FOOD NINJA
Privacy Policy

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1. Introduction

This Privacy Policy describes how Albert Huang ("we," "us," or "our"), the developer of Food Ninja, collects, uses, stores, and protects information when you use the Food Ninja iOS application and web service (collectively, the "Service").

We are committed to protecting your privacy. We collect only the minimum data necessary to provide the Service and never sell your personal information to third parties.

2. Information We Collect

2.1 Information Collected Through Social Login

When you register using Sign in with Apple or Sign in with Google, we receive and store on our servers:

- Your email address
- Your display name

We also store:

- Your Food Ninja subscription status
- Your AI credit usage (number of AI requests made)
- Your Google OAuth refresh token (Google login users only — stored solely for two purposes: (1) enabling Google Calendar and Google Tasks sync if you activate that feature, and (2) revoking our OAuth access upon account deletion. It is used for absolutely nothing else and is permanently deleted as part of the account deletion process)

2.2 Information Processed On-Device Only

The following data is processed entirely on your device and is never transmitted to or stored by our servers:

- Food records, expiry dates, and inventory data
- Camera input, photos, and images
- Audio and voice input
- OCR and image classification results
- Donation center interaction history

When you use AI features, your prompt, relevant food records, and relevant donation center data are transmitted to our servers solely to generate an AI response. This data is processed in real time and is not stored, logged, or retained by us in any form after the response is returned.

2.3 Calendar and Reminders Sync

If you choose to enable the sync feature, food expiry records from your device may be synced to Google Calendar and/or Google Tasks using your stored Google OAuth refresh token, or to Apple Calendar and/or Apple Reminders via native Apple system APIs.

This feature is entirely optional and user-activated. Our servers use your Google OAuth refresh token only to perform sync operations with Google services on your behalf. We do not read, store, or analyze any existing content in your Google Calendar or Google Tasks — we only write food expiry events created by Food Ninja. Apple Calendar and Apple Reminders sync is performed entirely on-device and does not involve our servers.

2.4 Location Data

The app may request access to your device location to provide map-based donation center discovery using Apple Maps. Precise location data is not transmitted to or stored on our servers.

2.5 AI Queries

When you use AI features (recipe suggestions, meal planning, donation eligibility checks), your prompt, relevant food records from your device, and relevant donation center database entries are transmitted to our servers and processed through our AI APIs to generate a response. We do not store, log, or retain any part of AI query content — including prompts, food records, or donation data — after the AI response has been returned to your device.

2.6 Device and Technical Information

We may collect standard technical data necessary for the operation of the Service, including app version information and authentication tokens (JWT). This data is used solely for authentication and service delivery.

3. How We Use Your Information

We use the information we collect for the following purposes:

- To authenticate your identity and manage your account
- To deliver and maintain the Service and its features
- To manage your subscription status and AI credit balance
- To process AI-powered queries you submit
- To sync food expiry records to Google Calendar, Google Tasks, Apple Calendar, or Apple Reminders, if you enable this feature
- To communicate with you about your account or material changes to the Service
- To comply with legal obligations

4. Legal Basis for Processing (GDPR / Taiwan PDPA)

We process your personal data on the following legal bases:

- Contractual necessity: processing required to provide the Service you have requested

- Legitimate interests: fraud prevention, security, and service improvement
- Legal obligation: compliance with applicable law
- Consent: where required by applicable law, including for users under the age of digital consent

5. Children's Privacy (COPPA)

Food Ninja is designed for users of all ages, including children under 13. We are committed to complying with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) and applicable local laws regarding children's privacy.

We collect only the minimum information necessary (email and name via social login) for account functionality. We do not knowingly collect sensitive personal information from children, serve behavioral advertising to children, or share children's personal information with third parties for commercial purposes.

If you are a parent or guardian and believe your child has provided information to us without consent, please contact us at the address below and we will promptly delete the information.

6. Data Sharing and Third Parties

We do not sell, rent, or trade your personal information to any third party.

We share limited data with the following third-party service providers solely as necessary to deliver the Service:

- Apple (Sign in with Apple, App Store, Apple Maps, Apple Calendar, Apple Reminders): governed by Apple's Privacy Policy
- Google (Sign in with Google, Google Calendar, Google Tasks — the latter two only if you enable sync): governed by Google's Privacy Policy

We do not use any third-party advertising networks, analytics platforms, or data brokers.

7. Data Retention

We retain your personal data only for as long as your account is active or as necessary to provide the Service.

Upon account deletion:

- All data associated with your account is permanently deleted from our servers immediately
- Your Google OAuth refresh token is revoked via the Google OAuth revocation API before deletion
- All JWT tokens associated with your session are invalidated

Deleted data cannot be recovered. We do not maintain backups of deleted user data beyond standard system backup cycles, which are purged within 30 days.

8. Data Security

We implement industry-standard security measures to protect your personal data, including:

- Encrypted data transmission (TLS/HTTPS) between your device and our servers
- Secure JWT-based authentication with token invalidation on logout and account deletion
- OAuth 2.0 authorization with immediate token revocation on account deletion
- Access controls limiting server-side data access to authorized personnel only

No method of electronic transmission or storage is 100% secure. While we strive to protect your personal data, we cannot guarantee absolute security.

9. Your Rights

Depending on your jurisdiction, you may have the following rights with respect to your personal data:

- Right of access: to request a copy of the personal data we hold about you
- Right of rectification: to request correction of inaccurate data
- Right of erasure: to request deletion of your personal data (available directly in-app via Settings > Account)
- Right to data portability: to receive your data in a structured, machine-readable format
- Right to object: to object to certain types of processing
- Right to withdraw consent: where processing is based on consent, to withdraw it at any time

To exercise any of these rights, contact us at the address in Section 12.

10. International Data Transfers and Server Location

Food Ninja is developed and operated by Albert Huang, based in Taiwan. However, all user data is physically stored and processed on servers located in Nuremberg, Germany, operated by Hetzner Online GmbH, a European cloud infrastructure provider.

Because our servers are located in Germany, which is a member state of the European Union, your data is subject to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in addition to Taiwan's Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA). The user rights described in Section 9 of this policy are therefore legally enforceable rights under GDPR, not merely voluntary commitments.

Hetzner Online GmbH acts as a data processor on our behalf. Hetzner provides a Data Processing Agreement (DPA) as part of their standard terms of service, ensuring your data is handled in accordance with GDPR requirements.

If you are located outside of the European Union or Taiwan, your personal data will be transferred to and processed in Germany (EU). By using the Service, you acknowledge and consent to this transfer. We ensure all such transfers are conducted with appropriate safeguards in accordance with applicable privacy laws.

11. Changes to This Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. When we do, we will update the Effective Date and, where appropriate, notify you through the app or by email.

Your continued use of the Service following any changes constitutes acceptance of the updated Privacy Policy.

12. Contact Us

If you have any questions, concerns, or requests regarding this Privacy Policy or our data practices, please contact us:

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