

Donnie Horoscope

User manual · version 23

Donnie Horoscope is an astrology app for Android phones. It is a faithful new life for **ZodiacSigns V1.66**, an MS-DOS astrology program from 1992: its calculation engine was reverse-engineered and rebuilt so that every planet, house cusp and aspect comes out exactly as in the original. Around that engine sits a modern, finger-friendly interface, and the original DOS screens are kept as a "Classic" look in its honour.

The app is named after Donnie, a much-loved dog.

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1 · Install and update

Open the download page **donniehoroscope.pages.dev**. It always has the newest **app** (an APK file), this **manual** and the chart packs, and the **web app** (chapter 11) for using Donnie Horoscope in a browser.

Tap *Download* under *The app*, then open the downloaded file on the phone. Android asks once to allow installing apps from your browser or file manager: allow it, then tap *Install*.

Updating: in the app open *More → Updates and manual → Open download page*, download the newer APK and install it over the old one. Your saved charts and settings stay.

The app needs no account and no internet: everything, including the world map, works offline. Your charts stay on your phone.

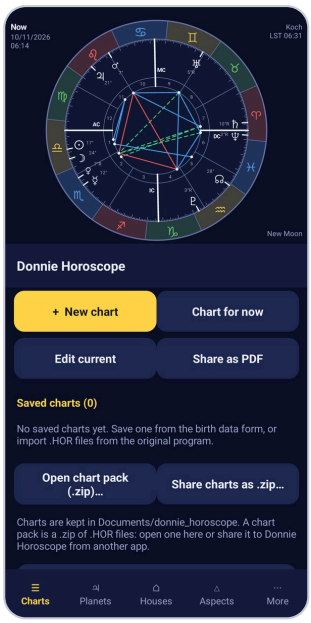
2 · The screen at a glance

The upper part of the screen always shows the **chart wheel**, a true circle. The lower part holds lists and forms, and at the bottom are five tabs:

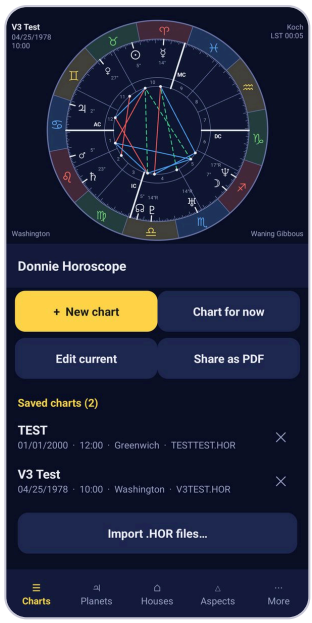
- **Charts**: new chart, chart for now, saved charts, import.
- **Planets**, **Houses**, **Aspects**: the tables of the current chart.
- **More**: overview, sensitive points, Chaldean Lords, PDF, look, updates.

The header shows **Edit** (change the birth data) and **PDF** (share the chart).

When the keyboard opens it only takes room from the lower part, so it never hides the field you are typing in, and the tabs hide while you type.



The Charts page



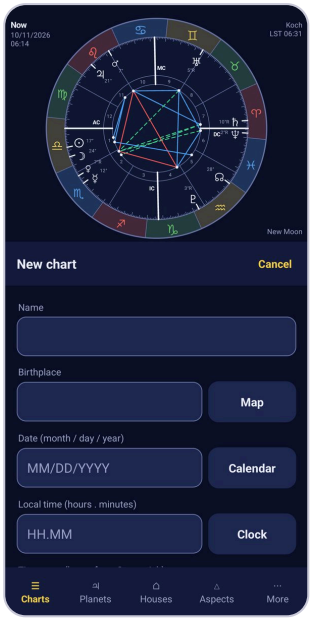
Charts with saved charts

3 · A new chart

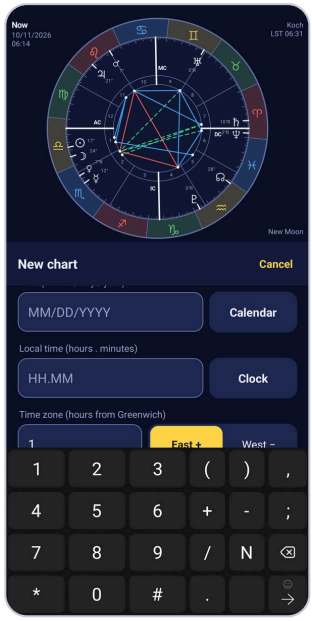
Tap **Charts → + New chart**. Fill in:

- **Name** and **Birthplace** (or tap **Map**, next chapter).
- **Date** as month / day / year, e.g. *06/21/1990*, or tap **Calendar**.
- **Time** as hours . minutes in local clock time, e.g. *12.00*, or tap **Clock**.
- **Time zone**: hours from Greenwich, with **East +** or **West −**.
- **Daylight saving time**: None, +1 hour or +2 hours.
- **Longitude** (East/West) and **Latitude** (North/South) as degrees . minutes.

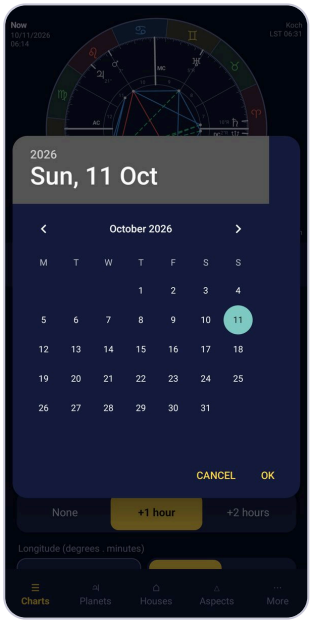
Number fields open a number keypad; "10.00", "10:00" or "1000" all mean ten o'clock. As soon as the data is complete, the chart at the top follows your typing. Tap **Show chart** to open it, or **Now** for the current moment. Back asks before throwing away changes.



New chart form



Number keypad: the field stays visible



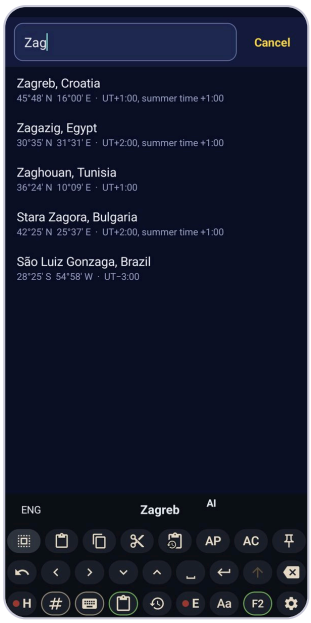
Calendar picker

4 · Finding the birthplace on the map

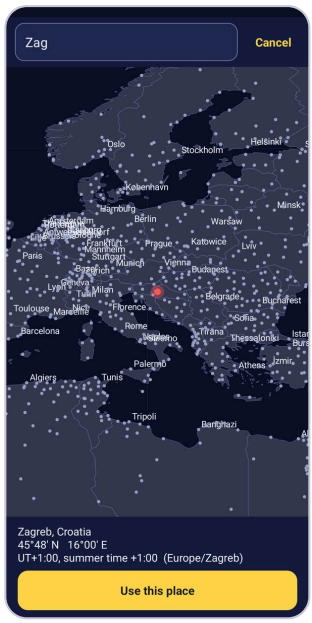
Tap **Map** next to Birthplace. Type a few letters of the city: the list shows matching places (about 8,400 worldwide, including the original program's atlas). Or drag the map, pinch to zoom and tap a city dot or any point.

Use this place fills in birthplace, longitude, latitude, time zone and daylight saving time, as they were *on the birth date*: the phone's time zone database knows the history (for example, no summer time in Yugoslavia before 1983).

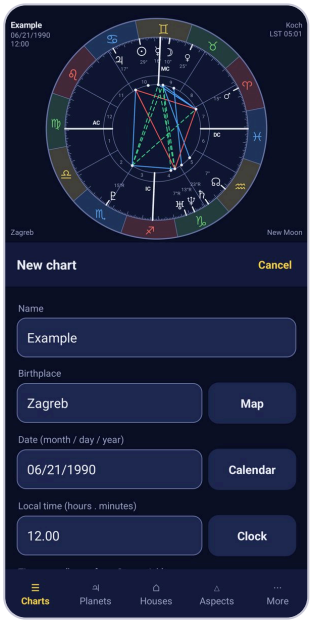
A few countries use half-hour zones (India UT+5:30). The chart file stores whole hours, so the app tells you how many minutes to add or subtract from the birth time.



Search a city



Picked: zone and summer time for the date

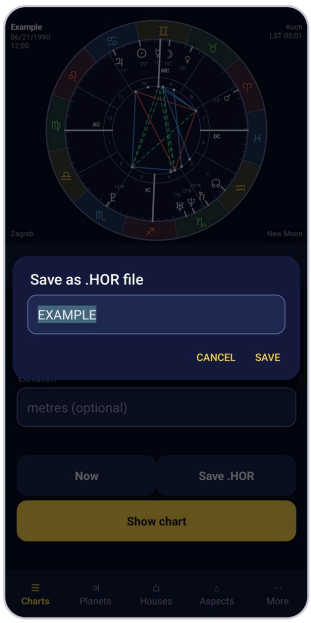


Form filled, the chart follows

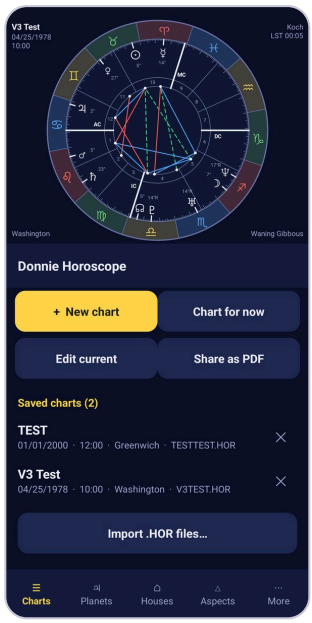
5 · Saving and opening charts

In the birth form tap **Save .HOR** and give a short file name (up to 8 letters). Charts are saved as **.HOR** files in exactly the format of the 1992 program, so files can travel between the app and ZodiacSigns.

The **Charts** tab lists all saved charts: tap one to open it, tap × to delete it (the app asks first). **Import .HOR files…** copies charts from the phone's storage, for example old files from the DOS program.



Save as .HOR



Saved charts

6 · Reading the chart

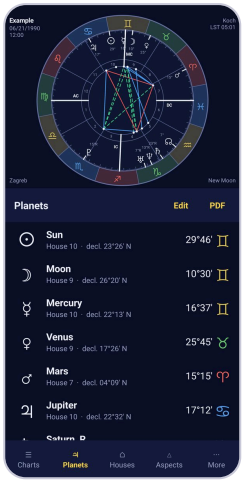
The wheel: the Ascendant (AC) is on the left, the zodiac runs counter-clockwise. The outer ring shows the signs in the colours of their elements (fire, earth, air, water); inside are the twelve houses with their numbers, the planets with their degree in the sign (*R* = retrograde), and in the centre the aspect lines: red for tense aspects (square, opposition), blue for harmonious ones (trine, sextile), green dashed for the quincunx.

Zoom: double-tap the wheel to zoom in to 200% where you tapped. Drag to move around, pinch for more or less, and double-tap again to see the whole chart.

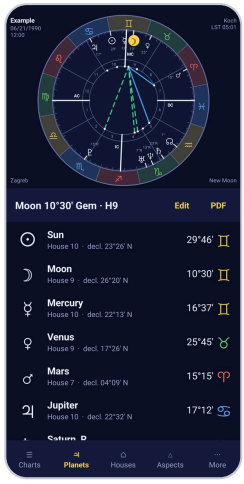
Planets: sign position, house and declination. Tap a planet (in the list or in the wheel) to see only its aspects; tap again or press Back to show all.

Houses: the twelve cusps, Placidus or Koch (switch at the top).

Aspects: the aspect grid as in the original, a list with the orb of each aspect (tap one to see just that line), and the original program's explanation of each aspect.



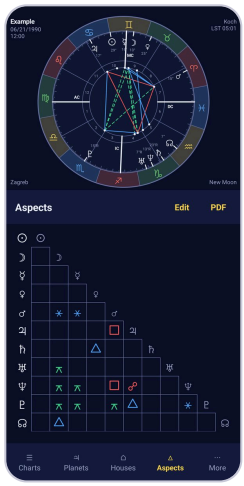
Planets



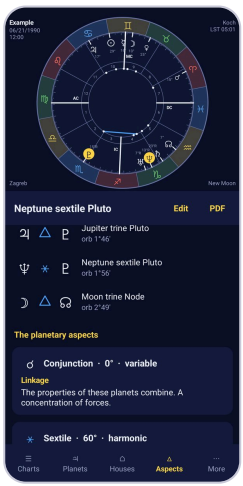
Moon selected



Houses



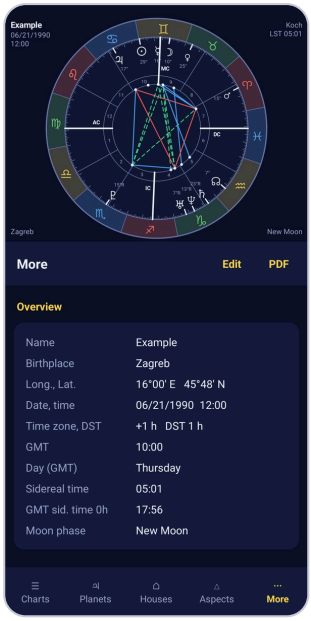
Aspect grid



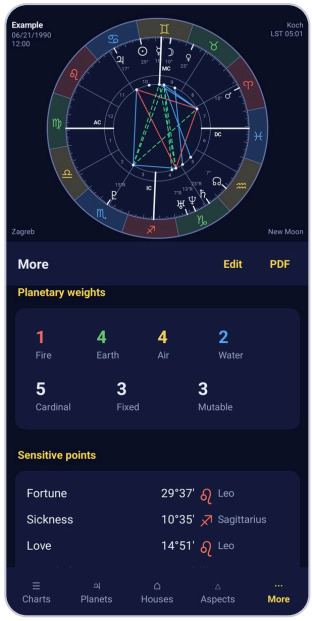
One aspect

7 · Overview, sensitive points and the Chaldean Lords

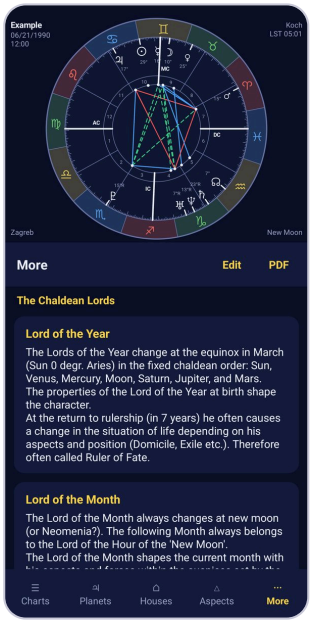
More shows the overview of the original program: birth data, Greenwich time, the day of the week, sidereal time; the **planetary weights** (how many planets stand in fire, earth, air and water signs, and in cardinal, fixed and mutable signs); the six **sensitive points** (Fortune, Sickness, Love, Knowledge, Travel, Art); and the texts on the **Chaldean Lords** of the year, month, day and hour.



Overview



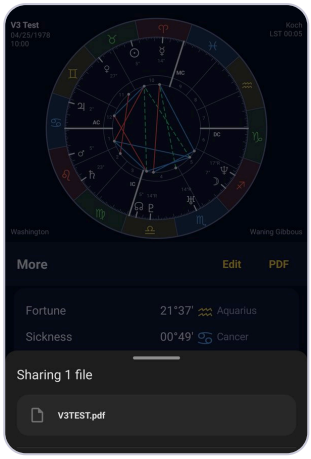
Weights and sensitive points



Chaldean Lords

8 · PDF export

Tap **PDF** in the header (or *More → Share PDF*) to send the chart by e-mail, messenger or to a printer, or *More → Save PDF to phone* to keep it. The PDF is one A4 page: the wheel, the planets and houses tables, the aspect grid and the overview.

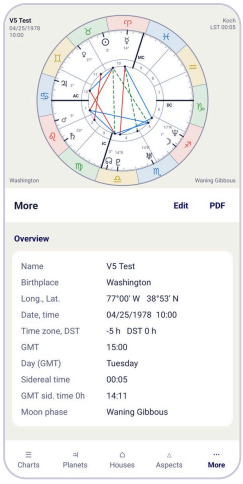


Sharing the chart PDF

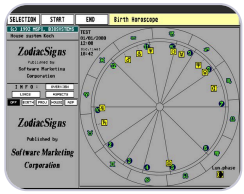
9 · Looks: Night, Day and Classic DOS

More → Look switches between **Night** (dark), **Day** (light) and **Classic DOS**, the original 1992 screens as an homage, drawn from the program's own screen files and fonts.

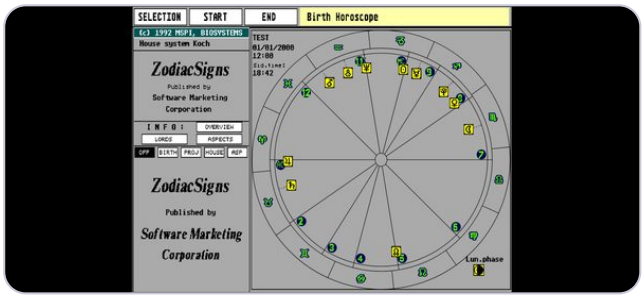
The Classic look follows the phone: upright, the old screen sits at the top and the keyboard opens below it; sideways it keeps its 4:3 shape. Its menus work as in 1992: SELECTION opens the functions, the **?** buttons in the birth form open the world map, PARAMETERS chooses the house system. **END** returns to the modern look.



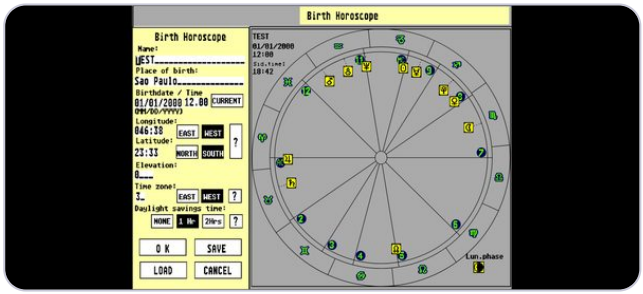
Day look



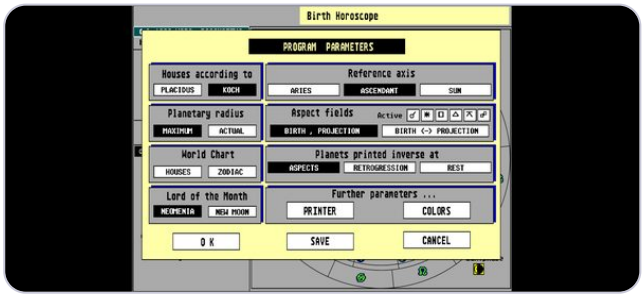
Classic DOS, upright



Classic DOS, sideways



Classic birth form, filled from the map



Classic parameters

About Donnie

The app is named after **Donnie**, the family's much-loved dog, a white long-haired companion. His photo is at the very end of the *More* page, and his portrait is the app's icon.



Donnie

10 · Tips and questions

The chart looks wrong. Check the time zone direction (East +, West −) and daylight saving time: they make an hour's difference. The map fills both correctly for the birth date.

Birth time unknown. Use 12.00; planets in signs are still mostly right, but houses and the Ascendant are not.

Which house system? Placidus is the most common; Koch is the alternative the original program offered.

Is my data private? Yes. Charts are stored only on the phone; the app has no account and sends nothing anywhere. The download page is opened only when you tap it.

Accuracy. The calculations are those of ZodiacSigns V1.66 (1992), checked against the original program on thousands of random charts.

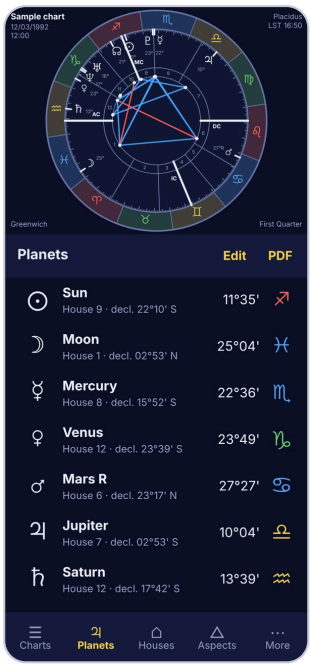
Map data: Natural Earth (public domain). Symbols: Noto Sans Symbols (SIL Open Font License).

11 · The web app

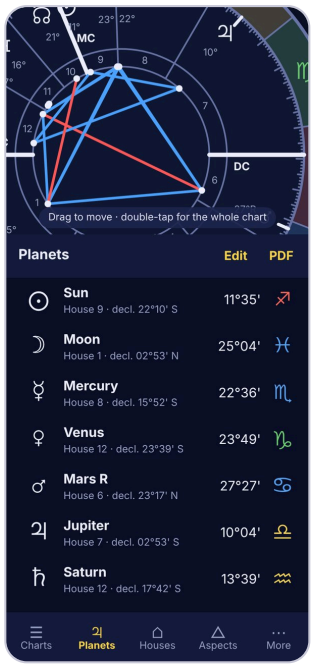
Donnie Horoscope also runs in any browser, on a phone or a computer, with nothing to install: open **donniehoroscope.pages.dev/app** (or *Open the web app* at the top of the download page). Its calculations are the app's own code, compiled for the browser, so every chart is identical.

It works like the app: the chart on top (on a computer, beside the pages), the five tabs, the birth form with the world map, double-tap zoom, and *PDF*, which opens the A4 page to print or save as PDF.

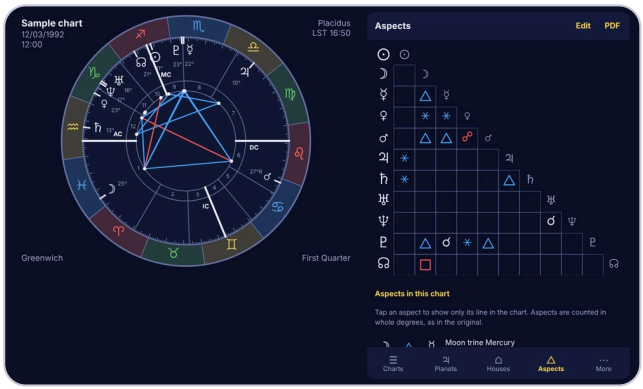
Your charts are kept in the browser on that device, and nothing is sent anywhere. Use *Open .HOR or .zip files...* to bring charts in and *Save charts as .zip...* to take them out: the files are the same as in the Android app, so a chart pack moves charts between the two. Clearing the browser's site data deletes the charts kept there, so save a .zip now and then.



Web app on a phone



Double-tap: zoomed in



Web app on a computer