

SCNT — Privacy Policy

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1. Introduction

This Privacy Policy explains how I ("I", "me", or "my") collect, use, disclose, and protect personal data when you use the SCNT mobile application (the "App"). I built SCNT for people who love fragrance, and I designed it to collect no more personal data than is needed to run the features you actually use: your account, your personal fragrance collection, your ratings and notes, and the social features that let you follow other collectors.

This Policy is written to comply with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and to give users outside the European Union a clear picture of my practices as well, since the App may be made available in the European Economic Area (EEA), the United Kingdom, and other countries worldwide.

2. Who I Am (Data Controller)

The data controller responsible for your personal data under this Privacy Policy is Nick Betzlbacher, operating SCNT as an individual developer (not through a registered company). You can reach me at any time using the contact details in Section 15 ("Contact Me").

Full legal and contact details (including any postal address required by applicable law) are provided in the App's separate Imprint / Legal Notice section, available within the App itself. This Privacy Policy should be read together with that Imprint.

3. Personal Data I Collect

I collect the following categories of personal data:

- Account data: the email address and password you use to register (if you sign up by email), or the identifier and basic profile information provided by Sign in with Apple or Google Sign-In if you use one of those options; your chosen username; and, optionally, a profile photo, a short bio, and links to your social media profiles that you choose to add.
- Content you create: the fragrances you add to your personal collection ("scents"), including brand, name, concentration, size, price paid, purchase details, and any photos you upload of the bottle or box; the ratings, tasting notes, remarks, and personal stories you write about your fragrances; and any notes you create in the App's notes feature.
- Social and usage data: the accounts you follow and who follows you, and the shelves or collections you organize your fragrances into.
- Technical data processed to run the service: authentication tokens issued by Firebase Authentication; if you enable notifications, a device push token issued by Apple (APNs) and registered with Firebase Cloud Messaging, used solely to deliver notifications to your device; and standard operational metadata associated with your data in my database (such as creation and update timestamps) and with your uploaded images (such as file size and format).

I do not currently collect precise location data, contacts from your device, or health data. I do not embed any advertising or third-party analytics/tracking SDKs in the App.

4. How I Use Your Data

I use the personal data described above to:

- Create and maintain your account and authenticate you when you sign in;
- Provide the App's core functionality: storing and displaying your fragrance collection, ratings, notes, and stories; showing your profile and activity to other users you interact with; and powering social features such as following other collectors;
- Detect duplicate fragrance entries and offer autofill suggestions by matching against a shared, de-identified library of fragrance names and brands;
- Maintain the security, integrity, and proper functioning of the App, including preventing abuse;
- Respond to your support requests and communicate with you about your account;
- Comply with my legal obligations.

5. Legal Basis for Processing (GDPR)

Where the GDPR applies, I rely on the following legal bases under Article 6(1) GDPR for processing your personal data:

- Performance of a contract (Art. 6(1)(b) GDPR): processing your account data and content is necessary to provide the App's functionality to you under the Terms of Use.
- Legitimate interests (Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR): for example, maintaining the shared fragrance library to improve data entry across the App, and safeguarding the App against misuse, where these interests are not overridden by your rights and interests.
- Consent (Art. 6(1)(a) GDPR): where I ask for your specific consent, for example if you choose to link optional third-party social profiles to your account. You may withdraw consent at any time.
- Legal obligation (Art. 6(1)(c) GDPR): where processing is necessary to comply with a legal requirement I am subject to.

6. Third-Party Services I Use

To operate the App, I rely on the following third-party service providers, who process personal data on my behalf as data processors:

- Google Firebase (Google Ireland Limited / Google LLC) — provides Firebase Authentication (including Sign in with Apple and Google Sign-In integration), Cloud Firestore (my database), Firebase Storage (for uploaded images), and, if you enable notifications, Firebase Cloud Messaging (to deliver push notifications to your device). Firebase is the infrastructure that stores substantially all of the personal data described in Section 3.
- Apple Inc. — provides the Sign in with Apple authentication option, operates the App Store through which you download and update the App, and, if you enable notifications, operates the Apple Push Notification service (APNs) used to deliver notifications to your device.

I do not sell your personal data, and I do not share it with third parties for their own independent marketing purposes. I do not currently use any advertising networks or third-party analytics providers within the App.

7. International Data Transfers

Because I use Google Firebase, your personal data may be processed on servers located outside your own country, including in the United States. Where personal data is transferred from the EEA, the UK, or Switzerland to a country that has not been recognized by the European Commission as providing an adequate level of data protection, I rely on appropriate safeguards recognized under GDPR, such as the European Commission's Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs) and, where applicable, a provider's participation in the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework (or its UK/Swiss extensions), as offered by Google for Firebase services. You can request more information about these safeguards using the contact details in Section 15.

8. Data Retention

I retain your personal data for as long as your account remains active, so that the App can continue to provide its features to you. If you delete your account within the App, I permanently delete your username, email address, password (credential), linked social profile identifiers, fragrance entries, ratings, notes, personal progress data, and follower/following relationships associated with your account. Some limited data may be retained for a short additional period where necessary to comply with a legal obligation, resolve disputes, or enforce my agreements, after which it is deleted or anonymized.

9. Your Rights Under the GDPR

If the GDPR applies to you, you have the following rights in relation to your personal data, subject to the conditions and exceptions set out in applicable law:

- Right of access — to obtain confirmation of, and access to, the personal data I hold about you (Art. 15 GDPR);
- Right to rectification — to have inaccurate or incomplete personal data corrected (Art. 16 GDPR);
- Right to erasure ("right to be forgotten") — to have your personal data deleted, which you can also do yourself at any time by deleting your account in the App (Art. 17 GDPR);
- Right to restriction of processing, in certain circumstances (Art. 18 GDPR);
- Right to data portability — to receive your data in a structured, commonly used, machine-readable format (Art. 20 GDPR);
- Right to object to processing based on legitimate interests, on grounds relating to your particular situation (Art. 21 GDPR);
- Right to withdraw consent at any time, where processing is based on consent, without affecting the lawfulness of processing before withdrawal;
- Right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority, in particular in the EU member state of your habitual residence, place of work, or place of the alleged infringement.

To exercise any of these rights, please contact me using the details in Section 15. I will respond within the timeframes required by applicable law.

10. Users Outside the European Union

If you access the App from outside the EU/EEA, your personal data will still be handled in accordance with this Privacy Policy. Depending on where you live, you may have additional or different rights under local law (for example, residents of certain U.S. states may have rights broadly similar to those described in Section 9 under state privacy laws such as the California Consumer Privacy Act). I aim to honor equivalent rights requests from all users on a good-faith basis, regardless of the specific law that formally applies to you; please contact me using the details in Section 15.

11. Children's Privacy

The App is not directed at children, and I require that users be at least **16 years old** to create an account. I do not knowingly collect personal data from children below this age. If you believe a child has provided me with personal data in violation of this Policy, please contact me so I can delete it.

12. Data Security

I rely on Google Firebase's security infrastructure, including encryption of data in transit and at rest, and Firestore/Storage security rules that restrict access to your data to your own authenticated account (and to other users only for the profile and content you choose to make visible to them, such as your public profile or shared collection). No method of electronic storage or transmission is completely secure, and while I work to protect your personal data, I cannot guarantee its absolute security.

13. Push Notifications

If you enable notifications in the App's Settings, I send you push notifications about activity relevant to your account — for example, when another user starts following you. To do this, with your explicit permission (requested through your device's native notification permission prompt), I collect a device push token and store it, linked to your account, so I can address notifications to your device via Apple Push Notification service (APNs) and Firebase Cloud Messaging (see Section 6).

Granting this permission is entirely optional and is never required to use the App. You can withdraw your consent at any time by turning notifications off for SCNT in your device's Settings app; if you sign out of your account, I remove the device token associated with that sign-out from my records.

I do not currently send marketing or promotional push notifications, only notifications tied to activity on your own account.

14. Changes to This Privacy Policy

I may update this Privacy Policy from time to time, for example to reflect changes in the App's features or in applicable law. If I make material changes, I will notify you within the App or by other appropriate means before the changes take effect. The "Effective date" at the top of this Policy indicates when it was last revised.

15. Contact Me

If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy or how I handle your personal data, or if you would like to exercise any of the rights described above, please contact me at: **nickbetzbacher@gmail.com**. My full legal contact details are also available in the App's Imprint / Legal Notice.