Ken's Study Journey
Ken的学习之旅

Notice about Ken's Study Journey Domain Name and Servers Change

Simply Speaking

I will make some changes to the Domain Name and Servers.

The main domain name will be changed from kenstudyjourney.com to kenstudyjourney.cn (not enabled now)

All information and data will be transferred to and stored in China Mainland (Guangzhou, Guangdong Province).

These changes will be made 1 to 3 days after the ICP registration will complete, approximately from 12 Apr. 2023 to 21 Apr. 2023 (no sooner than 12 Apr. 2023). I will post another notice for the exact time.

Users outside China Mainland can contact me to reject this data transfer and/or delete your account.

Dear students, teachers, and visitors,

In order to improve my services, enhance user experience and attract more visitors and users, followed by an ICP Registration, I will make some changes to the Domain Name and Servers.

The registration application has been submitted to authorities, which will still need 7 to 15 days to complete. Based on ISP's and my approximation, there is a large probability of successful registration.

According to Section 14 of my Privacy Policy, these changes will be implemented (a files and servers cutover will be performed) at least 7 days after this notice is posted, 1 to 3 days after the ICP registration will be successful, approximately from 12 Apr. 2023 to 21 Apr. 2023 (no sooner than 12 Apr. 2023). I will post another notice for the exact time.

My services, since 2019, were previously a simple hybrid blog to communicate, in English, with foreign students and boost my English skills.

However, I have discovered that the number of daily visitors on my website from China is far larger than that in all other countries.

Changes to Domain Name

The domain name, including the PTR records of IP addresses, of my website has been changed to kenstudyjourney.cn (planner.kenstudyjourney.cn for Ken's

Study Planner). Please remember the new address, but you will be automatically redirected if you continue to use the old addresses (kenstudyjourney.com or kendeng1603.com).

Original Domain Name: kenstudyjourney.com

New Domain Name: kenstudyjourney.cn   (almost finished ICP registration)

You do not need to log in again on Ken's Study Planner again if you visit planner.kenstudyjourney.com and logged in before. The browser login cookie will be automatically transferred to planner.kenstudyjourney.cn.

This change also applies to visitors and users outside China.

My domain name email has also changed to ken@kenstudyjourney.cn. However, the old email ken@kenstudyjourney.com will stop service on 1 Jul. 2023 08:00 (GMT+8, China Standard Time), 01:00 (GMT+1, UK Summer Time).

Changes to Servers

Previously, I used to keep my servers' location information (City) confidential (secret) while only showing Country to the public.

However, in order to enhance privacy protection and clarify locations of data storage, the server locations, in City, will be shown here, plus my Privacy Policy.

The new server plan and modifications are described below:

- China (CN01) server moved to Guangzhou, Guangdong Province (the city where I live).
- An extra server (CN02) in Guangzhou, China may be added.
- Added a Singapore (SG01) cloud server.
- United Kingdom servers' country code changed from UK to GB. Their IP addresses remain unchanged.

Old Server Model

Server	Location	IPv4 Address	IPv6 Address
CN01	China	8.212.14.141	240b:4001:21b:3c00::1603:7e
UK01	United Kingdom	78.141.194.139	2a05:f480:1000:508::1603:7e

Old Server Model

Key:
Green: Files (e.g. photos, vlogs)
Blue: Public data (e.g. articles)
Red: Private data (e.g. Planner user data)
Full Arrow ⟷ : Always transfer
Dashed Arrow ⟵- - -➤ : Only when necessary
Dot 🟢🔵🔴 : Type(s) of data stored here

CN01
China
8.212.14.141
240b:4001:21b:3c00::1603:7e
cn01.server.kenstudyjourney.com
🟢⚪🔴

Files (e.g. photos, vlogs)
Public data (e.g. articles)
Private data (e.g. Planner user data)

GB01
United Kingdom
78.141.194.139
2a05:f480:1000:508::1603:7e
uk01.server.kenstudyjourney.com
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- All data is stored and transferred among all servers in real time.

New Server Model

Server	Location	IPv4 Address	IPv6 Address
CN01 *	Guangzhou, China	8.134.18.22	2408:400d:1108:426c::1603:7e
CN02 *	Guangzhou, China	8.134.150.123	2408:400d:1108:42c3::1603:7e
SG01	Singapore	45.32.100.237	2401:c080:1400:5885::1603:7e
GB01	London, UK	78.141.194.139	2a05:f480:1000:508::1603:7e

New Server Model (coming soon …)

Key:
Green: Files (e.g. photos, vlogs)
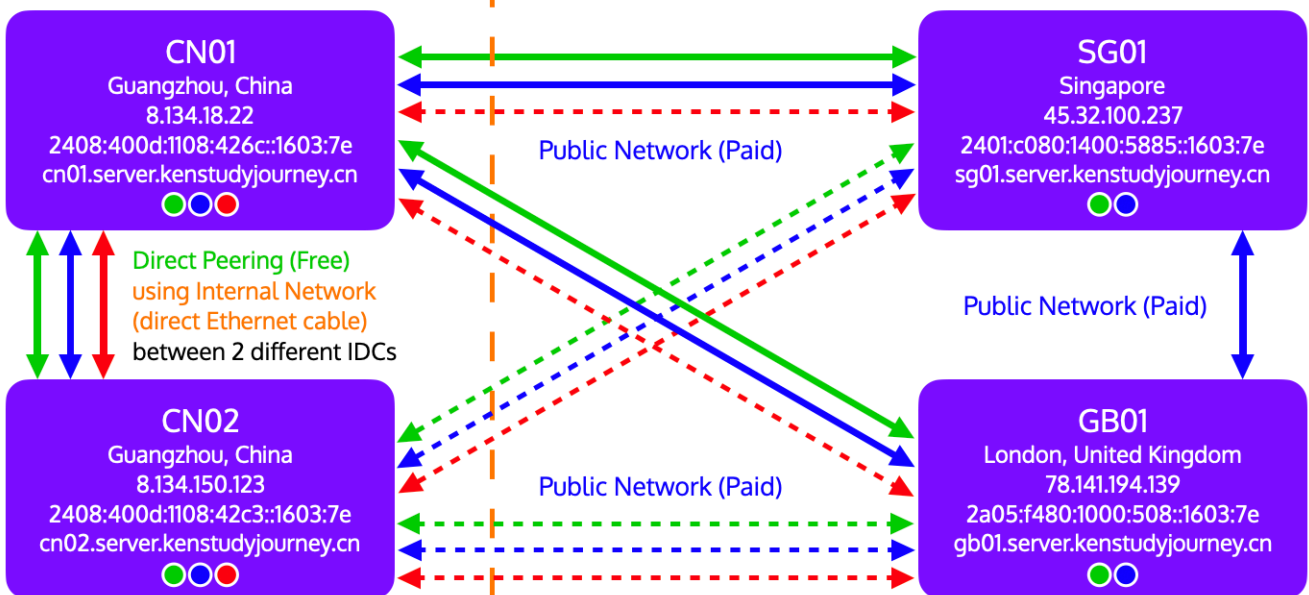Blue: Public data (e.g. articles)
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China Mainland | Other Regions

CN01
Guangzhou, China
8.134.18.22
2408:400d:1108:426c::1603:7e
cn01.server.kenstudyjourney.cn
🟢⚪🔴

SG01
Singapore
45.32.100.237
2401:c080:1400:5885::1603:7e
sg01.server.kenstudyjourney.cn
🟢⚪

Public Network (Paid)

Direct Peering (Free)
using Internal Network
(direct Ethernet cable)
between 2 different IDCs

Public Network (Paid)

CN02
Guangzhou, China
8.134.150.123
2408:400d:1108:42c3::1603:7e
cn02.server.kenstudyjourney.cn
🟢⚪🔴

GB01
London, United Kingdom
78.141.194.139
2a05:f480:1000:508::1603:7e
gb01.server.kenstudyjourney.cn
🟢⚪

Public Network (Paid)

- Public data is stored and transferred among all servers in real time.

- Private data is only stored among China Mainland (CN) servers. (transfer and backup among CN servers are allowed, using free direct peering with internal network)
  - The corresponding data is transferred outside China Mainland if and only if users outside here are using my services.

Note:

- All servers support IPv6, with IPv4 and IPv6 dual-stack enabled.
- According to China regulations, the servers marked * only accept domain names with China ICP Registration. Requests of other domain names will be dropped by ISP(s).
  - Although ISP(s) do not drop requests of other domain names in other servers, the unauthorised domain names pointing to my servers' IP addresses will be dropped by my servers' security system.
- You may be redirected to other servers if one of my servers is down, as shown on Service Status Page (status.kenstudyjourney.com).
- The old CN01 server and its stored data will be permanently removed several days after the data transfer.

My Routing Policy:

- China Mainland: CN01 and CN02
- Europe, North and South America, Africa: GB01
- All Other Regions: SG01

Impacts on your Privacy and Data

From the effective date shown above, all information and data including:

- Subscription email addresses, and
- Ken's Study Planner user data and passwords

will be transferred to and stored in China Mainland (Guangzhou, Guangdong Province; the place where I live).

My servers outside China will only be responsible for storing and distributing files and publicly-shared information and data to visitors nearby.

Users outside China Mainland have the right to reject this data transfer. If you have any doubts, need to reject this transfer, delete your account, or this transfer violates your local privacy protection regulations, please contact me.

As a Chinese international school (A Level) student, Ken's Study Journey strives to program, provide and share my top study tips and tools (e.g. Ken's Study Planner) in my free time to students worldwide.

Hope you can study effectively with my improved version of my services, getting more A*s and other outstanding results in international exams. Come on!

Ken's Study Journey

5 April 2023

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What is ICP Registration?

ICP is shorted by Internet Content Provider.

The registration rigorously verifies the identity of the website owner, using ID cards, passports and/or company licenses.

Only with Chinese ICP registration can the website use servers in China Mainland.

It is usually done by Chinese website owners, which can be Individual or Company/Enterprise. The person must be at least 18 years old to register.

This can be checked on the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) of China official website (https://beian.miit.gov.cn).

It is used for prevent prohibited content or other form of Internet abuse and identifying fake websites (if the original website has ICP registration).

After registration, there is a registration number (e.g. 粤ICP备xxxxxxxx号 for Guangdong Province) shown on the website footer with a link to the checking website.

How to Check my Website's ICP Registration?

You can follow these steps if you need to check whether a website is fake and impersonating Ken's Study Journey.

Note: My old domain names may not include registration currently to avoid services interruption, which may be registered later on.

You can also use this to check other ICP-registered Chinese websites.

1. Check and copy the registration number at the bottom, or the website's domain name on the browser address bar (Do Not include "www." prefix, just copy "kenstudyjourney.cn").

2. Open the China MIIT Official Checking Website: https://beian.miit.gov.cn

3. Enter the registration number or domain name to check.
   - you may need to complete a slider CAPTCHA

4. Verify the information with my Chinese name (邓越) and/or the website Chinese name (Ken的学习之旅).

Will my Website Lose Visitors outside China after Registration?

I estimated that it will not lose visitors.

As well as the China (CN) server, I also have some cloud web servers outside China.

Since 2019, my website was designed for foreign students with both English and Chinese versions.

However, the "Study Tips and Vlog" field was developed outside (since 2014 to 2016) on some platforms foreigners use on a daily basis - YouTube, Instagram and Pinterest, which are not directly accessible in China, far before Ken's Study Journey was founded (2019).

This caused a disproportionality problem in the website visitors count - the number of daily visitors on my website from China is far larger than that in all other countries (excluding web crawlers, search engines not setting User-agent strings* properly, proxies, relays).

They also use some well-made study apps - Notion, Forest, etc. which may also be the Sponsors of some study-related channels.

My services are completely non-profit and non-commercial (i.e. volunteering), but many YouTube channels are commercial with some sponsors.

Sponsor: A company which pays some money to advertise its products on a YouTube channel/video.

They usually contain giveaways, discount codes or links (URLs), etc.

You can see "Including Paid Promotion" or hear "Thanks ** for sponsoring this video." on a YouTube video if it is sponsored.

* User-agent strings of search engines and web crawlers should include 'bot', 'spider' or 'crawl'.

What Caused the Disproportionality Problem in the Visitors Count?

Simply Speaking (my conclusion, may not be 100% correct):

1. A student outside has started his/her YouTube channel.
2. When students are searching "Study Tips"-related content on search engines, they found the videos on YouTube.
3. As of their interests, more and more students are starting their channels.
4. The study-related videos are over-produced and hence over-consumed.
5. Students tend to search relevant information on YouTube rather than other search engines.