

Coding Challenge: SocialScape Platform Metrics

Introduction

Welcome to your SQL data analysis challenge! In this task, you'll step into the role of a data analyst at SocialScape, a fast-growing social media platform. The product team needs your help to understand user behavior and engagement to make data-driven decisions. Your challenge is to analyze a dataset of user activity using SQL queries to uncover key insights.

Scenario

SocialScape has three main tables: users, posts, and comments. The team wants to understand platform growth, content performance, and user engagement. They've provided you with a sample of their data and a series of questions they need answered. Your ability to write efficient and accurate SQL queries will be key to helping them succeed.

Data Description

You will be working with three tables. Assume these tables are already populated in a SQL database.

- users table:
 - user_id (INTEGER, PRIMARY KEY): Unique identifier for each user.
 - username (TEXT): The user's chosen username.
 - join_date (DATE): The date the user joined the platform.
 - country (TEXT): The user's country of origin.
- posts table:
 - post_id (INTEGER, PRIMARY KEY): Unique identifier for each post.
 - user_id (INTEGER, FOREIGN KEY): The ID of the user who created the post.
 - post_date (DATETIME): The date and time the post was published.
 - content (TEXT): The content of the post.
 - likes (INTEGER): The number of likes the post has received.
- comments table:
 - comment_id (INTEGER, PRIMARY KEY): Unique identifier for each comment.

- `post_id` (INTEGER, FOREIGN KEY): The ID of the post the comment is on.
- `user_id` (INTEGER, FOREIGN KEY): The ID of the user who made the comment.
- `comment_date` (DATETIME): The date and time the comment was made.
- `comment_text` (TEXT): The content of the comment.

The Challenge: Key Questions

Use SQL to write queries that answer the following questions.

1. **User Growth:** Write a query to find the **total number of new users per month** for the last two years. The result should show the year, month, and the count of new users.
2. **Top Content:** Identify the **top 10 most liked posts** of all time. The result should include the post's content, the username of the creator, and the number of likes.
3. **Engagement Rate:** Calculate the **average number of comments per post**. Then, find the user who has **created the most comments** and show their username and the total count of comments they've made.
4. **Power Users:** Identify "**power users**" who have created at least 10 posts and 20 comments. The result should show the username and their total count of posts and comments.
5. **Geographic Analysis:** Determine which **countries have the highest average number of likes per post**. The query should return the top 5 countries along with their average likes per post, rounded to two decimal places.

Deliverables

Submit a single file (e.g., a .sql file or a text document) containing all of your SQL queries, clearly labeled with the question number they answer. The queries should be well-formatted and easy to read.

Good luck!

Dataset

Here are the SQL CREATE TABLE statements and INSERT statements to generate the data for the SocialScape challenge. This will provide you with a working dataset of 15 records for each of the three tables: users, posts, and comments.

SQL

```
-- Create the users table
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```
CREATE TABLE users (  
    user_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    username VARCHAR(50),  
    join_date DATE,  
    country VARCHAR(50)  
);
```

-- Insert 15 records into the users table

```
INSERT INTO users (user_id, username, join_date, country) VALUES  
(1, 'johndoe', '2023-01-15', 'USA'),  
(2, 'janedoe', '2023-02-20', 'Canada'),  
(3, 'alice', '2023-03-10', 'UK'),  
(4, 'bobsmith', '2023-04-05', 'USA'),  
(5, 'charlie', '2023-05-22', 'Australia'),  
(6, 'dianne', '2023-06-18', 'Germany'),  
(7, 'edward', '2023-07-30', 'Brazil'),  
(8, 'fiona', '2023-08-01', 'France'),  
(9, 'george', '2023-09-12', 'USA'),  
(10, 'helen', '2024-01-01', 'Japan'),  
(11, 'ivan', '2024-02-14', 'India'),  
(12, 'julie', '2024-03-25', 'Canada'),  
(13, 'karen', '2024-04-10', 'USA'),  
(14, 'leo', '2024-05-18', 'UK'),  
(15, 'mia', '2024-06-03', 'Australia');
```

-- Create the posts table

```
CREATE TABLE posts (  
    post_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    user_id INT,  
    post_date DATETIME,  
    content TEXT,  
    likes INT,  
    FOREIGN KEY (user_id) REFERENCES users(user_id)  
);
```

-- Insert 15 records into the posts table

```
INSERT INTO posts (post_id, user_id, post_date, content, likes) VALUES  
(101, 1, '2023-02-01 10:00:00', 'Hello, World! My first post.', 5),  
(102, 2, '2023-03-05 14:30:00', 'Loving this new app!', 15),  
(103, 3, '2023-04-01 09:15:00', 'SQL is my favorite language.', 25),  
(104, 4, '2023-04-20 11:00:00', 'Just finished a marathon!', 50),  
(105, 1, '2023-05-10 18:00:00', 'Coffee and code on a Friday.', 12),  
(106, 5, '2023-06-01 12:00:00', 'Check out my new project.', 30),  
(107, 6, '2023-07-07 08:30:00', 'Travel is the best.', 8),  
(108, 7, '2023-08-15 16:00:00', 'Beautiful sunset in Brazil.', 60),  
(109, 8, '2023-09-20 19:00:00', 'New recipe I tried today.', 20),  
(110, 9, '2023-10-25 21:00:00', 'Happy Halloween!', 40),  
(111, 10, '2024-02-05 10:30:00', 'Exploring Tokyo.', 75),  
(112, 11, '2024-03-01 11:45:00', 'Coding for a cause.', 90),  
(113, 12, '2024-04-15 13:00:00', 'Feeling grateful today.', 35),
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(114, 13, '2024-05-01 15:00:00', 'May the 4th be with you!', 110),  
(115, 14, '2024-06-10 17:00:00', 'Enjoying the UK countryside.', 18);
```

```
-- Create the comments table
```

```
CREATE TABLE comments (  
    comment_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    post_id INT,  
    user_id INT,  
    comment_date DATETIME,  
    comment_text TEXT,  
    FOREIGN KEY (post_id) REFERENCES posts(post_id),  
    FOREIGN KEY (user_id) REFERENCES users(user_id)  
);
```

```
-- Insert 15 records into the comments table
```

```
INSERT INTO comments (comment_id, post_id, user_id, comment_date, comment_text) VALUES  
(1001, 101, 2, '2023-02-01 10:15:00', 'Welcome to the platform!'),  
(1002, 101, 3, '2023-02-01 10:20:00', 'Excited to have you here.'),  
(1003, 102, 1, '2023-03-05 14:45:00', 'Me too! It is great.'),  
(1004, 103, 4, '2023-04-01 09:30:00', 'I agree, SQL is powerful.'),  
(1005, 104, 1, '2023-04-20 11:30:00', 'Awesome, congrats!'),  
(1006, 104, 5, '2023-04-20 11:40:00', 'Inspirational!'),  
(1007, 105, 6, '2023-05-10 18:15:00', 'What are you working on?'),  
(1008, 106, 1, '2023-06-01 12:30:00', 'Looks interesting!'),
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(1009, 106, 7, '2023-06-01 12:45:00', 'Can you share the link?'),
(1010, 108, 8, '2023-08-15 16:30:00', 'So beautiful!'),
(1011, 110, 9, '2023-10-25 21:30:00', 'Great costume!'),
(1012, 111, 1, '2024-02-05 11:00:00', 'Tokyo is amazing!'),
(1013, 111, 12, '2024-02-05 11:15:00', 'I love Japan.'),
(1014, 112, 13, '2024-03-01 12:00:00', 'This is a great initiative.'),
(1015, 114, 1, '2024-05-01 15:30:00', 'Best day of the year!');