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High-Level Design (HLD): Movie Recommendation System

1. User Interface (UI):

- The system utilizes a web-based graphical user interface (GUI) developed using Flask for server-side rendering of HTML templates.
- Users interact with the application through a browser to select the type of movie recommendation.

2. Backend (Flask):

- The Flask framework is employed to handle routing, form submissions, and rendering HTML templates.
- Different routes are defined for each recommendation type.

3. Data Processing:

- Pandas library is used for data processing and manipulation.
- Movie and rating data are loaded from CSV files, providing the necessary input for recommendation algorithms.

4. Recommendation Modules:

◦ Popularity-Based:

- Utilizes the `popularity_recommender` function in `app.py`.
- Filters movies by genre and ratings threshold, providing recommendations based on popularity.

◦ Content-Based:

- Relies on the `content_recommender` function in `app.py`.
- Implements a content-based recommendation algorithm based on movie genres.
- **Collaborative-Based:**
 - Utilizes the `collaborative_recommender` function in `app.py`.
 - Implements collaborative filtering to suggest movies based on user similarity.

5. HTML Templates:

- HTML templates are used for the frontend to present a visually appealing and user-friendly interface.
- Bootstrap is employed for responsive design and styling.

6. Main Application (main.py):

- Handles the main application logic, including route definitions and form submissions.
- Renders the main page allowing users to select the type of recommendation.

7. External Recommendation Functions (app.py):

- Contains the recommendation functions (`popularity_recommender`, `content_recommender`, `collaborative_recommender`).
- These functions provide the core logic for generating movie recommendations.

8. Template Files (in the 'templates' directory):

- `main.html`: The main page for users to choose the recommendation type.

- `result_popularity.html` : Displays Popularity-Based recommendations.
- `content_result.html` : Displays Content-Based recommendations.
- `collaborative_result.html` : Displays Collaborative-Based recommendations.

9. **Bootstrap and jQuery:**

- Bootstrap is included for styling and responsive design.
- jQuery is used to enable Bootstrap functionality.

10. **Dependencies:**

- Flask, Pandas, Bootstrap, jQuery, and other required libraries are used.
- External libraries handle collaborative filtering and content-based algorithms.

11. **Testing:**

- The system should be thoroughly tested for different scenarios, ensuring accurate and reliable movie recommendations.

12. **Scalability and Maintenance:**

- The modular design allows for easy addition of new recommendation algorithms.
- Codebase organization facilitates maintainability and future enhancements.

13. **Deployment:**

- The application can be deployed locally or on a server for wider access.