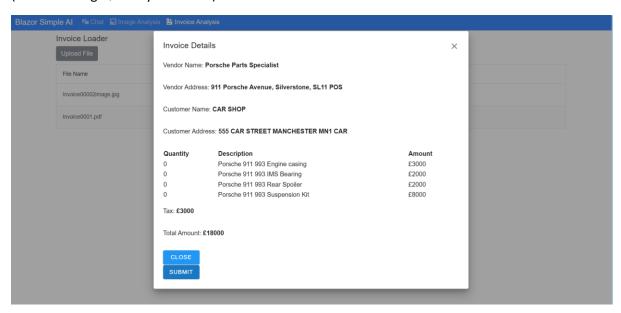
The reason for creating a interactive SPA as a sample app, is to demonstrate the features. The same code can be used in event driven architectures, or scheduled triggers. That will be something I will post next.

Invoice 2 - jpeg output

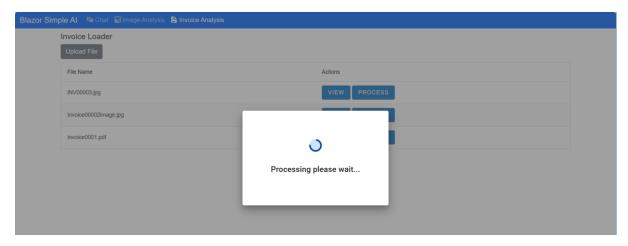


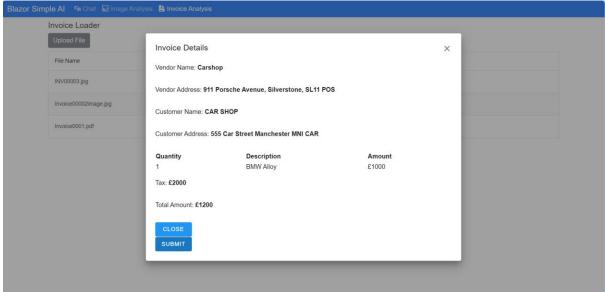
Invoice 2 - Processed

(Note: Missing Quantity in the file)



Invoice 3 – Handwritten jpeg





Blazor Simple AI Project (Part 5) Azure Open AI Chat Audio Recoding Button

Welcome to the Blazor Simple AI Single Page App, Part 5 of the Microsoft AI services journey, which now includes an audio recording button in the Open AI Chat component.

This document explains the project in my GitHub repository which is available here: https://github.com/tejinderrai/public/tree/main/BlazorSimpleAI

Visual Changes

The audio button has been added to the index.razor page as this is the main landing page. The audio button component is part of Radzen Blazor and simple to interact with which is the RadzenSpeechToTextButton. This utilises JavaScript as a component itself, there is an API to get user media.

For further information on the Razden Blazor Speech To Text Button, see: <u>Blazor SpeechToTextButton Component | Free UI Components by Radzen</u>.

Landing Page

The new landing page has the audio button added next to the chat text box.

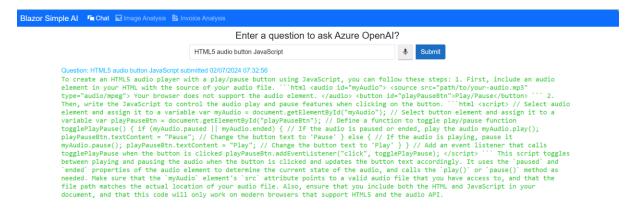


When you click on the audio button, the first instance will provide a prompt requesting access from the site to the devices microphone, then recording has started as shown below.



When you are finished speaking, you click the button to stop recording and the text is submitted to the Question string and a OnChange event occurs and the Question value is set, then the state is changed for the component. Since the Question string is a bound field to the child component, AzureOpenAlChat, which then executes the component code to call the Microsoft Azure Open Al service with the text that was bound to the Question string.

An example of the recorded audio text and Azure Open AI response is shown below.



Code Changes

The following code changes were made in index.razor.

Added audio recoding button and spacing.

```
<Radzen.Blazor.RadzenSpeechToTextButton class="padding-right:10px;"
Change="@(args => OnSpeechCaptured(args, "SpeechToTextButton"))" />
<div style="padding-left:10px;" />
```

Added the OnSpeechCaptured method.

Note: I removed the question marks and period from the string return from the Radzen Speech To Text button as the characters were automatically to the returned text string value from the component.

```
private void OnSpeechCaptured(string speechValue, string name)
{
    speechValue = speechValue.Trim(new Char[] { '.', '?' });
    RecordedSpeech = speechValue;
    Question = RecordedSpeech;
    this.StateHasChanged();
}
```

For my next post, I will be utilizing the RadzenSpeechToTextButton for a different purpose in the Blazor Simple AI project.

Blazor Simple Al Project (Part 6) Azure Open Al Image Generation

Welcome to the Blazor Simple AI Single Page App, Part 6 of the Microsoft AI services journey, which now includes Microsoft Azure Open AI image generation.

This document explains the project in my GitHub repository which is available here: https://github.com/tejinderrai/public/tree/main/BlazorSimpleAl

Since part 5, the following changes to the project have been implemented.

Project Changes

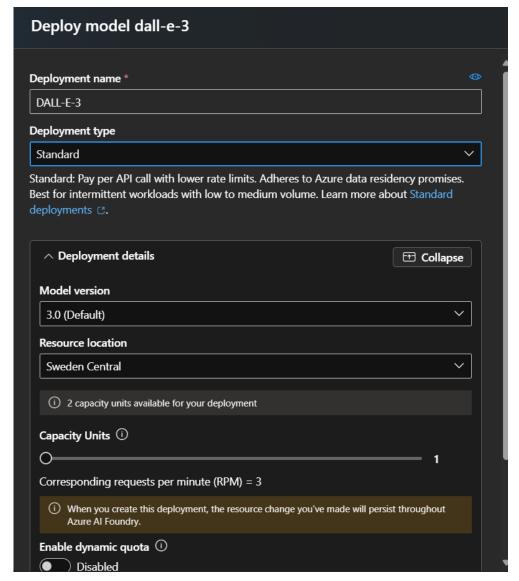
The following changes have been made to the project in this version.

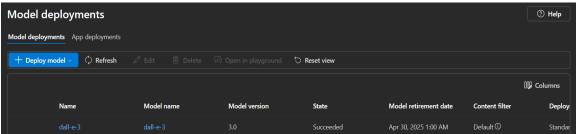
- 1) ImageGen.razor page has been added to the project Pages folder. This is a page hosting the image generation component and necessary code
- 2) AzureOpenAllmageGeneration.razor component has been added to the project components folder which handles the user prompt, then displays the image viewer dialogue with the Azure Open Al generated image
- 3) ImageViewer.razor component has been added to the project components folder. This displays the image dialogue
- 4) The following configuration changes have been added to AppSettings. Json for the DALL-E deployment name

```
"AzureAIConfig"

{
    "OpenAIDALLEEndpoint": "[You Azure Open AI endpoint which is hosting the
DALL-E deployment]",
    "OpenAIKeyDALLECredential": "[Your Azure Open AI key] ",
    "OpenAIDALLEDeploymentName": "[Your DALL-E deployment name]"
}
```

5) The following base model was added to the Open AI Service.





Components

ImageGen.razor (page)

The ImageGen.razor page is used to host the prompt for the user to generate the image. This is distinctively similar to the Open AI Chat index page, which follows a similar pattern to accept prompt or audio recordings and then the text is passed to the child component,

AzureOpenAllmageGeneration, to process the text and generate the image from the Azure Open Al service.

AzureOpenAllmageGeneration.razor

A component which accepts the text from the prompt and then calls the Azure Open AI service to generate the image.

ImageView.Razor

This component displays the output, the image, generated from the Azure Open AI service which is the template for the image dialogue box. This is called from the Image Generation child component.

The UI

The landing page. I have added a Image Generation navigation link.



Sample Questions and Responses

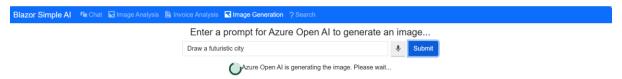
Question 1

"Draw a futuristic city"

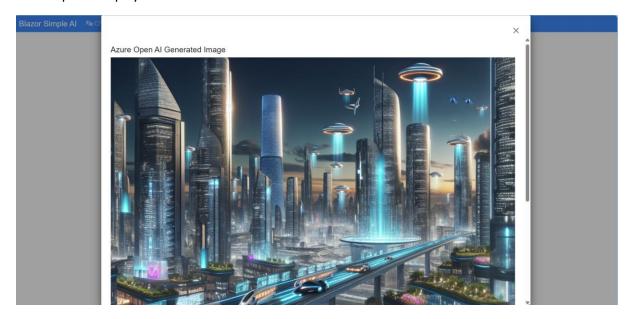


Output for question 1:

The process takes a few seconds for the image generation to complete, so I have displayed a spinning wheel and a prompt for the user to wait for the result.



The output is displayed as follows:



Question 2

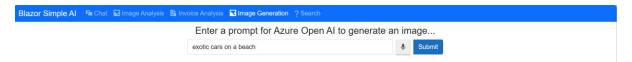
"Origins of the universe by the James Webb telescope"

The output is displayed as follows:



Question 3

"exotic cars on a beach"



The output is displayed as follows:



That's it!

This shows how simple it is to integrate a Blazor Web application with Azure Open AI image generation.