

Privacy Policy

This policy explains how Shourou (“the App”) handles your information. The conclusion is straightforward: **the App does not collect any personal information.**

1. No Data Collection

No registration or login is required to use the App. You are not asked to provide your name, phone number, email address, location, or any other personal information. The App does not request any sensitive system permissions (contacts, photo library, camera, microphone, location, notifications are all not requested).

2. Records Stay Only On Your Device

Your reading progress, memorization marks, favorites, check-in dates and UI preferences are stored locally on your device using system-provided local storage (UserDefaults). This data:

- Will not be uploaded to any server;
- Cannot be read or recovered by the developer;
- Will be erased once the App is uninstalled;
- Can be deleted anytime with one tap via **Me** → **Clear Learning Records** inside the App.

3. No Network Access, No Third-Party Tracking

All text and image content is bundled inside the installation package. The App makes no network requests at runtime and works fully offline. No third-party SDKs for ads, analytics, crash reporting or social login are integrated. The App does not access the advertising identifier (IDFA), nor does it perform cross-app or cross-website tracking.

4. Text-to-Speech

The read-aloud function invokes the system’s built-in speech synthesis engine (AVSpeechSynthesizer). Speech is generated locally on your device offline. No text content is sent to external services.

5. Contact by Email

If you voluntarily send an email to <mailto:devdeng@163.com>, the information you provide (your email address and message body) will only be used to reply to your inquiry. It will not

be used for other purposes or shared with third parties. We retain emails for a reasonable period after your issue has been resolved.

6. Data Summary Table

Data Category	Collected?
Contact information, identifiers, location	Not collected
Usage data, diagnostic data	Not collected
User content (notes, search terms)	Not collected; search history is neither persisted locally nor uploaded
Tracking identifiers	Not collected

7. Children

The App contains ancient Chinese classics and historical commentaries in the public domain, suitable for all age groups. Since no personal information is collected, no processing of children's personal information takes place.

8. Content Sources and Copyright

The main text of *Tao Te Ching* follows the Wang Bi edition (commonly accepted version). Historical commentaries are sourced from five authors: Wang Bi, Heshang Gong, Su Zhe, Wang Fuzhi and Hanshan Deqing. Variant readings are taken from the Mawangdui silk manuscripts and Guodian bamboo slips. All these texts are public-domain documents or excavated materials. Pinyin annotations are compiled by the App.

English translations include James Legge's 1891 translation of *The Tao Teh King* (public domain) plus original new translations prepared for this App. No modern translations that remain under copyright are used.

9. Policy Updates

If this privacy policy changes, updates will be published both on this webpage and within the App at **Me** → **Privacy Policy**, together with a revised effective date at the top of the page. Since the App collects no data, material changes are unlikely.

10. Contact

If you have questions regarding this privacy policy, please contact us at: Email:
<mailto:devdeng@163.com>