

Movie Social Network

Database

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Real-World Domain: Movie Social Network

This database models a [Letterboxd](#)-inspired platform where movie enthusiasts can manage their film journey and connect with others.

Core Features:

Personal Film Tracking:

- Log viewings with dates, locations & notes
- Rate films with half-star precision
- Track rewatch history and statistics

Content Curation:

- Create personalized lists
- Browse platform-curated collections
- Organize watchlists for future viewing

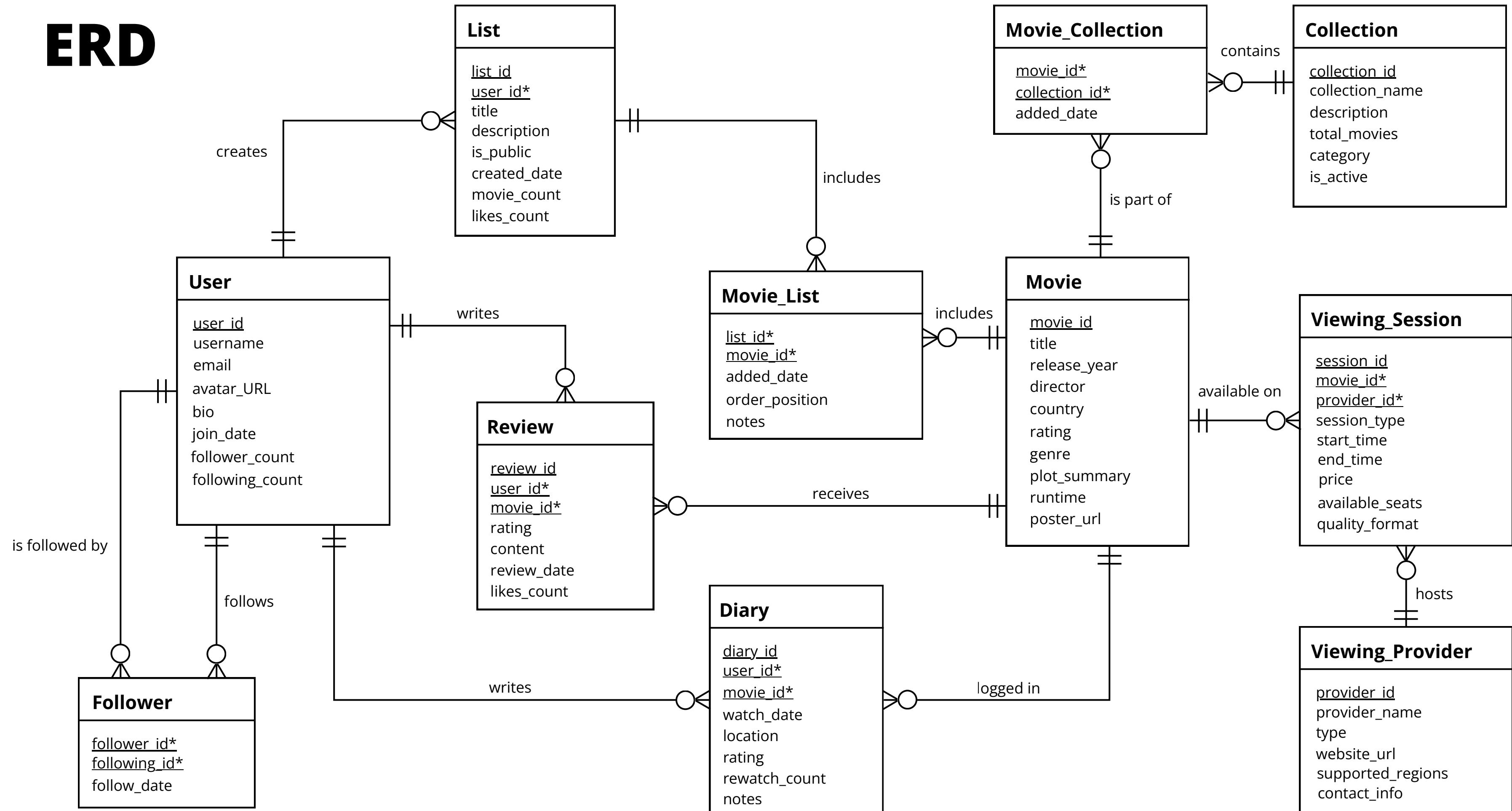
Social Interaction:

- Follow other users for film discovery
- Write and read detailed reviews
- Build social feed of friends' activity

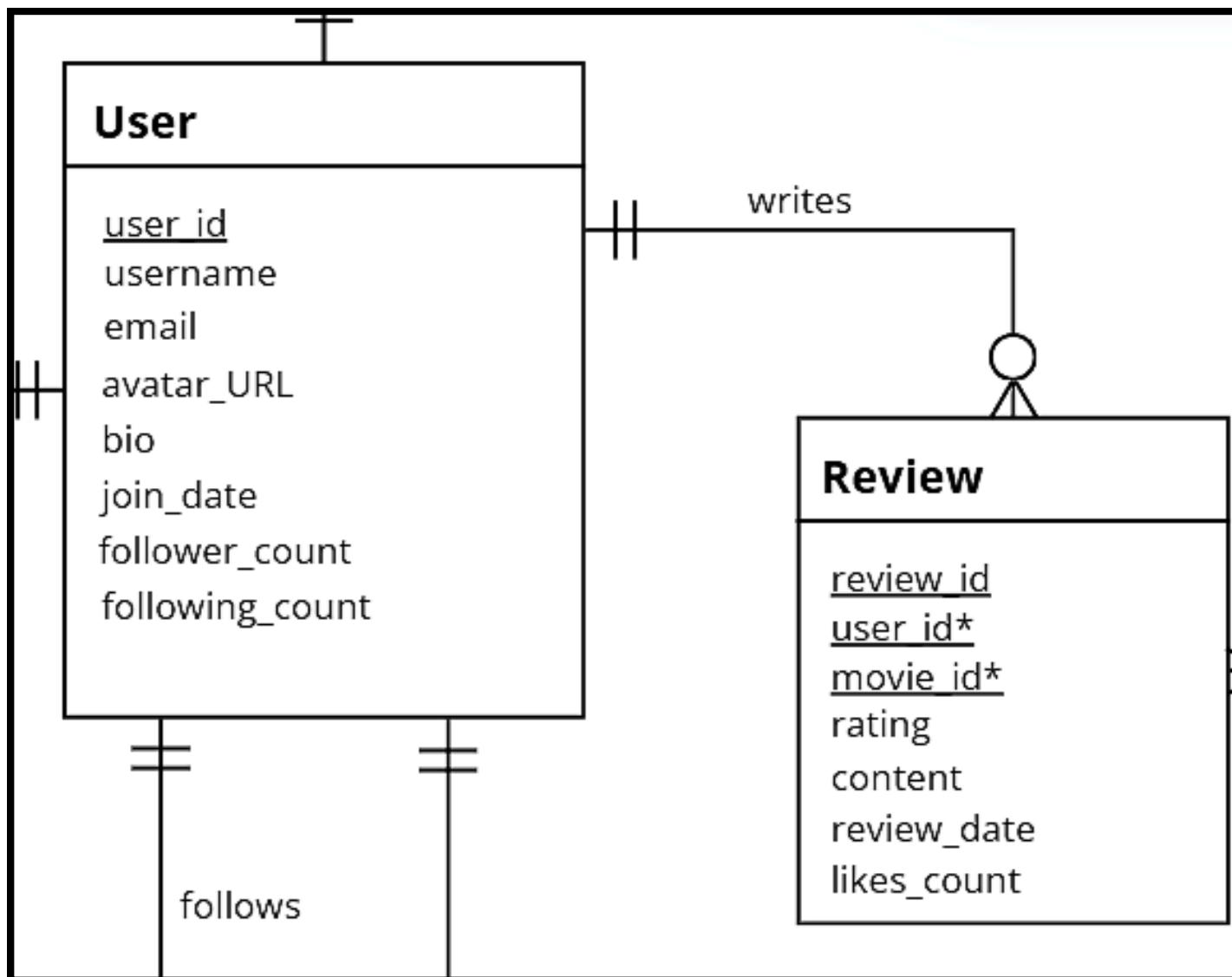
Discovery & Access:

- Find films across streaming services & theaters
- Explore by director, genre, era, or cultural impact

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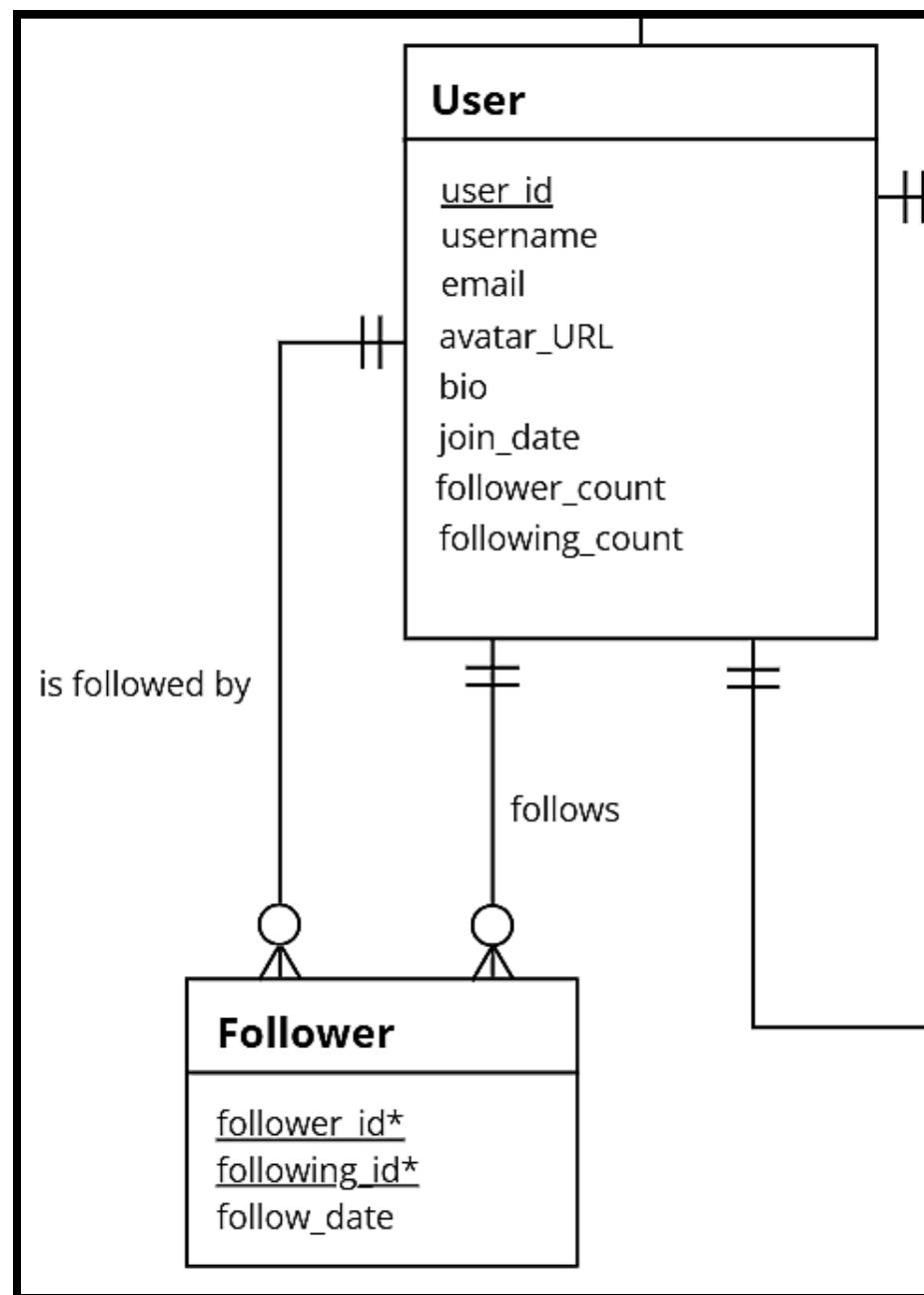
An Example One-to-many Relationship



- Each user can write **multiple reviews**
- Each review is written by **exactly one user**

```
postgres=# SELECT
    u.user_id,
    u.username,
    COUNT(r.review_id) as total_reviews
FROM users u
LEFT JOIN review r ON u.user_id = r.user_id
GROUP BY u.user_id, u.username
HAVING COUNT(r.review_id) > 0
ORDER BY total_reviews DESC;
user_id | username | total_reviews
-----+-----+-----
U1     | cinemalover | 3
U2     | moviebuff42 | 2
U4     | casualviewer | 1
U5     | directorfan | 1
U6     | indiefilmfan | 1
U3     | filmstudent | 1
U7     | horrormaven | 1
(7 rows)
```

An Example Many-to-many Relationship



```
postgres=# SELECT
    u.username,
    COUNT(DISTINCT f1.following_id) as following_count,
    COUNT(DISTINCT f2.follower_id) as follower_count
FROM users u
LEFT JOIN follower f1 ON u.user_id = f1.following_id
LEFT JOIN follower f2 ON u.user_id = f2.follower_id
GROUP BY u.user_id, u.username
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT f1.following_id) > 0
    OR COUNT(DISTINCT f2.follower_id) > 0
ORDER BY follower_count DESC;
      username      | following_count | follower_count
-----+-----+-----+
cinemalover |          2 |          5
moviebuff42 |          2 |          4
solocinema |          0 |          2
filmstudent |          2 |          2
directorfan |          2 |          1
casualviewer |          2 |          1
indiefilmfan |          2 |          1
horromaven |          2 |          1
scifigeek |          2 |          0
newuser |          1 |          0
(10 rows)
```

- Each user is followed by multiple users
- Each user follows multiple users
- Associative entity (**Follower**) for M:M relationship
- Composite PK ensures uniqueness

Query 1 - Simple Single Table Query

Find all active users who joined in 2023, showing their username, join date, and follower count, ordered by most popular first.

```
postgres=# SELECT username, email, join_date, follower_count
  FROM users
 WHERE EXTRACT(YEAR FROM join_date) = 2023
 ORDER BY follower_count DESC;
      username      |       email       |   join_date    | follower_count
-----+-----+-----+-----+
  indiefilmfan | indie@email.com | 2023-01-20 |          89
  solocinema    | solo@email.com  | 2023-11-15 |           2
  newuser        | new@email.com   | 2023-12-01 |           0
(3 rows)
```

Query 2 - Natural Join Query

Find public lists created by users, showing username and list title for lists with more than 3 movies.

```
postgres=# SELECT u.username, l.title, l.movie_count
  FROM users u
  NATURAL JOIN list l
 WHERE l.is_public = true
   AND l.movie_count > 3;
      username |          title          | movie_count
-----+-----+-----+
    cinematiclover | 2023 Watchlist | 4
    filmstudent | Film School Essentials | 5
    horrormaven | Horror Through the Decades | 4
(3 rows)
```

Query 3 - Cross Product Equivalent

Same as query b but using cross product: public lists with more than 3 movies and their creators.

```
postgres=# SELECT u.username, l.title, l.movie_count
  FROM users u, list l
 WHERE u.user_id = l.user_id
   AND l.is_public = true
   AND l.movie_count > 3;
      username |          title          | movie_count
-----+-----+-----+
    cinematiclover | 2023 Watchlist | 4
    filmstudent | Film School Essentials | 5
    horrormaven | Horror Through the Decades | 4
(3 rows)
```

Query 4 - GROUP BY with HAVING

Find movie genres that have an average rating above 6 and contain at least 2 movies.

```
postgres=# SELECT genre,
    COUNT(*) as movie_count,
    ROUND(AVG(rating), 2) as avg_rating
FROM movie
WHERE genre IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY genre
HAVING AVG(rating) > 6
    AND COUNT(*) >= 2;
genre      | movie_count | avg_rating
-----+-----+-----
Crime, Drama |          2 |      9.05
Drama        |          2 |      6.50
(2 rows)
```

Query 5 - Subquery

Find users who have reviewed movies that are longer than 150 minutes.

```
postgres=# SELECT username, email
  FROM users
 WHERE user_id IN (
    SELECT DISTINCT user_id
      FROM review
     WHERE movie_id IN (
        SELECT movie_id
          FROM movie
         WHERE runtime > 150
      )
  );
      username |           email
-----+-----
cinemalover | cinema@email.com
indiefilmfan | indie@email.com
(2 rows)
```

Query 6 - Self Join (No NATURAL JOIN)

Find pairs of different users where both follow each other (mutual follows).

```
postgres=# SELECT u1.username as user1, u2.username as user2
  FROM follower f1, follower f2, users u1, users u2
 WHERE f1.follower_id = f2.following_id
   AND f1.following_id = f2.follower_id
   AND f1.follower_id = u1.user_id
   AND f1.following_id = u2.user_id
   AND f1.follower_id < f1.following_id;
      user1    |    user2
-----+-----
  cinemalover | moviebuff42
  cinemalover | filmstudent
(2 rows)
```

CHECK Statements

```
-- Create Follower table
CREATE TABLE follower (
    follower_id VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    following_id VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    follow_date DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_DATE,
    PRIMARY KEY (follower_id, following_id),
    CONSTRAINT fk_follower_user
        FOREIGN KEY (follower_id) REFERENCES users(user_id)
        ON DELETE CASCADE,
    CONSTRAINT fk_following_user
        FOREIGN KEY (following_id) REFERENCES users(user_id)
        ON DELETE CASCADE,
    CONSTRAINT no_self_follow CHECK (follower_id != following_id)
);
```

```
-- Create Collection table (platform-curated)
CREATE TABLE collection (
    collection_id VARCHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY,
    collection_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,
    description TEXT,
    total_movies INTEGER DEFAULT 0 CHECK (total_movies >= 0),
    category VARCHAR(50) CHECK (category IN ('awards', 'franchise', 'genre', 'director', 'era', 'theme', 'studio')),
    is_active BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE
);
```

CHECK Statements

```
-- Create Diary table
CREATE TABLE diary (
    diary_id VARCHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY,
    user_id VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    movie_id VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    watch_date DATE NOT NULL,
    location VARCHAR(100),
    rating DECIMAL(2,1) CHECK (rating >= 0.5 AND rating <= 5.0 AND rating % 0.5 = 0),
    rewatch_count INTEGER DEFAULT 0 CHECK (rewatch_count >= 0),
    notes TEXT,
    CONSTRAINT fk_diary_user
        FOREIGN KEY (user_id) REFERENCES users(user_id)
        ON DELETE CASCADE,
    CONSTRAINT fk_diary_movie
        FOREIGN KEY (movie_id) REFERENCES movie(movie_id)
        ON DELETE CASCADE
);
```

```
-- Create Users table
CREATE TABLE users (
    user_id VARCHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY,
    username VARCHAR(50) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
    email VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
    bio TEXT,
    avatar_URL VARCHAR(255),
    join_date DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_DATE,
    follower_count INTEGER DEFAULT 0 CHECK (follower_count >= 0),
    following_count INTEGER DEFAULT 0 CHECK (following_count >= 0)
);
```

Action Statements

When a user is deleted, all their content is automatically removed.

```
-- Create Review table
CREATE TABLE review (
    review_id VARCHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY,
    user_id VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    movie_id VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    rating DECIMAL(2,1) NOT NULL CHECK (rating >= 0.5 AND rating <= 5.0 AND rating % 0.5 = 0),
    content TEXT,
    review_date DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_DATE,
    likes_count INTEGER DEFAULT 0 CHECK (likes_count >= 0),
    CONSTRAINT fk_review_author
        FOREIGN KEY (user_id) REFERENCES users(user_id)
        ON DELETE CASCADE,
    CONSTRAINT fk_review_movie
        FOREIGN KEY (movie_id) REFERENCES movie(movie_id)
        ON DELETE CASCADE,
    CONSTRAINT unique_user_movie_review UNIQUE (user_id, movie_id)
);
```

```
-- Create List table (user-curated)
CREATE TABLE list (
    list_id VARCHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY,
    user_id VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,
    title VARCHAR(200) NOT NULL,
    description TEXT,
    is_public BOOLEAN DEFAULT TRUE,
    created_date DATE NOT NULL DEFAULT CURRENT_DATE,
    movie_count INTEGER DEFAULT 0 CHECK (movie_count >= 0),
    likes_count INTEGER DEFAULT 0 CHECK (likes_count >= 0),
    CONSTRAINT fk_list_owner
        FOREIGN KEY (user_id) REFERENCES users(user_id)
        ON DELETE CASCADE
);
```

SQL View

```
-- Create views
CREATE VIEW user_activity_summary AS
SELECT
    u.user_id,
    u.username,
    u.join_date,
    u.follower_count,
    u.following_count,
    COUNT(DISTINCT r.review_id) as review_count,
    COUNT(DISTINCT d.diary_id) as diary_entries,
    COUNT(DISTINCT l.list_id) as list_count,
    COALESCE(AVG(r.rating), 0) as avg_review_rating,
    COUNT(DISTINCT f.following_id) as users_following
FROM users u
LEFT JOIN review r ON u.user_id = r.user_id
LEFT JOIN diary d ON u.user_id = d.user_id
LEFT JOIN list l ON u.user_id = l.user_id
LEFT JOIN follower f ON u.user_id = f.follower_id
GROUP BY u.user_id, u.username, u.join_date, u.follower_count, u.following_count;
```

VIEW provides a simplified interface to complex data. It updates automatically when underlying data changes

Before View:

```
postgres=# SELECT u.username, COUNT(r.review_id), ROUND(AVG(r.rating), 2)
FROM users u
LEFT JOIN review r ON u.user_id = r.user_id
LEFT JOIN diary d ON u.user_id = d.user_id
GROUP BY u.user_id, u.username
HAVING COUNT(r.review_id) > 0;
      username | count | round
-----+-----+-----
moviebuff42 |     2 | 4.50
horromaven  |     1 | 4.50
cinemalover |     9 | 4.83
filmstudent |     1 | 4.00
casualviewer|     1 | 5.00
directorfan |     1 | 4.50
indiefilmfan|     1 | 5.00
(7 rows)
```

SQL View

After View:

```
postgres=# SELECT username, review_count, ROUND(avg_review_rating, 2)
FROM user_activity_summary
WHERE review_count > 0;
      username | review_count | round
-----+-----+-----
cinemalover |          3 | 4.83
moviebuff42 |          2 | 4.50
filmstudent |          1 | 4.00
casualviewer|          1 | 5.00
directorfan |          1 | 4.50
indiefilmfan|          1 | 5.00
horromaven  |          1 | 4.50
(7 rows)
```