

Project Report

Movie Review and Recommendation Engine

Abstract

The Movie Review and Recommendation Engine is a database-driven system designed to analyze movie ratings, user reviews, and preferences to generate recommendations. Using MySQL, the system calculates average ratings, ranks movies, and provides insights into top-rated content. This project demonstrates database design, query optimization, and basic recommendation logic.

Introduction

With the growing number of movies, users often face difficulty in selecting what to watch. This project helps users by analyzing ratings and reviews to suggest the best-rated movies. It simulates the core functionality of platforms like IMDb or Netflix recommendation engines.

Objectives:

1. Store movie, user, rating, and review information in a database.
2. Calculate average ratings for movies.
3. Rank movies based on ratings.
4. Generate top recommendations.

Tools Used

- **Database:** MySQL Workbench
- **Query Language:** SQL
- **Export Format:** CSV for query results

Steps Involved

1. Database Design

Four tables were created:

1. **Users** – Stores user information.

2. **Movies** – Stores movie details.
3. **Ratings** – Stores user ratings for movies.
4. **Reviews** – Stores user reviews for movies.

2. Sample Data Insertion

Sample users, movies, ratings, and reviews were inserted to test the system.

3. Queries

- **Average Ratings per Movie:** Calculated using AVG() function.
- **Top-Rated Movies:** Ranked using RANK() (MySQL 8.0+) or ORDER BY + LIMIT.
- **Views:** Created Top_Rated_Movies view to easily fetch recommendations.

4. Exporting Results

- Exported top-rated movies and average ratings to **CSV** files for reporting.

Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates the creation of a movie recommendation system using SQL. It allows users to:

- View average ratings of movies
- Identify top-ranked movies
- Generate recommendations based on user ratings

Future Work:

- Implement personalized recommendations based on user similarity.
- Include genre-based filtering and trending movies.