

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

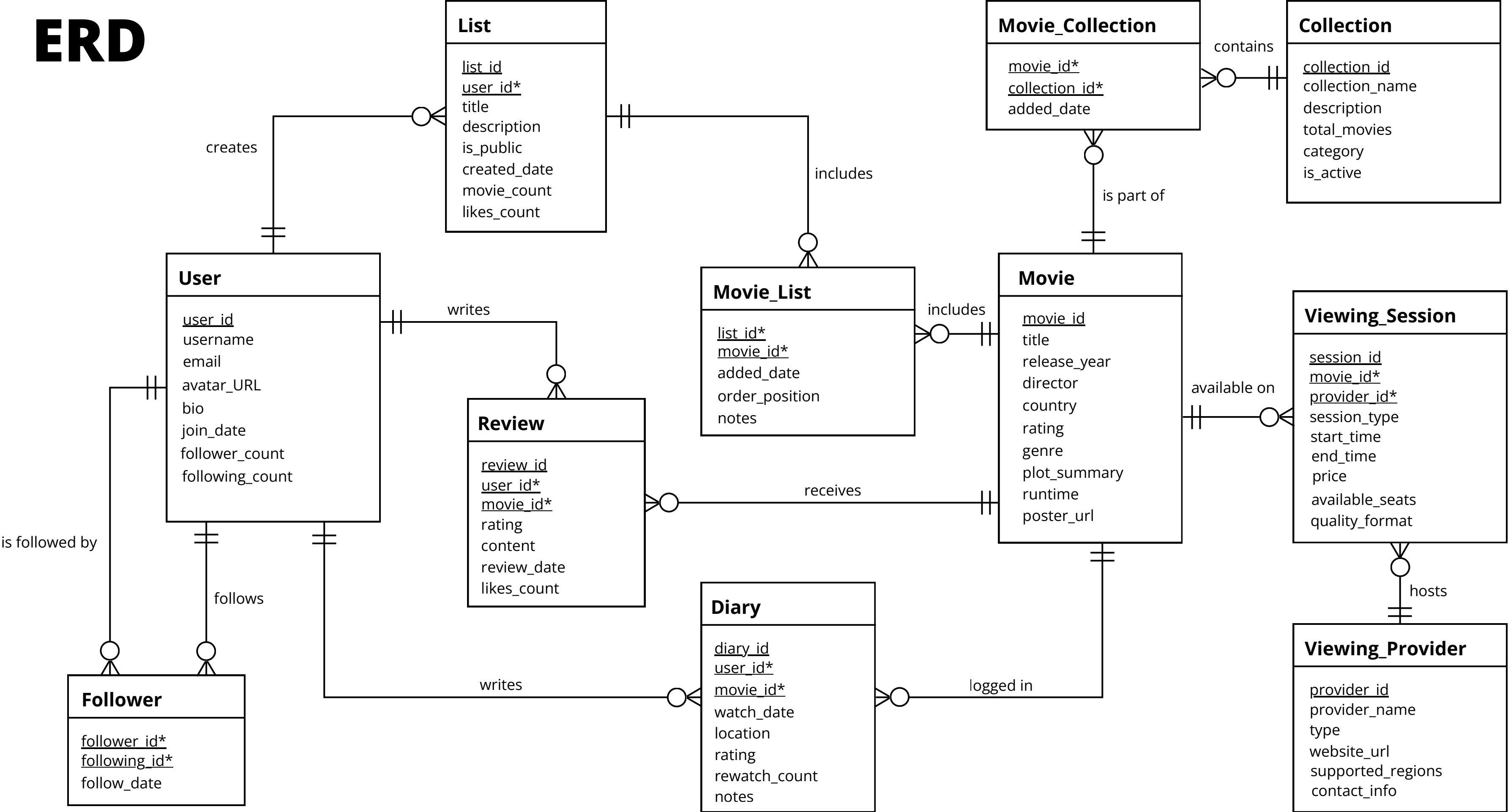
Social Interaction:

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

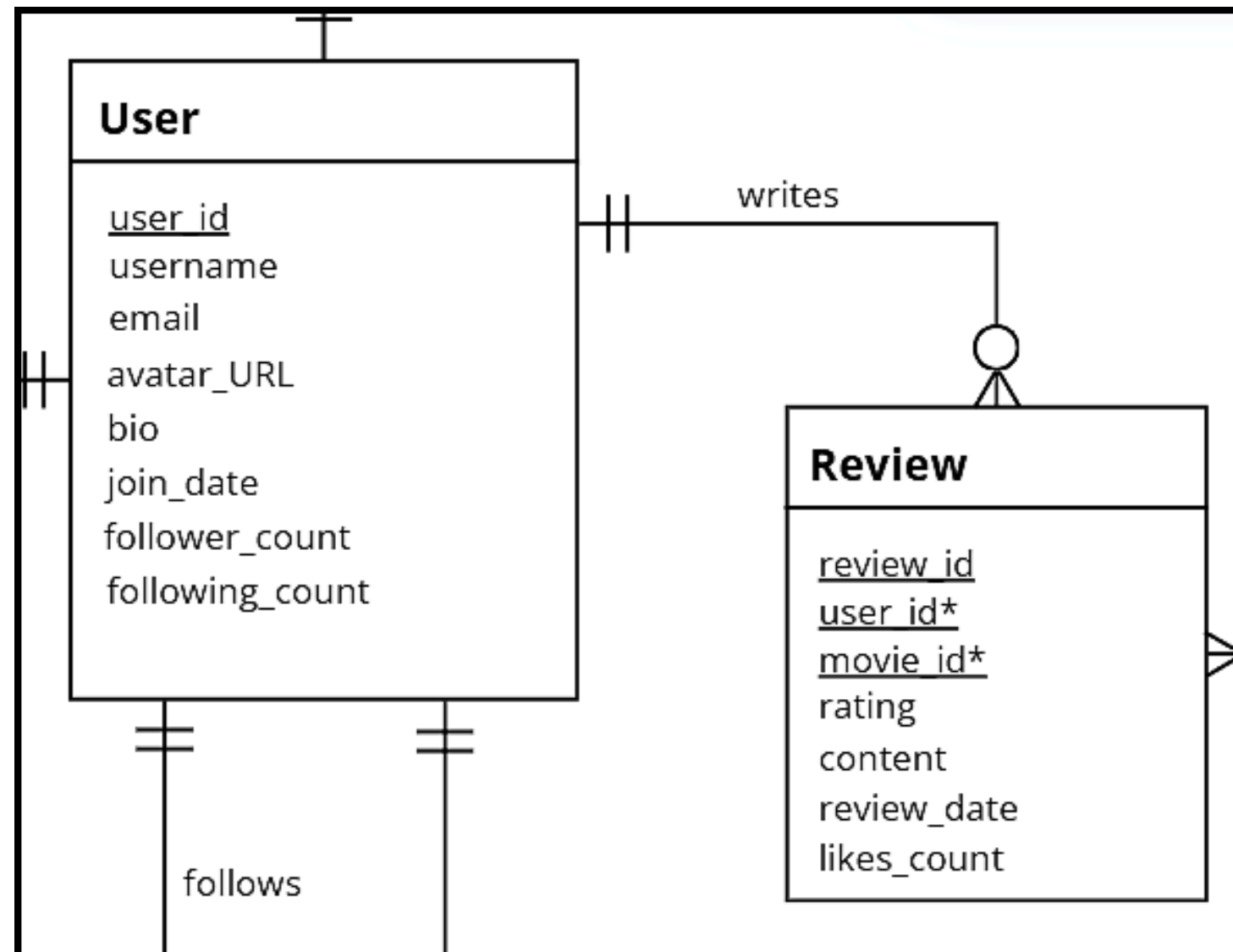
Discovery & Access:

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

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An Example One-to-many Relationship



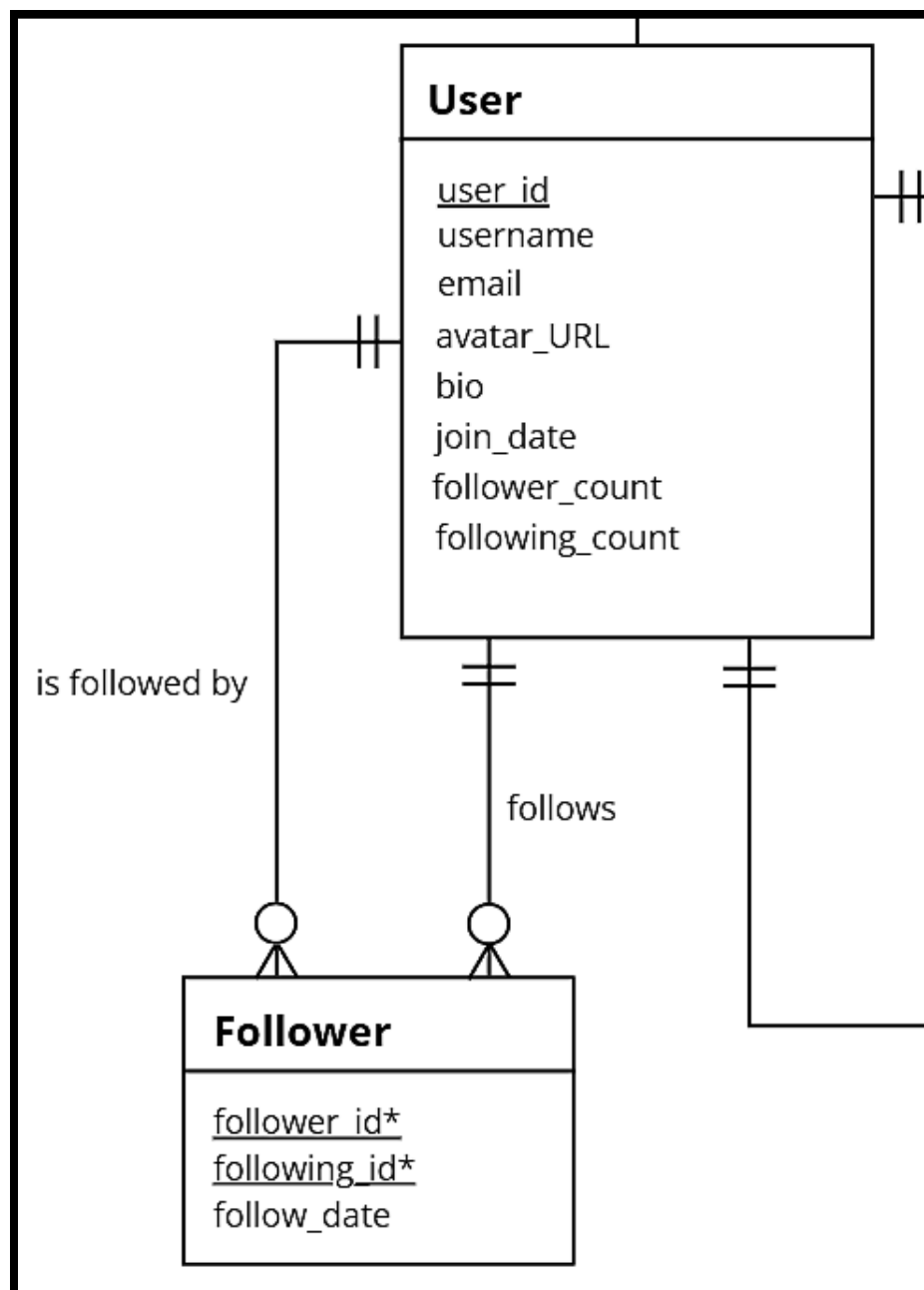
- Each user can write **multiple reviews**
- Each review is written by **exactly one user**

```
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	horormaven	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.follower_id
LEFT JOIN follower f2 ON u.user_id = f2.following_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
horormaven	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
cinemalover	2023 Watchlist	4
filmstudent	Film School Essentials	5
horormaven	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
cinemalover	2023 Watchlist	4
filmstudent	Film School Essentials	5
horormaven	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
horormaven	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
horormaven	1	4.50

(7 rows)