*** Now set both NLS parameters required for Linquistic Indexes

SQL> ALTER SESSION SET NLS SORT='GENERIC M CI';

Session altered.

SQL> ALTER SESSION SET NLS COMP='LINGUISTIC';

*** Let's try and use a LIKE condition with a Linguistic Index created previously (Note database is version 10.2.0.3) ...

SQL> SELECT * FROM case_search WHERE name LIKE 'ZIGGY%';

Elapsed: 00:00:01.10

Execution Plan

Plan hash value: 3830515511

Id Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes Cost	(%CPU) Time
0 SELECT STATEMENT * 1 TABLE ACCESS FUL	'		- '	0 (4) 00:00:02 0 (4) 00:00:02

Statistics

- 8 recursive calls
- 0 db block gets 396 consistent gets
 - 0 physical reads
 - 0 redo size
- 530 bytes sent via SQL*Net to client
- 396 bytes received via SQL*Net from client
 - 2 SQL*Net roundtrips to/from client
 - 0 sorts (memory)
 - 0 sorts (disk)
 - 3 rows processed

*** Linguistic indexes are ignored by the CBO with LIKE predicate conditions (until 11g)

*** MIN/MAX functions are problematic as well \dots

SQL> SELECT MIN(name) FROM case search;

Elapsed: 00:00:00.34

Execution Plan

Plan hash value: 12242863

Id	Operation	Na	me		Rows		Bytes	Cost	(%CPU)	Time	
	SELECT STATEMENT SORT AGGREGATE				1 1	 	18 18	89	(3)	00:00:02	
2	TABLE ACCESS FUL	L CA	SE_SEARCH		100K	 	1757K	89	(3)	00:00:02	

Statistics

- 8 recursive calls 0 db block gets 395 consistent gets

- 0 physical reads
- 0 redo size 423 bytes sent via SQL*Net to client
- 396 bytes sent via SQL*Net to client
 396 bytes received via SQL*Net from client
 2 SQL*Net roundtrips to/from client
 0 sorts (memory)
 0 sorts (disk)
 1 rows processed

*** Can't use MIN/MAX with a Linguistic index