Use-Cases

Use-case: FIND RESEARCHERS/AUTHORS	
Summary:	This use case describes how a user can search for reviewers by using the system's query interface
Actor(s):	Program Committee Chair (User), Editor-in-Chief (Also User) and System
Pre-condition:	The user must have submitted a valid query for the system to process
Trigger:	The user wishes to search for reviewers for research papers who satisfy criteria selected by the user.
Priority:	Critical: One of the most important features.
Result:	The system returns the list of reviewers, if any, satisfying the criteria specified by the user in a readable format to the GUI
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Scenario:

- 1. The User navigates to the system's query interface to submit the query
- 2. The user specifies criteria to generate the query. Valid criteria can be one/more of the following:
 - Location
 - Area of expertise
 - Past experience serving on similar review committees/conferences (as Associate editor / PC chair)
 - Number of research papers published so far
 - Title or part of the title of any research paper/publication
 - Name/part of the name of the author
 - Year of publication of research paper
 - Name/acronym of the conference the author has been a part of
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- 3. System searches the data store to find records matching the query.
- 4. System returns the result in a user friendly format to the GUI for the user to view.

Use-case: FILTER QUERY RESULT		
Summary:	This use case describes the actions needed to be performed by user to filter the result returned by the system after querying the database.	
Actor(s):	Program Committee Chair (User), Editor-in-Chief (User) and System	
Pre-condition:	The system must have retrieved result(at least one record) based on the User's query.	
Trigger:	The User wants to narrow down the result by using different filters in order to view the best suited candidates	
Priority:	High: One of the important features.	
Result:	The system displays records that satisfy the filters from the list of records that was queried. Possibly empty.	

Scenario:

- 1. The user opens the "Filter candidates" view
- 2. The user selects one/more of the following filters:
 - Location
 - Gender
 - Field of service. For eg., academia or industry
 - Age range
 - # of records be displayed on the view at a time
 - Past records of the user having served on the same committee/conference for 'n' # of years, where 'n' is selected by the user
- 3. System forms a compound filter criteria based on the user's input(s) and applies the same to the records
- 4. System displays the filtered records in the view

Use-case: SEARCH FOR SIMILAR PROFILES		
Summary:	This use case describes the scenario where the user wants to find one/more profiles similar to a given profile	
Actor(s):	Program Committee Chair (User), Editor-in-Chief (User) and System	
Pre-condition:	User must have retrieved the the profile he wants to find matches against using the search functionality of the system	
Trigger:	The user wants to find reviewers who have profile similar to the given profile	
Priority:	High: One of the major features	
Result:	System returns similar profiles, if any, to the view in a user-readable format	
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Scenario:

- 1. The user selects and enters the "Find similar profile" view.
- 2. The user specifies one or more attributes from the given profile as matching criteria
- 3. The System processes user's inputs and looks for similar profiles. If similar profiles are found, they are returned in decreasing order of their similarity to the input profile.
- 4. The System displays the results in the order of their priority.

Use-case SORT RESULT BY AN ATTRIBUTE		
Summary:	The user wants to sort the records returned by the system on querying by using an attribute of the result	
Actor(s):	Program Committee Chair (User), Editor-in-Chief (User), and System	
Pre-condition:	The user must have queried the system with some criteria, and received a non-empty response from the system.	
Trigger:	The User wants to sort the list of records by using some attributes, to make it easier for him to select reviewers	
Priority:	Moderate: Need to be implemented after critical features	
Result:	The system presents the user with the sorted list of records	
Scenario:		
1. The User selects one/more attribute(s) from the list of records, as sorting criteria		
2. User then selects order of s	ort (ascending/descending)	
3. System sorts the list and up	odates the view to reflect the same	

Use-case: LOGIN	
Summary:	The user logs into the system to find potential members for the Program Committee / Editorial Board
Actor(s):	Program Committee Chair (User), Editor-in-Chief (User), and System
Pre-condition:	The user must be registered in the system as a. Program Committee Chair or b. Editor-in-Chief
Trigger:	The user wants to utilize the system to find suitable candidates for program committee/journal
Priority:	High: Needs to be implemented before other features
Scenario:	

- 1. The User goes to the login view
- 2. The User enters his/her username (can also be email address)
- 3. The User enters his/her password (at least 8 characters in length).
- 3. System validates the username and password:
 - If username and password are valid, system redirects the user to the landing page that enables user to perform all the other operations
 - If username and password are not valid, system shows appropriate error message to the user, and keeps the user on the login view.

Use-case: COMPARE PR	OFILES
Summary:	User compares list of authors with similarity in the attributes such as affiliation type, citation count above certain number
Actor(s):	Program Committee Chair (User), Editor-in-Chief (User), and System
Pre-condition:	The user must have queried the system with some criteria, and received a non-empty response from the system.
Trigger:	The user decides to identifying suitable candidates for their committees
Priority:	Medium: Need to be implemented after important features
Result:	The system presents the user with a comparison report for the selected authors in the list
Scenario:	
1. The User selects two/mor	re authors from the list of records
2. User clicks "compare" bu	utton
3. System presents the user	with a tabulated comparison for the selected authors