

## IE, Bye Bye! Green address bar, No Bye Bye!

The news that broke the Internet last night was that IE officially said goodbye to global Internet users. I was thinking about what I should write last night. I don't want to say bad words to IE browser, but I like to write about miss IE browser.

The most memorable thing is that the IE browser is the first in the world to launch the green address bar. This refreshing and innovative interface helps global users avoid the scourge of fake bank websites!



According to the minutes of CA/Browser Forum autumn face-to-face meeting held in San Antonio, Texas, USA on September 20-21, 2006, Microsoft will update the IE 7 browser in January 2007 in Windows Vista operating system to support the green address bar of websites with EV SSL certificates deployed. Since then, major browsers have also displayed the green address bar one after another.

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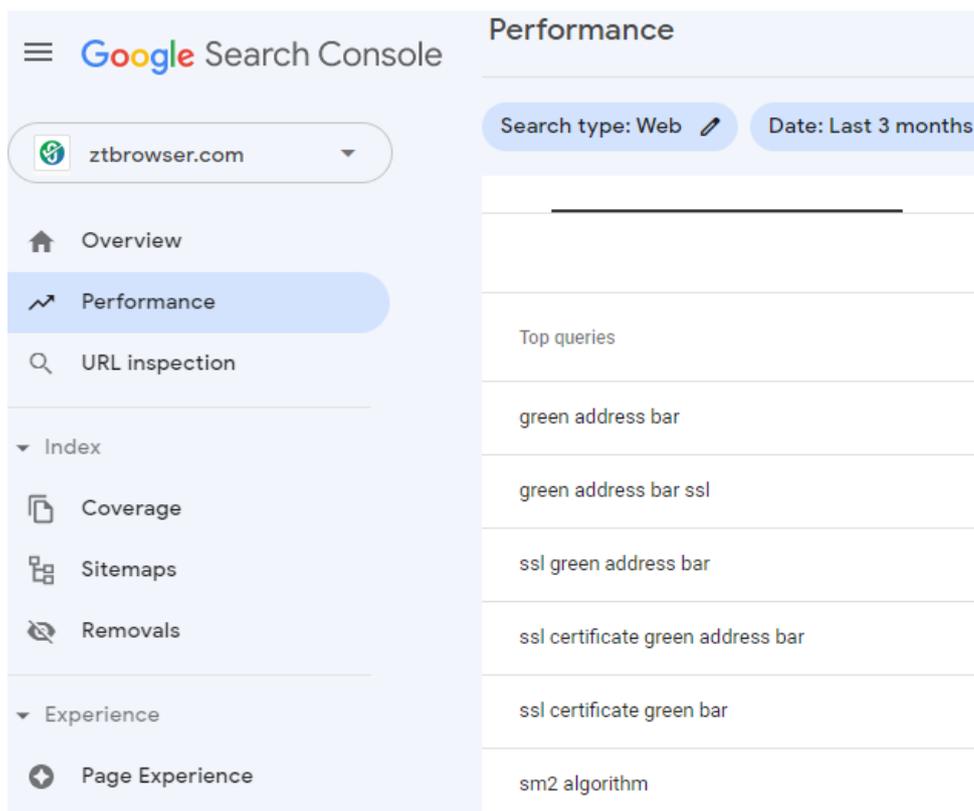
Copies of the latest EV Guidelines were distributed. Tom and Kelvin gave an overview of the changes made to the latest draft.

Kelvin gave a review of the timing for EV support in IE 7. The rough timeframe is: • Complete requirements – end of September • Complete [WebTrust](#) audit requirements – end of October • First batch of [WebTrust](#) audited EV roots added to Windows – 1st week of December • Windows Vista launch – January

Although major browsers have removed the green address bar after September 2019, fortunately, ZT Browser has solemnly returned to the green address bar on June 1st, so that the green address bar can continue to be a popular choice for Internet users around the world to guard the online security.



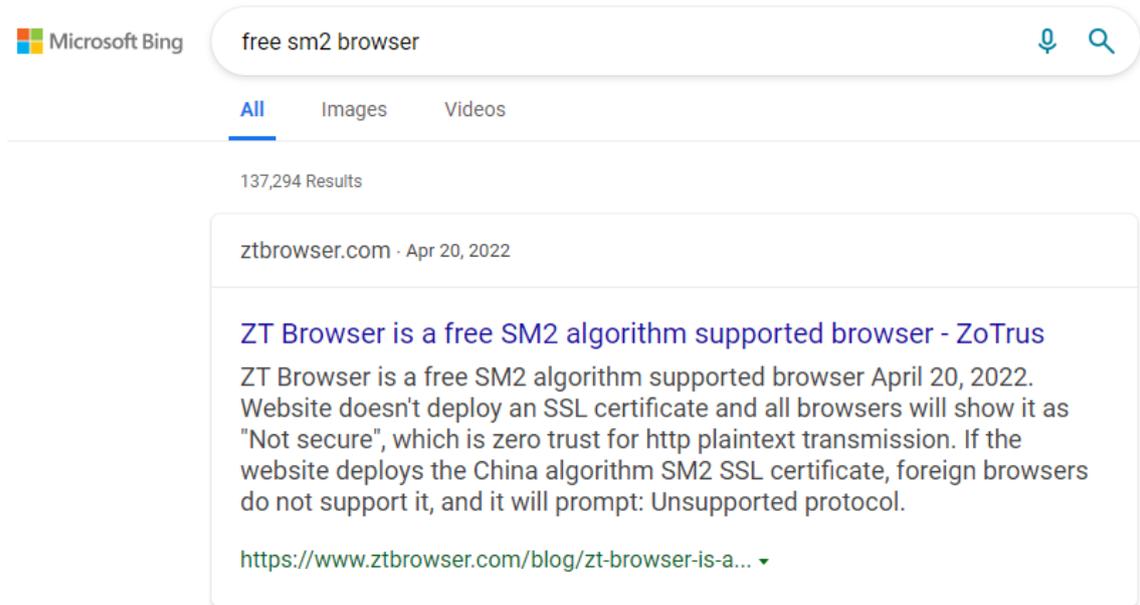
Some people may say that the green address bar is not important, but judging from the search keywords used by Google to search the English website of ZT Browser, the top 5 keywords are all related to the green address bar: green address bar, green address bar SSL, SSL green address bar, SSL certificate green address bar, SSL certificate green bar. It can be seen that there are still many Internet users looking for the green address bar that has disappeared. Why do we need a green address bar, please refer to my other article dedicated to writing green address bars, "[The green address bar is back](#)".



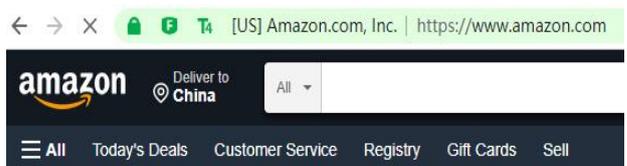
Please look at the search keyword "sm2 algorithm" ranked 6th above, this is because ZT Browser is a completely free browser that fully supports the SM2 algorithm and SM2 SSL certificate. This search shows that not only Chinese people care about the SM2 algorithm, but worldwide Internet users also care about the SM2 algorithm, which is more gratifying.

Speaking of IE browser, I have to talk about Bing, Microsoft's search engine service. Every blog post of the author can be searched from Bing within an hour after publication, which is far ahead of any other search engine in the world. What makes me even more gratified is that when I use Bing to search for "free SM2 browser" in English and in Chinese, Bing recommends the ZT Browser, which is definitely a fair search result, because other browsers that support SM2 algorithm on the market are

basically all charges.



Finally, when you say goodbye to the IE browser, please [download](#) ZT Browser and experience the green address bar pioneered by the IE browser.



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