

# Microsoft Films

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# Analysis Goals



1. Discover which types of films are currently performing "the best" at the box office.
2. Define **"the best"** as the **most profitable**.
  - a. Thus made my deductions based on metrics of:
    - i. **Net profit**
    - ii. **Return on investment (ROI)**
3. Using these metrics, find correlations to movie **genres, actors, directors, and writers**.
4. Create actionable recommendations to guide the development of successful films.

# Net Profit vs ROI



- Both are good ways of representing profitability.
- **Net profit** does not take cost into account.
- **Return on Investment (ROI)** does take cost into account.
- Both were used as a new streaming service may need big feature films, and other smaller “filler” films with lower budgets.

# Data



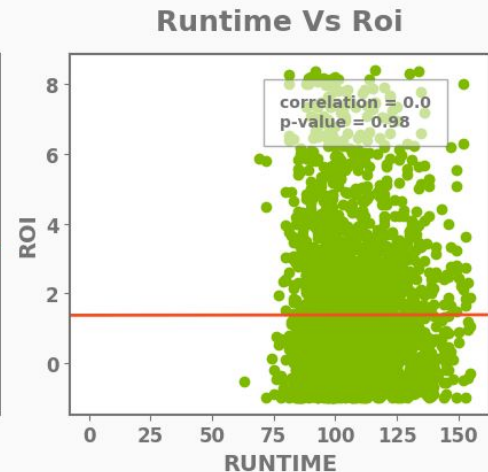
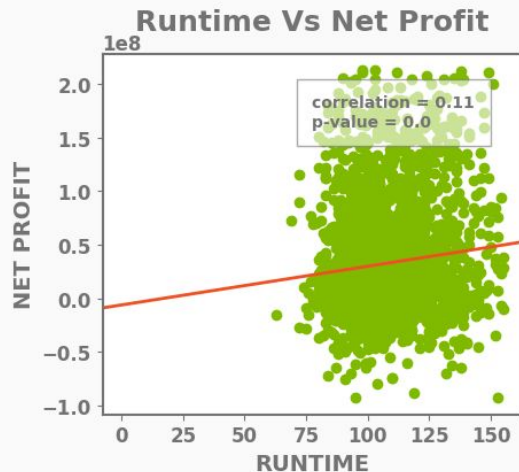
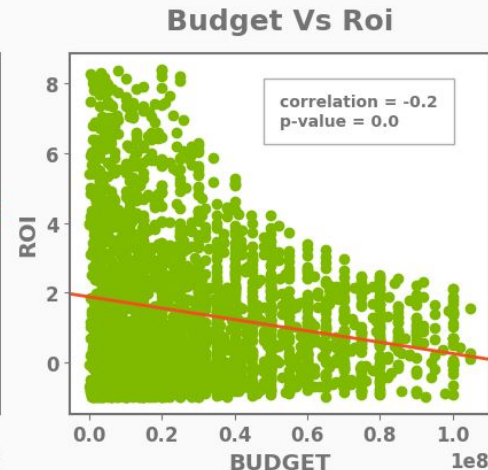
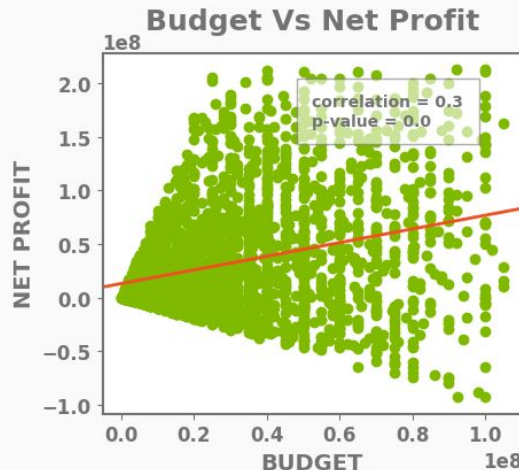
- **TMDB 5000 Movie Dataset**
  - Contains information about movie:
    - Title
    - Profit
    - Budget
    - Genre
    - Cast
    - Crew
    - Runtime
- Outliers were removed based on Net profit and ROI.

# Analyses

# Budget and Runtime Analysis

- Increase in budget leads to higher net profit.
  - Spend more to make more
  - Weak correlation
- Increase in budget leads to a smaller return on investment.
  - Weak correlation
- No correlation between the length of a film and either net profit or ROI.

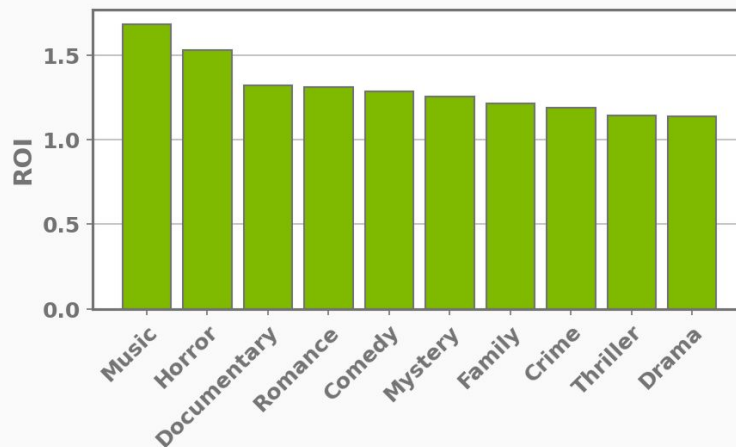
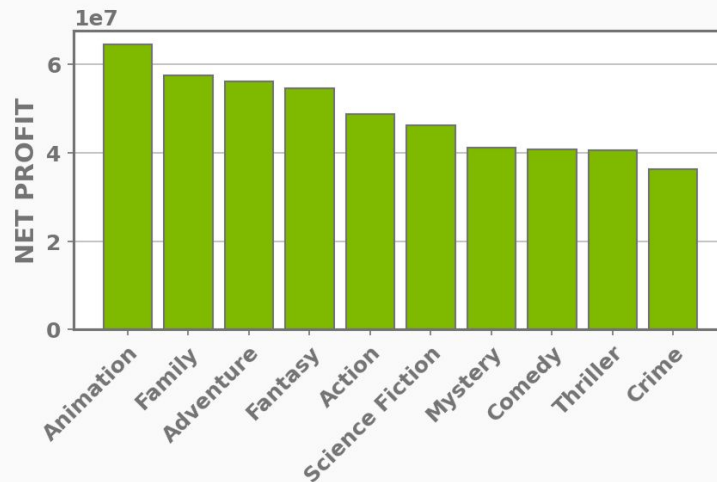
## Linear Regression Correlations



# Genre Analysis

- High net profit genres have larger budgets
  - Eg. Animation or Fantasy
- High ROI genres have smaller budgets
  - Eg. Horror or Documentary

## Most Profitable Genres

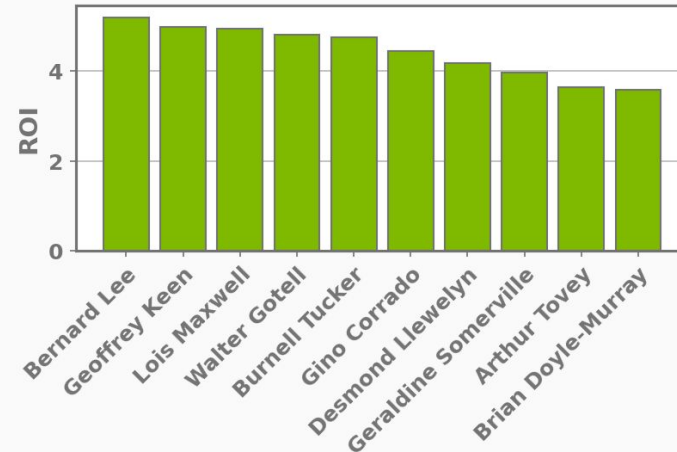
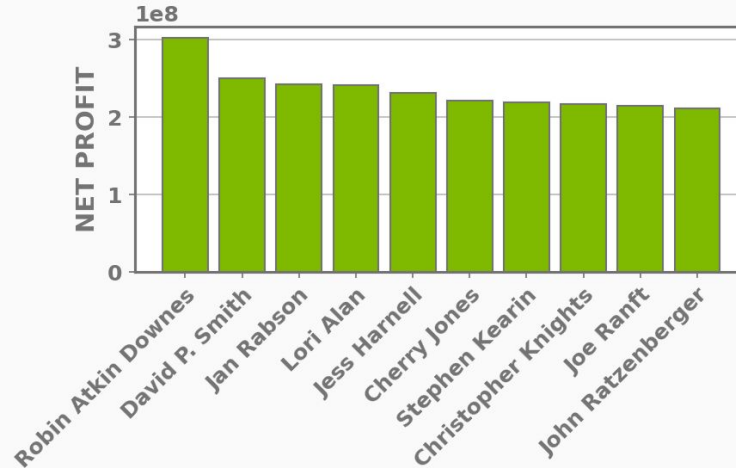




# Cast / Actor Analysis

- Only actors that have been in more than 5 films were analyzed.
  - More likely to reflect their effect on the film than vice versa.
  - Reduced the number of small characters in successful films skewing the results.
- The actors do not seem to have a large effect on the film's success with outliers excluded.

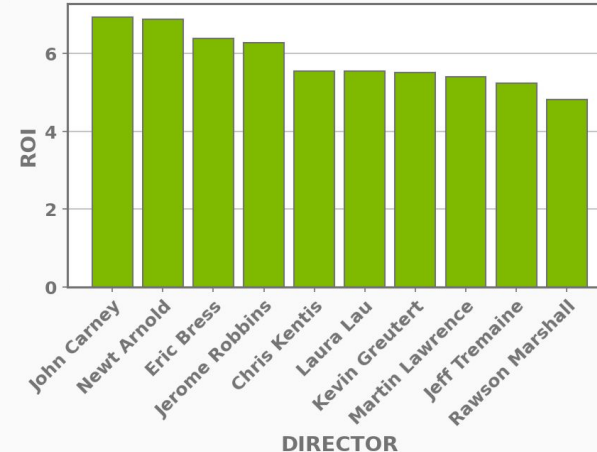
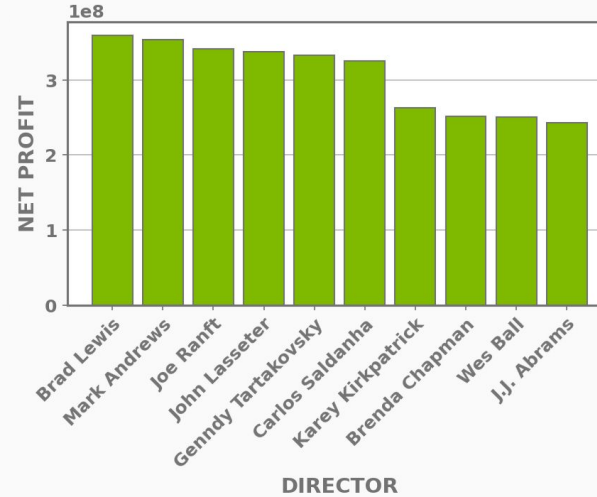
## Highest Valued Actors



# Director Analysis

- Only directors that have directed **more than 3 films** were analyzed.
  - More likely to reflect their effect on the film than vice versa.
- Top directors by net profit include more big names than by ROI.
- Will show more in the recommendations.

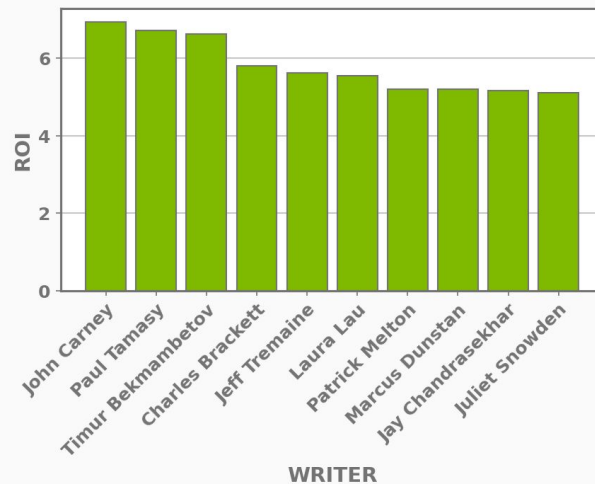
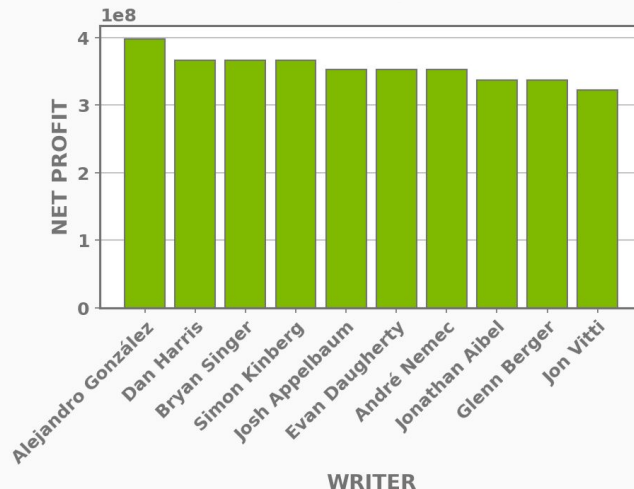
## Highest Valued Directors



# Writer Analysis

- Only directors that have directed **more than 3 films** were analyzed.
  - More likely to reflect their effect on the film than vice versa.

## Highest Valued Writers



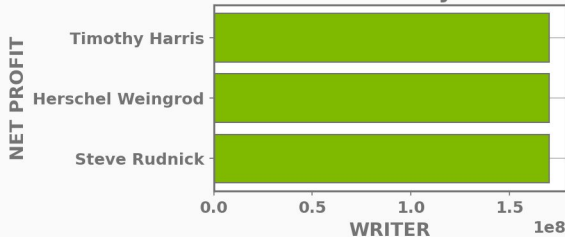
# Recommendations

Putting it all together

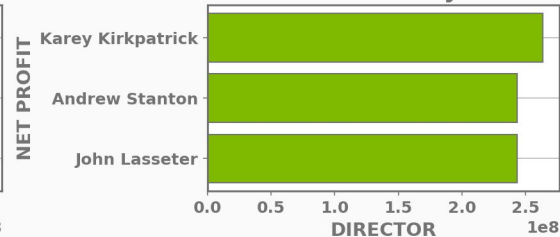
# Two Films to Maximize Net Profit

- The top two genres by net profit are **Animation** and **Family**.
- Grouping the top Writers and Directors by these genres, two potential movies are:
  1. An **Animated film** written by **Timothy Harris** and directed by **Karey Kirkpatrick**.
  2. A **Family film** written by **Herschel Weingrod** and directed by **Michael Apted**.

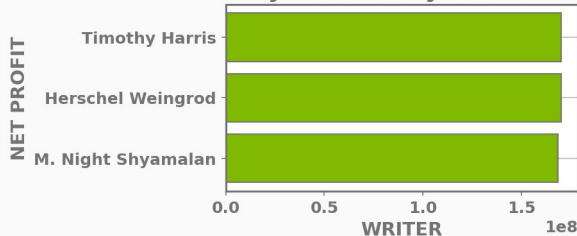
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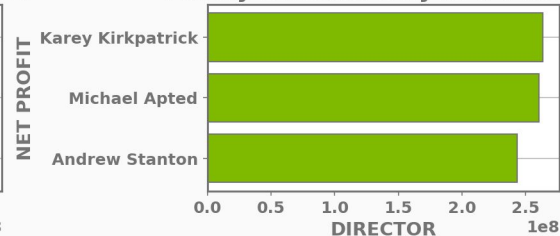
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Family Writer's by NET PROFIT



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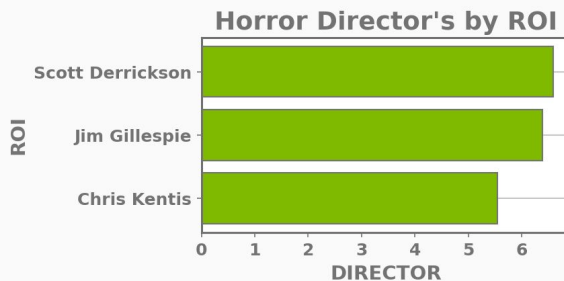
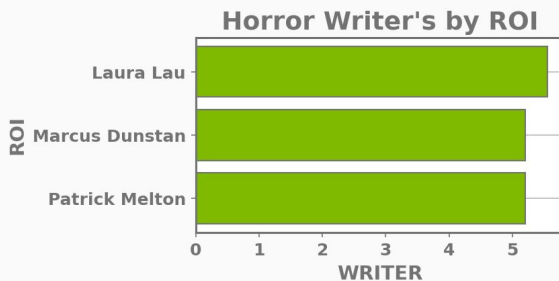
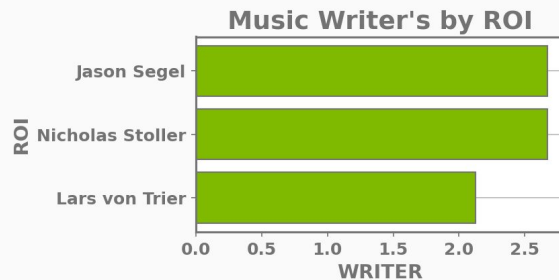


# Two Films to Maximize Return on Investment

- The top two genres by ROI are **Music** and **Horror**.

- Grouping the top Writers and Directors by these genres, two potential movies are:

1. A **Musical** film written by **Jason Segel** and directed by **Robert Wise**.
2. A **Horror** film written by **Laura Lau** and directed by **Scott Derrickson**.



# Limitations



1. Size of the Database used.
2. No information on the MPA ratings of films
  - a. IE: PG vs R rated
3. Does not take into account external variables.
  - a. IE: Marketing and Production Studio

Questions?



# Thanks!

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