Ken's Study Journey
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Notice about Banning Tor from Accessing Ken's Study Journey Services

Simply Speaking

In order to improve security and avoid potential negative impacts on Ken's Study Journey services, I am going to ban users from using my services via Tor.

This will take effect on 1 May 2023.

Ken's Study Journey does not have domain names with the ".onion" suffix (dedicated to Tor).

Dear students, teachers, and visitors,

Recently, due to the high proportion of Chinese visitors/users and the severity of Data Breach on some Internet services outside China, I have completed the ICP and Public Security Registrations for my website and migrated my servers and data to China Mainland.

According to Firefox Monitor, a Data Breach reporting website, hackers can use the Dark Web (i.e. Tor with ".onion" domain name suffix) to sell the illegally-obtained data. This makes users and Internet services difficult to detect such hacking events.

This means Tor is majorly used to carry out illegal Internet activities to avoid being discovered.

I have completely stopped using US-based APIs and SDKs on my services to better protect user privacy. I have also stopped using some social media platforms, and deleting their accounts.

Due to some special properties of the Tor browser and network, I have made a decision to ban users from using my services via Tor (i.e. block all Tor's IP addresses).

- Zero-logging policy;
- Always incognito mode on Tor browsers;
- Random IP addresses, which change on every visit;
- Triple encryption, making it difficult to investigate.

It may have the following negative impacts on my services:

- Disrupt website statistical data;
- Disrupt the IP address locations display;
- Mostly difficult to investigate in case of misbehaviours.

Please note that my services still allow users via regular proxies and relays (e.g. iCloud+ Private Relay).

This measure will take effect on 1 May 2023 when my new Terms of Service will take effect.

Users in China Mainland will not be impacted.

The IP address list of Tor is retrieved from the Tor official website, which is updated/synchronised every 1 to 7 days on my servers.

You will see this page if you access my services via Tor:

Ken's Study Journey

Access Denied

But Security is More Important than Studying

English   简体中文

Do not use Tor to access and/or use Ken's Study Journey website, services and products.

Since this tool can completely hide identities with completely random IP addresses, I am afraid that it can have negative impacts on my website security.

If you are incorrectly banned and not using Tor, please contact me, including your IP address.

Your IP Address: 45.154.98.225

Error Code: 403 Forbidden

Ken Deng's China Server (CN01)

If you are banned by error and you are not using Tor, please send me an email to ken@kenstudyjourney.cn, including your IP address and your browser screenshot displaying this block page.

By the way, I want to tell you that "kenstudyjourney.cn" is now the domain name for Ken's Study Journey official website ("kenstudyjourney.com" was the old domain name).

I will not and never set up domain names or Internet addresses dedicated to such Internet Access tools (e.g. with the ".onion" suffix).

Hope you can maintain the security of Ken's Study Journey services, getting more A*s and other outstanding results in international exams. Come on!

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Tip

For users outside China Mainland:

If you have objections about my policies (e.g. banning Tor, displaying IP address locations), you can contact me to provide your suggestions.