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Privacy Policy

Nebula Notes for Android

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At a glance

Nebula Notes is an offline-first notebook. The notes you write, their titles, tags and the constellations you group them into are stored only in a private database on your own device. PixelOrbit Studio operates no servers for this app, has no user accounts, and cannot read your notes.

- We do not ask you to create an account, and we never ask for your name, email address or phone number.
- Your notes are never uploaded to us. We have nowhere to upload them to.
- Notes leave your device only when you deliberately share them, or when you move to a new phone by direct device-to-device transfer. They are excluded from Google Drive backup (see Section 3).
- Nothing is sent until you choose. When you first open the app, it asks whether to send pseudonymous usage & performance data and crash reports to Google Firebase. Both are off unless you turn them on, and you can change your choices at any time in Settings › Privacy choices (see Section 5.3).
- The app itself shows no advertising, and we never sell or rent your data. If you allow usage data, we also measure how well our own adverts for Nebula Notes work, with Google's separate consent where the law requires it — see Section 2.5.

SECTION 1

Information We Collect

What information Nebula Notes collects.

1.1 Notes and the content you create

Everything you author in Nebula Notes — note titles, note bodies, text formatting, tags, constellations (your categories), and which notes you mark as North Stars — is written to a private database stored inside the application's own storage area on your device. This content is never transmitted to PixelOrbit Studio. We have no server that could receive it and no mechanism in the app that sends it to us.

1.2 Application preferences

A small set of preferences is stored on your device so the app behaves consistently between launches. In the current version these are, in full:

- Whether you have completed the introductory onboarding screens.
- Whether the animated starfield background is switched on.
- Your recent search terms, so the search screen can offer them again. These are words you typed into the search box; they are stored on your device only, and you can erase them at any time from Settings.
- Which one-time feature tips you have already been shown.
- Your privacy choices (the two switches described in Section 5.3) and when you made them, so the app knows what it may send.
- A few counters and dates used only to decide when to show Google Play's rating and update prompts: when you first opened the app, which days you used it, how many sessions you have had and notes you have created, and when a prompt was last shown. These never leave your device.
- If Google's consent message has been shown to you (Section 5.3), Google's consent tool stores your answer on your device in the industry-standard IAB TCF format.

1.3 Diagnostic and usage information (only if you allow it)

To understand whether the app is stable and which features are actually used, Nebula Notes can send diagnostic and usage information to Google Firebase. Nothing is sent until you choose: the first time you open the app, the Privacy choices screen asks you, both options start switched off, and you can change your mind at any time (Section 5.3). Each switch covers different data:

- **Usage & performance**
  - Usage events — a record that an action happened, such as a note being created, a search being submitted, or a share sheet being opened. Events carry counts and categories only (for example: how many notes were deleted, and from which screen).
  - Performance traces — how long key operations take: app start-up, loading your notes and tag suggestions, saving and deleting, search, and checks with Google Play for reviews and updates, so slow paths can be found and fixed.
- **Crash reports** — if the app crashes or hits an unexpected error, a technical report is sent containing the stack trace, the screen involved, the device model, the operating system version and the app version.

These reports are pseudonymous: they are linked to a resettable app or advertising identifier, never to your name, email or an account. The device Advertising ID is used only if you turn on Usage & performance and, where the law requires it, also consent in Google's message (see Sections 2.5 and 4).

1.4 What we never collect

The following is true of Nebula Notes without exception:

- We never collect the text of your notes, their titles or their tags. The analytics system is built so that only plain numbers, short fixed labels and true/false flags can be placed in a report; note text cannot technically be attached to one, and this is enforced by an automated test in the codebase.
- We never collect your name, email address, postal address, phone number or date of birth.
- Nebula Notes doesn't request the location permission and never reads your device's location. When diagnostic data is sent, Google Firebase uses the connection's IP address to estimate an approximate region (country or city).
- We never access your contacts, photos, camera, microphone, calendar or files.
- We have no login, no user account and no user profile.

1.5 Children's privacy

Nebula Notes is a general-audience notebook and is not directed at children. We do not knowingly collect personal information from children. Because the app has no account system and never collects names, contact details or anything else that says who you are, we hold nothing that would allow us to identify a child user. If you believe a child has used the app in a way that concerns you, everything the app holds on the device can be erased at any time by clearing the app's data or uninstalling it, and diagnostic data can be switched off in Settings › Privacy choices (see Section 5).

SECTION 2

How We Use Information

How we use collected information.

2.1 To provide the app itself

Your notes, tags and constellations are used for one purpose: to display, organise and search your own notes on your own device. This processing happens entirely on your device. Your preferences are used to restore the app to the state you left it in.

2.2 To keep the app stable and fast

When you have allowed them, crash reports and performance traces are used to identify defects, understand which devices and Android versions are affected, and measure whether a fix worked. Usage events are used in aggregate to understand which features are used and which are ignored, so development effort goes to the right places. We look at totals and trends, not at individuals.

2.3 Sharing that you start

When you choose Share on a note, Nebula Notes hands that note's title and text to Android's system share sheet, and you choose the destination app. Where a note contains formatting, a styled version is offered alongside the plain text so that destinations which understand rich text can preserve it. This transfer happens only when you tap Share and only to the app you pick. Once the content reaches that app, it is governed by that app's privacy policy, not this one.

2.4 What we do not do with it

- We do not sell, rent or trade your information to anybody.
- We do not show advertising inside Nebula Notes. The app contains no advert slots and no advertising network.
- We do not use your information to personalise adverts or to build advertising audiences (Section 2.5).
- We do not make automated decisions about you that produce legal or similarly significant effects.
- We do not combine diagnostic data with any other source in order to identify you personally.
- We never use the contents of your notes for advertising, measurement or any other purpose. Your notes are not part of any of this.

2.5 Measuring our own advertising

We promote Nebula Notes through advertising campaigns run on Google's platforms. To learn whether those campaigns are worth continuing, we need to know that an installation followed an advert rather than arriving some other way. Google Analytics for Firebase performs that measurement on our behalf, and it is the reason the app carries the advertising-related permissions listed in Section 4.1.

This measurement is part of Usage & performance, so it happens only if you turn that switch on. In the European Economic Area, the United Kingdom and Switzerland, Google also asks for your separate consent first (Section 5.3); if you don't give it, your Advertising ID isn't used for this measurement.

In practice this means:

- Your device's Advertising ID — a resettable identifier provided by Android, not by us — may be used by Google to connect an advert you saw or tapped with the installation that followed.
- The Google Play Store may tell the app which referrer or campaign led to the install.
- Aggregate results, such as how many installs a campaign produced and how many of those users went on to write a note, are reported back to us and may be shared with Google Ads for the same measurement purpose.
- Ad personalisation is always switched off. The app tells Google not to use your data to personalise adverts, so it is not used to show our adverts to people whose behaviour resembles that of existing users, or to reach people who installed the app and stopped using it.

We see this information only in aggregate. It never includes the text of your notes, their titles or their tags. You can stop it at any time by turning off Usage & performance, or by changing your answer under Ad choices (Section 5.3). Android also lets you delete or reset your Advertising ID from your device settings.

2.6 Legal basis

Where data-protection law such as the GDPR applies, we rely on your consent for the diagnostic, usage and advertising-measurement data described above (Article 6(1)(a) GDPR, together with the rules on storing and reading information on your device). You give it on the Privacy choices screen and, where shown, in Google's consent message. You can withdraw it at any time in Settings › Privacy choices; withdrawing doesn't affect processing that happened before. Your notes and preferences never reach us: the app processes them only on your device, to provide the app you asked for.

SECTION 3

Data Storage

Where your data is stored.

3.1 On your device

Your notes are held in a private database (SQLite, via the Android Room library) inside the app's own storage directory. Your preferences are held in a separate private preferences file. Android protects both so that other applications on the device cannot read them. Neither is placed on shared storage, and neither is synchronised by us.

Your notes are kept out of Google Drive backup

Nebula Notes instructs Android to exclude the notes database and the app's preferences from the Google account backup, so no copy of your writing is placed in Google Drive. A direct device-to-device transfer — the kind used when you set up a new phone from your old one — does still carry your notes across, so upgrading a handset does not lose them. Please note the consequence: because no cloud copy exists, a lost, stolen or reset device cannot be recovered from. Share or copy anything you cannot afford to lose. See Section 5.4.

3.2 Diagnostic data held by Google

The crash reports, performance traces and usage events you allow are transmitted to and stored on Google's Firebase infrastructure, which may process and store them on servers outside your country. That processing is governed by Google's own privacy terms in addition to this policy. We access this data only through Firebase's own dashboards; we do not export it or merge it with anything else.

3.3 How long data is kept

- Notes and preferences: kept on your device until you delete them or uninstall the app. There is no expiry and no automatic clean-up.
- Recent searches: kept on your device until you clear them from Settings or uninstall the app.
- Your privacy choices: kept on your device until you change them, clear the app's data or uninstall the app.
- Diagnostic and usage data: retained by Firebase according to Google's standard retention periods for the product concerned, after which it is deleted automatically. Turning a switch off stops new data and clears data not yet sent (Section 5.3); data already sent stays until its retention period ends.
- Android backups: your notes and preferences are excluded from Google account backup, so Google holds no copy of them to retain. Data moved by a device-to-device transfer lives on the new device under the same terms as above.

3.4 Security

Because the app stores your notes only in private application storage and sends nothing to us, the principal protection for your notes is the security of your own device: your screen lock, your device encryption and the Android sandbox. Data sent to Firebase travels over encrypted connections. Please note that Nebula Notes does not currently offer an in-app passcode, biometric lock or separate note-level encryption; anyone who can unlock your device can open the app.

SECTION 4

Third-Party Services

Services we use.

Nebula Notes includes the following third-party components. All are provided by Google. The app contains no advertising networks, no social-media software development kits and no analytics provider other than those listed here.

Service	What it does and what it receives
Firebase Analytics	Used only if you turn on Usage & performance. Records pseudonymous usage events (which actions occurred, counts and category labels) so feature usage can be understood in aggregate, and measures our own advertising (Section 2.5). Receives a resettable app instance identifier, the Advertising ID where you have allowed it, device model, operating system version, app version and an approximate region (country or city) estimated from the IP address. Never receives note content.
Firebase Crashlytics	Used only if you turn on Crash reports. Records crashes and handled errors, including the stack trace, the screen and operation involved, a resettable installation identifier, device model, operating system version and app version. Never receives note content.
Firebase Performance Monitoring	Used only if you turn on Usage & performance. Records timings for app start-up, loading, saving and deleting, search and Google Play checks, together with device and app version context, so slow paths can be identified. Never receives note content.
Google User Messaging Platform	Google's consent tool. Only after you turn on Usage & performance, it checks with Google whether consent is required where you are. In the European Economic Area, the United Kingdom and Switzerland it shows Google's message asking whether our adverts may be measured, and stores your answer on your device. You can change that answer in Settings › Privacy choices › Ad choices.
Google Play In-App Review	Lets the Google Play Store display its own rating prompt inside the app after you have used it successfully. The prompt and any rating you leave are handled entirely by Google Play; the app is not told whether the prompt appeared or whether you left a rating.
Google Play In-App Updates	Checks with the Google Play Store whether a newer version of the app is available and, if you accept, downloads it. Handled entirely by Google Play.
Apps you share to	When you tap Share, the note you selected is passed to whichever application you choose. That application's own privacy policy then applies to the content.

4.1 Permissions the app requests

Nebula Notes declares no permissions of its own, and none of the permissions below prompt you for consent: all are granted at install time. Every one is added automatically by the Google libraries described above — the advertising-related entries come from Firebase Analytics — and all are present in the installed application. Being present does not mean they are used: the advertising-related entries are used only as described in Section 2.5.

Permission	Why it is present
INTERNET	Required by Firebase, Google's consent tool and Google Play services to send the diagnostics you allow, fetch Google's consent message and check for updates. Not used to transmit your notes.
ACCESS_NETWORK_STATE	Lets those libraries detect whether the device is online before attempting a transmission.
WAKE_LOCK	Used by Google Play services libraries to complete short background work reliably.
ACCESS_ADSERVICES_AD_ID	Added by Firebase Analytics. Permits access to the device Advertising ID, used — only if you allow it — to attribute an installation to one of our advertising campaigns (Section 2.5). No adverts are shown inside the app itself.
ACCESS_ADSERVICES_ATTRIBUTION	Added by Firebase Analytics. Permits use of the Android Attribution Reporting API, which measures whether an advertisement led to an install without sharing identifiers between apps (Section 2.5).
com.google.android.gms.permission.AD_ID	Added by Firebase Analytics. The Google Play services route to the same Advertising ID. Required by Google Play for any app targeting Android 13 or later that reads that identifier.
com.google.android.finsky.permission.BIND_GET_INSTALL_REFERRER_SERVICE	Added by Firebase Analytics. Allows the app to ask the Google Play Store which referrer or campaign led to the installation.
DYNAMIC_RECEIVER_NOT_EXPORTED_PERMISSION	Generated automatically by AndroidX for this app alone. It is a signature-level permission that stops other apps reaching broadcast receivers the app registers at runtime. It grants no access to anything outside the app.

SECTION 5

Your Rights

Your choices and control.

5.1 Access and portability

Your notes are already in your possession: they live on your device and are visible in the app at all times. You can take any note out of the app at any moment using the Share action, which will hand the title and text to an app of your choosing, such as email, a messaging app or a document editor. We hold no copy of your notes, so there is nothing for us to send you.

5.2 Correction and deletion

- Any note can be edited or deleted from within the app at any time, individually or by selecting several at once.
- Recent search terms can be erased from Settings › Clear recent searches.
- Turning off a switch in Settings › Privacy choices clears diagnostic data that hasn't been sent yet (Section 5.3).
- Uninstalling Nebula Notes removes the notes database and all preferences from your device.
- Clearing the app's storage (Android Settings › Apps › Nebula Notes › Storage › Clear data) erases everything the app holds, including your privacy choices, without uninstalling it. The app will ask for your choices again the next time you open it.

Deletion is immediate and permanent on your device. Please make sure you have shared or copied anything you wish to keep before deleting it, because we hold no backup from which it could be restored.

5.3 Controlling diagnostic collection

Nothing is sent until you choose. The first time you open Nebula Notes — and the first time after updating from a version without this screen — the Privacy choices screen asks what you would like to send. Both switches start off:

- **Usage & performance** — usage events and performance traces (Firebase Analytics and Performance Monitoring), including measuring our own adverts (Section 2.5).
- **Crash reports** — crash and error reports (Firebase Crashlytics).

Reject all and Accept all are equally easy to choose, and Save my choices keeps exactly what the switches show. The app works the same whatever you choose.

Change your choices at any time

Open Settings › Privacy › Privacy choices. Changes apply immediately:

- Turning off Usage & performance stops Analytics and Performance Monitoring and clears Analytics data waiting on your device.
- Turning off Crash reports stops crash reporting and deletes reports not yet sent. Crashes that happen before you first answer wait on your device and are sent only if you turn Crash reports on.
- Data already sent stays with Google until the retention period in Section 3.3 ends.

Google's separate consent for advertising

If you turn on Usage & performance and you are in the European Economic Area, the United Kingdom or Switzerland, Google shows its own consent message asking whether our adverts may be measured using your device. You can consent or decline; the app works the same either way. To change your answer later, open Settings › Privacy choices › Ad choices (this row appears where Google requires it). Elsewhere, turning on Usage & performance is how you allow this measurement. Ad personalisation stays off for everyone.

On your device

You can also delete or reset your Advertising ID in Android Settings › Privacy › Ads (on some devices, Settings › Google › Ads).

If we change what the app sends, or why, in a way that matters, the app will ask for your choices again.

5.4 Backup and moving to a new device

You do not need to take any action to keep your notes out of the cloud: the app already excludes them from Google account backup, on every Android version it supports. If you are moving to a new phone, use the direct device-to-device transfer offered during setup and your notes will come with you. Restoring a new phone from a Google Drive backup alone will not bring your notes across, because no copy of them is held there. Where continuity matters to you, share the notes you need to keep to another app before changing devices.

5.5 Rights under data-protection law

Depending on where you live — for example in the European Economic Area or the United Kingdom under the GDPR, or in California under the CCPA/CPRA — you may have rights to access, correct, delete, restrict or object to the processing of your personal information, to data portability, to withdraw your consent at any time, and to lodge a complaint with your data-protection authority. Because we hold no account and the diagnostic data is pseudonymous, most of these rights are exercised directly through the controls above, including withdrawing consent in Settings › Privacy choices. For anything that concerns the diagnostic data described in Section 1.3, please contact us using Section 6 and we will respond within the period required by the applicable law. We do not sell personal information, or share it for cross-context behavioural advertising, as those terms are defined under the CCPA/CPRA.

SECTION 6

Contact Us

Questions about this policy.

6.1 How to reach us

If you have a question about this policy, about how Nebula Notes handles information, or if you wish to exercise any of the rights described in Section 5, please contact us:

Developer	PixelOrbit Studio
Email	support@pixelorbit.studio
Policy page	https://pixelorbit.studio/privacy/nebula-notes/
Postal address	Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh

You can also reach us from inside the app: open Settings and choose Send feedback, which will open your email application with our address already filled in.

6.2 Changes to this policy

We may update this policy as Nebula Notes changes — for example if a future version adds a lock screen or cloud synchronisation. When we do, we will revise the effective date shown on the first page and publish the new version at the policy page listed above. Where a change materially affects how your information is handled, we will draw attention to it inside the app before the change takes effect, and if it changes what the app sends or why, the app will ask for your choices again. Continuing to use the app after an update indicates acceptance of the revised policy, but never turns on anything you have switched off.