User Guide for Online Sibu Congkan

1. Introduction

Oriprobe Information Services is a leading China information services provider and offers a wide range of Chinese studies resources. This manual gives a brief guide to search and navigate the rich research contents from Sibu Congkan.

2. Client System Requirement

**Hardware:** No special requirements

**Software:** Internet Explorer 7.0 or above

3. Database

**Sibu Congkan**

The electronic Sibu Congkan is a fully searchable collection of the authoritative editions of the 504 original and historical monographs (3,134 volumes) published by the Commercial Press in 1919-1936. Holdings span Song, Yuan, Ming and Qing Dynasties including early manuscripts and rare prints (antiquarian, out-of-print books). Original collection used photolithography, which resulted in better editions than any then-available typeset editions. The electronic Sibu Congkan is based on the Shanghai Hanfen Lou version kept in the Peking University Rare Books Collection. With the full coverage of the 3 series published in the year 1922, 1932 and 1936 respectively, it reaches up to 232,478 pages and 90 million characters. Each series is traditionally categorized into Classics (jing 经), History (shi 史), Philosophy (zi 子), and Literary Collections or belles lettres (ji 集).

The database supports Unicode, browsing, full-text searching, and linkage between the original image and the text. The electronic copy also features auxiliary hand writing Chinese input.

4. How to Use Online Sibu Congkan

1) Authorized User Login

ID/PW access: input the ID and password to login.

IP address access: no need to input any user name and password, and the access is
based on IP address.

The interface of the database:

2) Catalog Navigator

The catalog navigator in the right side of the webpage enables the user to browse the ancient works by clicking the titles.

E.g., if the user wants to browse 论语, just click the title and the data will be displayed.
And the user can continue to browse different volumes of 论语 by clicking the sub titles.

3) Function Keys.

On the top of the webpage, there is a line of function keys, which provide different functions while using the database.

A. [←] and [→] refer to previous page and next page respectively.

e.g. click the [→], the next page will be shown.
B. 和 refer to previous search result and next search result respectively.
(Note: The keys are only available when the database has search result.)

e.g. The database produces the following records when searching the words 太祖高皇帝.

![Database Search Results]

Click the first record, the user can browse the article which contains the key words.

http://www.oriprobe.com        Email:  info@oriprobe.com
太祖高皇帝

元年冬十月辛丑，群臣上寿，王曰：‘臣闻圣人之言，宜务忠节。’群臣皆曰：‘臣等愿尽力，不敢有二心。’

太祖高皇帝之下，三年冬十月，群臣集会议，曰：‘臣等愿尽力，不敢有二心。’

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C. Magnifier.
Click this function key and put the mouse pointer on the part which needs to be enlarged.

D. Fast Paging.
Click this function key, the system will give a dialogue box. The user can go to the exact page he/she needs.

e.g. Input the page number and then click 翻页. The system will display the result.
E. Setting function.
The setting enables the user to set up the parameters of the database according to his/her preference.

F. Help function.
The system will provide tips and helps when the user click this function key.

4) Search.
The database provides search and advanced search functions as well as a hand writing method to input
A. **Hand Writing Chinese Input.**
Click the key, the database will allow the user to input text by hand writing.

The database will respond with several characters that have the similar structures. The user can choose the exact word from the result.

B. **Search**
Input the words in the search box and click the key to search.
*e.g.* Input 宋太宗 in the search box and click 检索:

All the search results containing "宋太宗" will be returned.
C. Advanced search

Advanced search allows the user to input different search terms in search boxes. And the relationship between the keywords and sub-keywords could be And, Or, Exclude.
e.g. input keyword 孟子卷 and sub-keyword 人性, the relationship between the two words is And
5) Original layout and pure text.
The database allow the user to browse the article by switching between the original layout and the pure text.

e.g. click the or  to switch the pages.