SWAP

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1 Summary

The domain I selected for my project, Swap, is a college marketplace platform tailored specifically for students. The app focuses on enabling students to post and browse items for sale within their university community, offer freelance services to students or community members, message other users, and rate items and services they have received. This domain addresses a need for affordable, localized, safe, and convenient exchanges among college students and their surrounding community.

2 Use Cases

2.1 User Logs In

Action: Searching for Data

Description: A user provides their email and password to access their account. The query verifies their credentials by searching the database for a matching combination. If no matching record is found, the user is prompted to create an account or reattempt the log in.

2.2 User Signs Up

Action: Creating data

Description: To create an account, a new user enters their personal details, such as name, email, location, university, and password. The function checks if the email already exists, and if not, it inserts the user's information into the database.

2.3 Viewing User Profile

Action: Searching for data & Analyzing Data

Description: Retrieves and displays user profile information (e.g., name, email, rating) from the database and provides options for managing listings and job postings. The query also calculates the user's rating by averaging their initial rating, item ratings, and freelance work ratings.

2.4 Viewing User's Item Listings

Action: Searching for data

Description: Queries the database to retrieve and display all items listed for sale by a specific

user.

2.5 Viewing User's Job Postings

Action: Searching for data

Description: Retrieves and displays all job postings created by a specific user from the

database.

2.6 Create Item Listing

Action: Creating data

Description: Allows a user to create a new item listing for sale by entering details (e.g., item

type, description, price) and stores the listing in the database.

2.7 Create Job Posting

Action: Creating data

Description: Allows a user to create a new freelance job posting by entering details (e.g., job

description, payment rate) and stores the job posting in the database.

2.8 Delete Item Listing

Action: Removing data

Description: Allows a user to delete one of their item listings by its ID, removing the listing from

the database.

2.9 Delete Job Posting

Action: Removing data

Description: Allows a user to delete one of their job postings by its ID, removing the posting

from the database.

2.10 Update Item Listing

Action: Updating data

Description: Allows a user to update an existing item listing by modifying its description and/or

price in the database.

2.11 Update Item Listing

Action: Updating data

Description: Allows a user to update an existing job posting by modifying its description and/or

payment rate in the database.

2.12 Browsing Items

Action: Searching for data

Description: A user browses items for sale in their city, with filters to sort by category, date posted, or seller rating. The function retrieves the user's profile information to ensure the

displayed listings are in their city and do not include the user's own items.

2.13 Sorting Items by Category

Action: Searching for Data

Description: The function filters and organizes items by a specific category chosen by the user from a list of possible categories. It then sorts the results by the date they were posted to show the available inventory for a particular category.

2.14 Sorting Items by Date Posted

Action: Searching for Data

Description: Items are displayed in descending order of their posting dates, ensuring users see the most recent listings first.

2.15 Sorting Items by Highest Seller Rating

Action: Searching for Data

Description: Item listings are sorted by the seller's highest rating, helping users prioritize

transactions with reputable sellers.

2.16 Viewing Seller Information for Items

Action: Searching for Data

Description: The user selects an item and retrieves detailed information about the seller,

including their name, email, location, and rating.

2.17 Browsing Job Listings

Action: Searching for data

Description: A user browses freelance job listings in their city, with filters to sort by category, date posted, or rating. The function retrieves the user's profile information to ensure the

displayed listings are in their city and do not include the user's own job postings.

2.18 Sorting Job Listings by Skill Type

Action: Searching for Data

Description: The function filters and organizes job listings by a specific skill chosen by the user from a list of possibilities. It then sorts the results by the date they were posted to show the available jobs for a particular skill.

2.19 Sorting Job Listings by Date Posted

Action: Searching for Data

Description: Job listings are displayed in descending order of their posting dates, ensuring

users see the most recent listings first.

2.20 Sorting Job Listings by Highest Rating

Action: Searching for Data

Description: Job listings are sorted by the freelance workers rating (highest to lowest), helping

users prioritize transactions with reputable workers.

2.21 Viewing Freelancer Information

Action: Searching for Data

Description: The user selects a job posting and retrieves detailed information about the worker, including their name, email, location, and rating.

2.22 Recording Item Sale

Action: Creating Data and Updating Data

Description: Allows users to record item sales by listing items posted by the user, marking items as sold, and creating a corresponding transaction record. It ensures that sold items are no longer listed as available.

2.23 Recording Freelance Work Transaction

Action: Creating Data

Description: Supports recording freelance work transactions by listing user's available jobs, capturing transaction details, and adding a new record to the freelance transaction table. It

ensures a clear record of services provided and payment details.

2.24 Viewing Messages

Action: Searching for data

Description: Displays all unique conversations the user has participated in, showing interactions grouped by email. It facilitates viewing detailed message history and selecting

specific conversations for further interaction.

2.25 Displaying Conversation History

Action: Searching for data

Description: Retrieves and displays all messages exchanged between the user and a selected contact, sorted by the date sent. This provides a clear timeline of communications for easy reference.

2.26 Responding to Conversation

Action: Creating data

Description: Enables users to send follow-up messages in an ongoing conversation. It enhances user engagement by maintaining the continuity of conversations directly from the

history view.

2.27 Creating Message

Action: Creating data

Description: Allows users to send a new message to a specified recipient. Ensures the recipient exists and that the message content is valid before storing it in the database.

2.28 Rating Freelance Work

Action: Creating data

Description: Enables users to provide ratings and optional reviews for freelance services they

have received.

2.29 Rating Item

Action: Creating data

Description: Allows users to rate and review sellers for items they've purchased contributing to

the platform's credibility by fostering a transparent evaluation system for transactions.

2.30 Viewing Freelance Ratings

Action: Searching for data

Description: Displays all freelance work ratings given by the user, including ratings, optional

reviews, and timestamps.

2.31 Viewing Item Ratings

Action: Searching for data

Description: Displays all item ratings given by the user, including ratings, optional reviews, and

timestamps.

2.32 Viewing Freelance Ratings About User

Action: Searching for data

Description: Displays all freelance work ratings given to the user, including ratings, optional

reviews, and timestamps.

2.33 Viewing Item Ratings About User

Action: Searching for data

Description: Displays all item ratings given to the user, including ratings, optional reviews, and

timestamps.

2.34 Finding Active Users This Year

Action: Analyzing Data

Description: Identifies the number of active users who listed items for sale within the current

year. It helps the platform gauge user engagement and activity trends over time.

2.35 Finding Total Sales by Item Category

Action: Analyzing Data

Description: This use case calculates the total revenue generated for each item category over the year. It allows the platform to determine which categories perform the best and may inform

decisions about promotions or improvements in the future.

2.36 Finding Average Item Price by Seller

Action: Analyzing Data

Description: This use case computes the average price of items listed by each seller currently

active on the platform. It provides insight into pricing trends and helps evaluate seller

performance.

2.37 Finding Most Active Seller/Worker by Transaction

Action: Analyzing Data

Description: This use case ranks sellers by the number of transactions they have taken part in

as the seller for both item and freelance sales.

2.38 Finding Most Active Item Buyers

Action: Analyzing Data

Description: This use case ranks buyers by the amount of money they have spent on items

across transactions

2.39 Populating ItemTransactions

Action: Creating Data (simulates recording item transactions)

Description: Generates 45 random transactions by pairing available items for sale with users as potential buyers, ensuring the buyer is not the seller. Each transaction includes details like item ID, buyer and seller emails, price, and the current date as the completion time. It ensures randomness by shuffling rows and selecting unique buyer-seller combinations.

2.40 Populating FreelanceTransactions

Action: Creating Data (simulates recording freelance work transactions)

Description: Creates 45 random freelance job transactions by matching posted jobs with buyers and workers, ensuring that the buyer is not the same as the worker. Each transaction includes details like job ID, buyer and worker emails, payment amount, and the current date as the transaction date. Similar to populating the item transactions table, randomness is achieved by shuffling rows and selecting from possible buyer-worker pairs for each job.

2.41 Populating ItemRatings

Action: Creating Data (simulates ratings for items)

Description: Assigns ratings and optional reviews to items in ItemsTransactions. Ratings are randomized between 4.00 and 5.00, with reviews added 70% of the time.

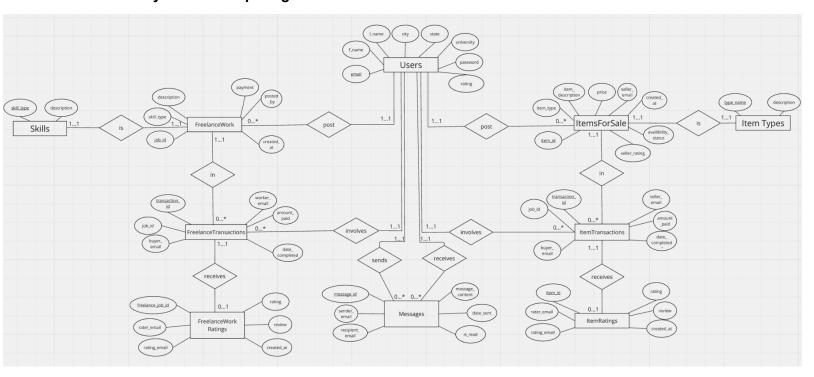
2.42 Populating FreelanceWorkRatings

Action: Creating Data (simulates ratings for freelance work)

Description: Assigns ratings and optional reviews to jobs in FreelanceWorkTransactions. Ratings are randomized between 4.00 and 5.00, with reviews added 70% of the time.

3 Logical Design

3.1 Entity-Relationship Diagram



3.2 Relational Schema

```
Users(email, f_name, l_name, city, state, university, password, rating)
ItemTypes(type_name, description)
ItemsForSale(item_id, item_type, item_description, price, seller_email, created_at, availability_status)
Skills(skill_type, description)
FreelanceWork(job_id, skill_type, description, payment, posted_by, created_at)
ItemTransactions(transaction_id, item_id, buyer_email, seller_email, amount_paid, date_completed)
FreelanceTransactions(transaction_id, job_id, buyer_email, worker_email, amount_paid, date_completed)
ItemRatings(item_id, rater_email, rating_email, rating, review, created_at)
FreelanceWorkRatings(freelance_job_id, rater_email, rating_email, rating, review, created_at)
Messages(message_id, sender_email, recipient_email, message_content, date_sent, is_read)
```

FKs: ItemsForSale.seller_email → Users.email

ItemsForSale.item type → ItemTypes.type name

FreelanceWork.posted by → Users.email

FreelanceWork.skill type → Skills.skill type

ItemTransactions.item id → ItemsForSale.item id

ItemTransactions.buyer email → Users.email

 $ItemTransactions.seller\ email \rightarrow Users.email$

FreelanceTransactions.job id → FreelanceWork.job id

FreelanceTransactions.buyer_email → Users.email

FreelanceTransactions.worker_email → Users.email

ItemRatings.item_id → ItemsForSale.item_id

ItemRatings.rater email → Users.email

ItemRatings.rating_email → Users.email

FreelanceWorkRatings.freelance job id → FreelanceWork.job id

FreelanceWorkRatings.rater_email → Users.email

FreelanceWorkRatings.rating email → Users.email

Messages.sender_email → Users.email

Messages.recipient_email → Users.email

4 Use-Case SQL Statements

For each use case, give the corresponding SQL statements that you developed. Each SQL statement should support the use case. Be sure to describe each query (one sentence) and state the corresponding parameters (which you can denote as ? or %s, depending on how you

implemented them in your applications). Organize this section like section 3 (each use case as a separate subsection).

4.1 User Logs In

Description: This query checks if a user exists in the Users table with a matching email and password.

Parameters (%s): user email, password

SELECT f name FROM Users WHERE email = %s AND password = %s

4.2 User Signs Up

Description: This query inserts a new user's details into the Users table. **Parameters (%s):** f name, I name, city, state, email, university, password

INSERT INTO Users (f_name, l_name, city, state, email, university, password) VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s, %s)

4.3 Viewing User Profile

Description: Retrieves all items listed for sale by the user, including item details and availability status.

Parameters (%s): user_email

```
SELECT
    u.f_name, u.l_name, u.email, u.city, u.state, u.university,
    ROUND(
       (u.rating +
       CASE WHEN COUNT(ir.rating) > 0 THEN AVG(ir.rating) ELSE 5 END +
       CASE WHEN COUNT(fr.rating) > 0 THEN AVG(fr.rating) ELSE 5 END) / 3,
       2
    ) AS calculated rating
  FROM
    Users u
  LEFT JOIN
    ItemRatings ir ON ir.rating email = u.email
  LEFT JOIN
    FreelanceWorkRatings fr ON fr.rating email = u.email
  WHERE
    u.email = %s
  GROUP BY
    u.f name, u.l name, u.email, u.city, u.state, u.university, u.rating;
```

4.4 Viewing User's Item Listings

Description: Retrieves all items listed for sale by the user, including item details and availability status.

Parameters (%s): user_email

SELECT item_id, item_type, item_description, price, availability_status FROM ItemsForSale WHERE seller_email = (SELECT email FROM Users WHERE email = %s);

4.5 Viewing User's Job Postings

Description: Retrieves all job postings created by the user, including job details and payment rates.

Parameters (%s): user_email

SELECT job_id, skill_type, description, payment FROM FreelanceWork WHERE posted_by = (SELECT email FROM Users WHERE email = %s);

4.6 Create Item Listing

Description: Inserts a new item listing into the database for sale by the user.

Parameters:

Parameters (%s): user email, item type, item description, price, availability status

INSERT INTO ItemsForSale (seller_email, item_type, item_description, price, availability_status)
VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s) RETURNING item_id;

4.7 Create Job Posting

Description: Inserts a new freelance job posting into the database. **Parameters (%s):** user_email, skill_type, description, payment

INSERT INTO FreelanceWork (skill_type, description, payment, posted_by) VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s) RETURNING job_id;

4.8 Delete Item Listing

Description: Deletes a specific item listing owned by the user.

Parameters (%s): item_id, user_email

DELETE FROM ItemsForSale
WHERE item_id = %s AND seller_email = %s;

4.9 Delete Job Posting

Description: Deletes a specific job posting created by the user.

Parameters (%s): job_id, user_email

DELETE FROM FreelanceWork
WHERE job_id = %s AND posted_by = %s;

4.10 Update Item Listing

Description: Updates the description and price of an item listing owned by the user.

Parameters (%s): item_description, price, item_id

UPDATE ItemsForSale SET item_description = %s, price = %s WHERE item_id = %s;

4.11 Update Item Listing

Description: Updates the description and rate of a job posting created by the user.

Parameters (%s): description, rate, job id

UPDATE FreelanceWork SET description = %s, rate = %s WHERE job_id = %s;

4.12 Browsing Items

Description: This query retrieves available listings from users in the same city as the logged-in user, excluding the user's own items.

Parameters (%s): user_city, user_email

SELECT i.item_type, i.item_description, i.price, i.seller_email, i.created_at FROM ItemsForSale i
JOIN Users u ON i.seller_email = u.email
WHERE i.availability_status = TRUE AND u.city = %s AND i.seller_email != %s
ORDER BY i.created_at DESC;

4.13 Sorting Items by Category

Description: This query retrieves items for sale, filtered by category and city, excluding the user's own items.

Parameters (%s): selected_category, user_city, user_email

SELECT item_id, item_description, price, seller_email, created_at

FROM ItemsForSale i

JOIN Users u ON i.seller email = u.email

WHERE i.item_type = %s AND u.city = %s AND i.seller_email != %s AND i.availability_status = TRUE

ORDER BY created_at DESC;

4.14 Sorting Items by Date Posted

Description: This query retrieves items for sale, sorted by the date posted, filtered by city and excluding the user's own items.

Parameters (%s): user_city, user_email

SELECT i.item_type, i.item_description, i.price, i.seller_email, i.created_at FROM ItemsForSale i
JOIN Users u ON i.seller email = u.email

WHERE i.availability_status = TRUE AND u.city = %s AND i.seller_email != %s ORDER BY i.created_at DESC;

4.15 Sorting Items by Highest Seller Rating

Description: This query retrieves items for sale, sorted by the highest seller rating, filtered by city and excluding the user's own items.

Parameters (%s): user city, user email

SELECT i.item_type, i.item_description, i.price, i.seller_email, u.seller_rating FROM ItemsForSale i

JOIN Users u ON i.seller_email = u.email

WHERE i.availability_status = TRUE AND u.city = %s AND i.seller_email != %s

ORDER BY u.seller_rating DESC;

4.16 Viewing Seller Information for Items

Description: This query retrieves the seller's profile information (name, email, city, state, and rating) based on their email.

Parameters (%s): seller_email

SELECT f_name, l_name, email, city, state, seller_rating FROM Users WHERE email = %s;

4.17 Browsing Job Listings

Description: This query retrieves all active job listings from the FreelanceWork table, excluding the user's own postings, and orders the results by the job creation date in descending order.

Parameters (%s): user_email

SELECT job_id, skill_type, description, payment, posted_by FROM FreelanceWork
WHERE posted_by != %s AND city = %s
ORDER BY created_at DESC;

4.18 Sorting Job Listings by Skill Type

Description: This query retrieves job listings from the FreelanceWork table, filtered by the selected skill type, excluding the user's own postings, and ensuring the jobs are posted by users in the same city as the current user.

```
Parameters (%s): selected_skill_type, user_email, user_city

SELECT job_id, skill_type, description, payment, created_at

FROM FreelanceWork

WHERE posted_by != %s AND posted_by IN (

SELECT email FROM Users WHERE city = %s
)
```

4.19 Sorting Job Listings by Date Posted

Description: This query retrieves job listings from the FreelanceWork table, excluding the user's own postings, for users in the same city, and orders the results by the job creation date in descending order.

```
Parameters (%s): user_email, user_city
```

```
SELECT job_id, skill_type, description, payment, created_at FROM FreelanceWork
WHERE posted_by != %s AND posted_by IN (
    SELECT email FROM Users WHERE city = %s
)
ORDER BY created at DESC;
```

4.20 Sorting Job Listings by Highest Rating

Description: This query retrieves job listings from the FreelanceWork table, excluding the user's own postings, for users in the same city, and sorts the results by the freelancer's seller rating in descending order.

```
Parameters (%s): user email, user city
```

```
SELECT FW.job_id, FW.skill_type, FW.description, FW.payment, U.f_name, U.l_name, U.seller_rating
FROM FreelanceWork FW
JOIN Users U ON FW.posted_by = U.email
WHERE FW.posted_by != %s AND U.city = %s
ORDER BY U.seller_rating DESC;
```

4.21 Viewing Freelancer Information

Description: This query retrieves the profile information of a freelancer, including their first name, last name, email, city, state, and seller rating, based on the freelancer's email.

Parameters (%s): freelancer_email

```
SELECT f_name, l_name, email, city, state, seller_rating FROM Users WHERE email = %s;
```

4.22 Recording Item Sale

Description: After finding the items posted by the user and allowing the user to select which item they want to add to the transaction, this query records the transaction for the sale of the item, including the item ID, buyer's email, seller's email, and the amount paid. Another query then updates the availability status of an item, marking it as sold.

INSERT INTO ItemTransactions (item_id, buyer_email, seller_email, amount_paid) VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s);

UPDATE ItemsForSale
SET availability_status = FALSE
WHERE item id = %s;

4.23 Recording Freelance Work Transaction

Description: After finding the job listings posted by the user and allowing the user to select which job they want to add to the transaction, This query records the transaction for the sale of freelance work, including the job ID, buyer's email, worker's email, and the amount paid. **Parameters (%s):** item_id, buyer_email, seller_email, amount_paid

INSERT INTO FreelanceTransaction (job_id, buyer_email, worker_email, amount_paid) VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s);

4.24 Viewing Messages

Description: This query retrieves the distinct emails with whom the user has had a conversation, by checking the sender and recipient fields in the Messages table.

Parameters (%s): user email

SELECT DISTINCT

CASE

WHEN sender_email = %s THEN recipient_email

ELSE sender email

END AS other email

FROM Messages

WHERE sender email = %s OR recipient email = %s;

4.25 Displaying Conversation History

Description: This query retrieves the messages between the user and the selected email address, ordered by the date the message was sent.

Parameters (%s): user email x2, selected email x2

SELECT sender_email, message_content, date_sent FROM Messages
WHERE (sender_email = %s AND recipient_email = %s)
OR (sender_email = %s AND recipient_email = %s)
ORDER BY date sent ASC;

4.26 Responding to Conversation

Description: This query allows a user to respond to an existing conversation by inserting a new message into the Messages table with the sender's email, recipient's email, and message content.

Parameters (%s): sender_email, recipient_email, message_content

INSERT INTO Messages (sender_email, recipient_email, message_content) VALUES (%s, %s, %s);

4.27 Creating Message

Description: This query (same as above) allows a user to write a message to a new user who they haven't previously messaged. It does this by inserting a new message into the Messages table with the sender's email, recipient's email, and message content.

Parameters (%s): sender_email, recipient_email, message_content

INSERT INTO Messages (sender_email, recipient_email, message_content) VALUES (%s, %s, %s);

4.28 Rating Freelance Work

Description: This query retrieves freelance transactions where the user is the buyer, showing the job ID, description, and worker's email for each transaction. Another query then inserts the new rating into the FreelanceWorkRatings table.

Parameters (%s): buyer_email and freelance_job_id, rater_email, rating_email, rating, review

SELECT FT.job_id, FW.description, FT.worker_email FROM FreelanceTransactions FT JOIN FreelanceWork FW ON FT.job_id = FW.job_id WHERE FT.buyer_email = %s;

INSERT INTO FreelanceWorkRatings (freelance_job_id, rater_email, rating_email, rating, review)

VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s);

4.29 Rating Item

Description: This query retrieves item transactions where the user is the buyer, showing the item ID, description, and seller's email for each transaction. Another query then inserts the new rating into the ItemRatings table.

Parameters (%s): user email and item id, rater email, rating email, rating, review

SELECT IT.item_id, I.item_description, IT.seller_email FROM ItemTransactions IT

JOIN ItemsForSale I ON IT.item_id = I.item_id

WHERE IT.buyer_email = %s;

INSERT INTO ItemRatings (item_id, rater_email, rating_email, rating, review) VALUES (%s, %s, %s, %s, %s);

4.30 Viewing Freelance Ratings

Description: This query retrieves the user's ratings for freelance work they have rated,

including the rating, review, and the date it was created.

Parameters (%s): user_email

SELECT FWR.rating, FWR.review, FWR.created_at FROM FreelanceWorkRatings FWR WHERE FWR.rater email = %s;

4.31 Viewing Item Ratings

Description: This query retrieves the user's ratings for items they have rated, including the rating, review, and the date it was created.

Parameters (%s): user email

SELECT IR.rating, IR.review, IR.created_at FROM ItemRatings IR WHERE IR.rater email = %s;

4.32 Viewing Freelance Ratings About User

Description: This query retrieves ratings received by the user for freelance work, including the rating, review, creation date, and the email of the rater, ordered by the creation date in descending order.

Parameters (%s): user email

SELECT rating, review, created_at, rater_email FROM FreelanceWorkRatings
WHERE rating_email = %s
ORDER BY created_at DESC;

4.33 Viewing Item Ratings About User

Description: his query retrieves ratings received by the user for items they have sold, including the rating, review, creation date, and the email of the rater, ordered by the creation date in descending order.

Parameters (%s): user_email

SELECT rating, review, created_at, rater_email FROM ItemRatings
WHERE rating_email = %s
ORDER BY created_at DESC;

4.34 Finding Active Users This Year

Description: This query counts the number of distinct users who have items listed for sale in the year 2024.

Parameters (%s): None

```
SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT u.email) AS active_users
FROM Users u
WHERE u.email IN (
    SELECT DISTINCT i.seller_email
    FROM ItemsForSale i
    WHERE i.created_at BETWEEN '2024-01-01' AND '2024-12-31'
);
```

4.35 Finding Total Sales by Item Category

Description: This query calculates the total sales for each item category, summing the amount paid for items in the year 2024.

Parameters (%s): None

```
SELECT i.item_type, SUM(it.amount_paid) AS total_sales FROM ItemTransactions it JOIN ItemsForSale i ON it.item_id = i.item_id WHERE it.date_completed BETWEEN '2024-01-01' AND '2024-12-31' GROUP BY i.item_type ORDER BY total_sales DESC;
```

4.36 Finding Average Item Price by Seller

Description: This query calculates the average price of items listed for sale by each seller, considering only items that are available.

Parameters (%s): None

```
SELECT i.seller_email, AVG(i.price) AS avg_item_price
FROM ItemsForSale i
WHERE i.availability_status = TRUE
GROUP BY i.seller_email
ORDER BY avg_item_price DESC;
```

4.37 Finding Most Active Sellers by Transaction

Description: This query returns the top 10 users who have completed the most freelance and item transactions as the "seller".

Parameters (%s): None

```
),
CombinedTransactions AS (
    SELECT email, SUM(transactions_count) AS total_transactions
    FROM (
        SELECT * FROM ItemSellerTransactions
        UNION ALL
        SELECT * FROM FreelanceWorkerTransactions
    ) subquery
    GROUP BY email
)
SELECT email, total_transactions
FROM CombinedTransactions
ORDER BY total_transactions DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

4.38 Finding Most Active Buyers

Description: This query returns the top 10 buyers who have spent the most money across item transactions.

```
Parameters (%s): None
```

```
WITH BuyerSpending AS (
      SELECT
         it.buyer_email,
         COUNT(it.transaction id) AS transaction count,
         SUM(it.amount paid) AS total spent,
         AVG(it.amount_paid) AS avg_spent_per_transaction,
         RANK() OVER (ORDER BY SUM(it.amount paid) DESC) AS rank
      FROM ItemTransactions it
      WHERE it.date_completed BETWEEN '2024-01-01' AND '2024-12-31'
      GROUP BY it.buyer email
    )
    SELECT
      buyer_email,
      transaction count,
      total_spent,
      avg_spent_per_transaction
    FROM BuyerSpending
    WHERE rank <= 10
    ORDER BY rank;
```

4.39 Populating ItemTransactions

Description: This query generates 45 random item transactions by selecting random items and buyers, ensuring the buyer is not the seller, and using the price from the ItemsForSale table.

Parameters (%s): None

```
INSERT INTO ItemTransactions (item id, buyer email, seller email, amount paid,
date_completed)
SELECT
  random transactions.item id,
  random transactions.buyer email,
  random transactions.seller email,
  random transactions.price AS amount paid,
  NOW()
FROM (
  SELECT
    i.item id,
    u1.email AS buyer_email,
    u2.email AS seller email,
    i.price
  FROM
    ItemsForSale i
  CROSS JOIN
    Users u1
  INNER JOIN
    Users u2 ON u2.email = i.seller email
  WHERE
    u1.email != u2.email
  ORDER BY
    RANDOM()
  LIMIT 45
) AS random transactions;
4.40 Populating FreelanceTransactions
Description: This query generates 45 random freelance transactions by selecting random
freelance jobs and buyers, ensuring the buyer is not the worker, and using the payment from the
FreelanceWork table.
Parameters (%s): None
INSERT INTO FreelanceTransactions (job id, buyer email, worker email, amount paid,
date_completed)
SELECT
  random jobs.job id,
  random_jobs.buyer_email,
  random jobs.worker email,
  random_jobs.payment AS amount_paid,
  NOW() AS date_completed
FROM (
  SELECT
```

fw.job id,

```
u1.email AS buyer_email,
u2.email AS worker_email,
fw.payment
FROM
FreelanceWork fw
CROSS JOIN
Users u1
INNER JOIN
Users u2 ON u2.email = fw.posted_by
WHERE
u1.email != u2.email
ORDER BY
RANDOM()
LIMIT 45
) AS random_jobs;
```

4.41 Populating ItemRatings

Description: This query generates item ratings based on completed transactions, with random ratings between 4.00 and 5.00 and a 50% chance of no review.

Parameters (%s): None

```
INSERT INTO ItemRatings (item_id, rater_email, rating_email, rating, review, created_at) SELECT DISTINCT
```

```
it.item_id,
it.buyer_email AS rater_email,
it.seller_email AS rating_email,
ROUND((4 + RANDOM())::NUMERIC, 2) AS rating,
CASE
WHEN RANDOM() < 0.5 THEN NULL
ELSE 'Great transaction! Would recommend.'
END AS review,
it.date_completed + INTERVAL '1 day'
FROM
ItemTransactions it
ON CONFLICT DO NOTHING;
```

4.42 Populating FreelanceWorkRatings

Description: This query generates freelance work ratings based on completed freelance transactions, with random ratings between 4.00 and 5.00 and a 70% chance of review.

Parameters (%s): None

INSERT INTO FreelanceWorkRatings (freelance_job_id, rater_email, rating_email, rating, review, created_at)
SELECT DISTINCT

```
ft.job_id,
ft.buyer_email AS rater_email,
ft.worker_email AS rating_email,
ROUND((4 + RANDOM())::NUMERIC, 2) AS rating,
CASE
WHEN RANDOM() < 0.7 THEN 'Great job! Would hire again.'
ELSE NULL
END AS review,
ft.date_completed + INTERVAL '2 days'
FROM
FreelanceTransactions ft:
```

5 Applications

The application to support my use cases is a platform called "SWAP" that connects users to buy and sell items as well as post and find freelance services. The application allows users to log in, manage their profiles, browse available items and listings, record transactions, communicate through messages, rate items and users, and access platform analytics. Integrating multiple modules for each feature and utilizing the PostgreSQL database allowed me to build an easy to use platform with efficient data management and real-time transaction processing.

6 Conclusions

For this project, I successfully implemented a platform that allows users to log in, browse items and listings, manage transactions, send and receive messages, and view platform analytics, all while interacting with a PostgreSQL database for real-time data handling.

One of the main challenges I faced was artificially populating the databases for transactions and ratings. This was especially difficult since in these tables, foreign keys reference serial attributes in ItemsForSale and FreelanceWork that change each time items and job listings are artificially entered into the database upon creation of the database. To complete this I made sure to carefully track and manage those keys and performed some research into how to do this the most efficiently. Additionally, organizing the application and structuring the queries in a user-friendly way proved to be tricky, especially making sure that I was passing all the necessary attributes to functions for proper query execution. Through this, I gained valuable experience in database design and query management. If given more time, I would build out the platform's features even further by adding a verification aspect for joining university communities and allowing users to view listings in nearby cities within a certain radius. I would also transfer the project into a GUI for a more intuitive user experience.