

FilmShare User Guide

Welcome to **FilmShare** - Your personal cinema companion for discovering, sharing, and tracking movies with friends!

⚠ IMPORTANT: Please do NOT use your original/personal email ID for registration. Create a new temporary email ID specifically for this app to protect your privacy and security.

Download the App

FilmShare works best as an installed app on your device!

Installation Steps:

On Mobile (iPhone/Android):

1. Open FilmShare in your mobile browser (Safari for iPhone, Chrome for Android)
2. Visit: www.filmshare.in
3. **iPhone (Safari):**
 - Tap the Share button (square with arrow)
 - Scroll down and tap "Add to Home Screen"
 - Tap "Add" in the top right
4. **Android (Chrome):**
 - Tap the three-dot menu
 - Select "Add to Home Screen" or "Install App"
 - Tap "Add" or "Install"

On Desktop (Chrome/Edge):

1. Open FilmShare in Chrome or Edge browser
2. Look for the install icon (Ⓢ) in the address bar
3. Click "Install" when prompted
4. Or: Click the three-dot menu → "Install FilmShare"

Benefits of Installing:

- ✨ App icon on your home screen
 - 🚀 Faster loading and offline support
 - 📱 Full-screen experience without browser UI
 - 🔔 Better notification support
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Getting Started

Creating Your Account

1. Visit the FilmShare website
2. Click **Sign Up**
3. Enter your details:
 - Name
 - Email
 - Password
4. Click **Create Account**

Logging In

1. Enter your email and password
 2. Click **Login**
 3. You'll be automatically redirected to the Add Movie page
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1. 🧑🎬 Add Movie

Send movie recommendations to your friends!

How to Use:

1. Click the **+** **Plus Button** to open the form
2. **Search for a Movie:**
 - Type the movie name in the search box
 - Autocomplete suggestions will appear as you type
 - Click on a movie to select it
3. **Select Friends:**
 - Check the boxes next to friends you want to send the movie to
 - You can select multiple friends at once
 - The counter shows how many friends you've selected
4. **Preview:**
 - See the movie poster before sending
5. Click **Submit**

Special Features:

- **Already Watched Warning:** If a friend has already watched the movie through Discover, you'll get a popup
 - **Cancel:** Don't send the movie
 - **Still Send:** Override and send it anyway
 - **Bulk Sending:** Send to multiple friends simultaneously
 - If sending to multiple friends and one has watched it, you can choose to continue with the remaining friends
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2. 🧑🎬 My Movies

Your personal movie list from friends!

What You'll See:

- All movies your friends have sent you
- Movie poster
- Movie title and year
- Who sent it
- Date added

Actions:

1. Watched Button (Gold):

- Click when you've watched the movie
- Adds to your watched history
- Removes from your current list
- Helps improve Discover recommendations

2. Delete Button:

- Permanently remove from your list
- Use this if you're not interested

Features:

- **Fixed Card Layout:** All movie cards are the same size for a clean look
 - **Sorted by Date:** Newest recommendations appear first
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3. ✨ Discover

Swipe through movies and build your watchlist!

Two Modes:

Browse Mode (Default)

Find movies based on your preferences:

1. Set Your Filters:

- **Genres:** Select multiple from dropdown (Action, Comedy, Drama, etc.)
- **Platform:** Choose streaming service (Netflix, Prime, Disney+, etc.)
- **Language:** Select from English, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, and more
- Click **Find Movies** to apply filters

2. Search Similar Movies:

- Type a movie name in the "Search a movie" box
- Select from autocomplete suggestions
- Click **Find Similar** to get recommendations
- Click **Back to Browse** to return to normal mode

3. Swipe Through Movies:

- **Swipe Left** or click **Watched:** Mark as watched
- **Swipe Right** or click **Nah:** Skip this movie
- **Tap Card** or click **Want to Watch:** Add to watchlist

- **← Back Button:** Go back to previous card

4. Smart Features:

- Fresh movies load every time you visit
- Recommendations based on your watched history
- Movies you've watched appear in similarity searches
- 30% recommendations, 70% filtered content

Watchlist Mode

View and manage your saved movies:

1. Click **Watchlist** tab
2. **Filter Your List:**
 - By Genres (click chips to toggle)
 - By Platform
 - By Language
3. **View Cards:**
 - See all movies you've marked "Want to Watch"
 - Click **Remove** to delete from watchlist

4. 🎬 Movie Party

Host or join shared movie viewing sessions!

Creating a Party:

1. Click the **+** **Plus Button**
2. **Fill in Details:**
 - **Movie:** Search and select from TMDB
 - **Date:** Pick when you're watching
 - **Time:** Set the start time
 - **Location:** Where you're meeting (or "Online")
3. **Invite Friends:**
 - Select friends from the dropdown
 - Add multiple friends
4. Click **Create Party**

Your Parties:

- **Upcoming Events:** See all scheduled parties
- **Party Details:**
 - Movie poster and title
 - Date and time
 - Location
 - List of invited friends
- **Delete Party:** Remove if plans change

5. 👥 Friends

Build your movie buddy network!

Finding Friends:

1. **Search by Username:**
 - Type in the search box
 - Results appear instantly
2. Click **Add Friend** next to any user

Managing Friends:

- See all your current friends
- **Remove Friend:** Click the button to unfriend
- Friends appear in:
 - Add Movie recipient list
 - Movie Party invites
 - Your social network

Friend Requests:

- Accept or decline incoming requests
 - See who wants to connect with you
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6. Notifications

Stay updated on your movie activity!

What You'll See:

- Friend requests
- New movies added to your list
- Movie party invitations
- Friend activity updates

Managing Notifications:

- View all in chronological order
 - Most recent at the top
 - Quickly see what's new in your FilmShare world
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7. Profile

Your personal movie space!

View Your Stats:

- Total movies watched
- Movies in your list
- Active friendships
- Movie parties attended

Update Your Profile:

1. Click on your avatar in the sidebar
2. Edit:
 - Profile picture
 - Display name

- Email
- Password

3. Save Changes

View Other Profiles:

- Click on friend names throughout the app
 - See their:
 - Display name
 - Join date
 - Movie stats
 - Shared interests
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Tips & Tricks

Discover Section:

- **Mark movies as "Watched"** to get better recommendations
- **Use the Similar Movies search** to find films like your favorites
- **Mix filters** for unique discoveries (e.g., Hindi + Thriller on Netflix)
- **Check your Watchlist** regularly and add to My Movies by asking friends

Social Features:

- **Send movies to multiple friends** at once to save time
- **Override "Already Watched" warnings** if you think they'd enjoy a rewatch
- **Create Movie Parties** for group viewings
- **Use the Back button** in Discover if you accidentally swiped

Organization:

- **Use the Watched button** in My Movies to keep your list clean
 - **Filter your Watchlist** to find specific types of movies
 - **Check Notifications** regularly to stay connected
 - **Sort by date** to prioritize recent recommendations
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Theme & Design

FilmShare features a **Gold & Black Cinema Theme**:

- **Primary Color:** Gold (#d6b56f) - Represents classic cinema elegance
 - **Background:** Dark tones for comfortable viewing
 - **Accent:** Warm gold highlights for important actions
 - **Typography:** Space Grotesk for modern readability
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Need Help?

Common Issues:

Movies not loading?

- Check your internet connection
- Try refreshing the page

- Clear filters and try again

Can't find a friend?

- Make sure their username is exact
- They must have an account
- Check spelling

Discover showing same movies?

- The page now auto-refreshes on each visit
- Try changing your filters
- Use the Similar Movies search for variety

Movie Party not saving?

- Ensure all fields are filled
- Check date is in the future
- At least one friend must be selected



Quick Start Checklist

- ☐ Create your account
- ☐ Add at least 3 friends
- ☐ Send your first movie recommendation
- ☐ Mark a movie as watched
- ☐ Try Discover and swipe through 10 movies
- ☐ Add 5 movies to your Watchlist
- ☐ Create your first Movie Party
- ☐ Update your profile picture



Best Practices

1. **Daily:** Check notifications and new movies in your list
2. **Weekly:** Browse Discover for 10-15 minutes
3. **Monthly:** Review and clean your Watchlist
4. **Regularly:** Send recommendations to friends
5. **Often:** Mark movies as watched for better recommendations

Enjoy your FilmShare experience! 🍿

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