



Microsoft: Movie Studio Analysis



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Business Problem Overview

Microsoft is considering a breakthrough into film. We leveraged data on the industry to ascertain profitable strategy while minimizing risk

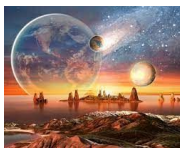




Bottom Line Up Front

1 - Genre

*We recommend the Thriller
and Sci-Fi genres with key
words in the film title*



2 - Capital

*The ideal budget for this film
should be around \$90 million*



3 - Talent

*We recommend Francis
Lawrence and Henry Joost as
directors*





Key Performance Indicators

Profit margin is a preferred indicator over worldwide gross for *long term* sustainability



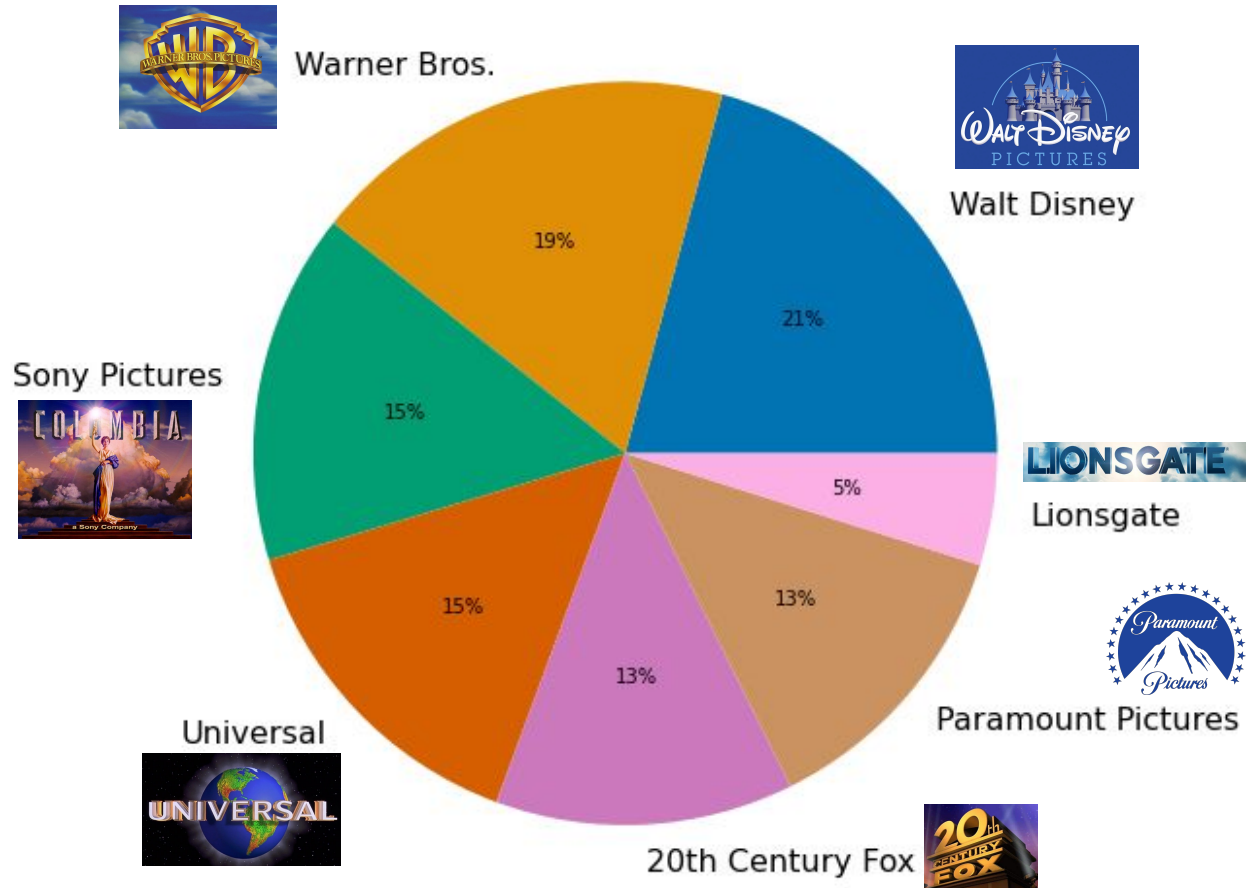
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Current market shares of film studios

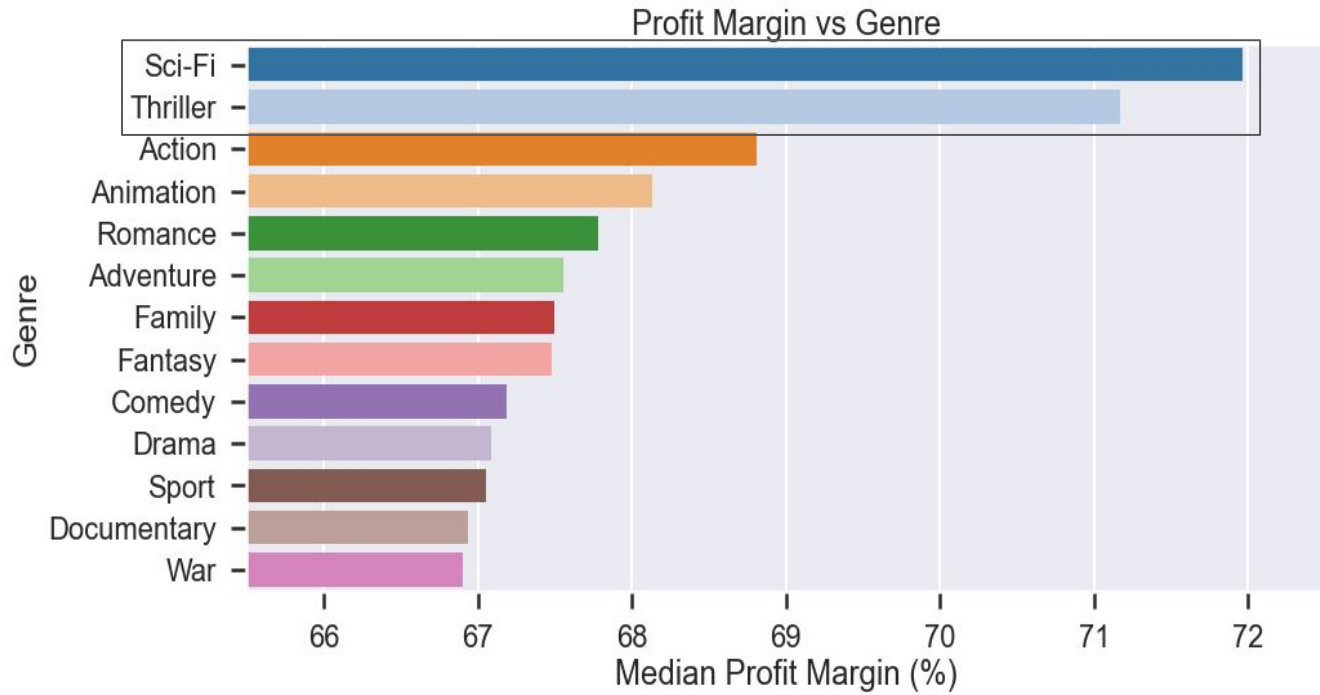
Big players in the industry;
competitors (or potentials for
co-production/ joint ventures)

Market Share by Studio

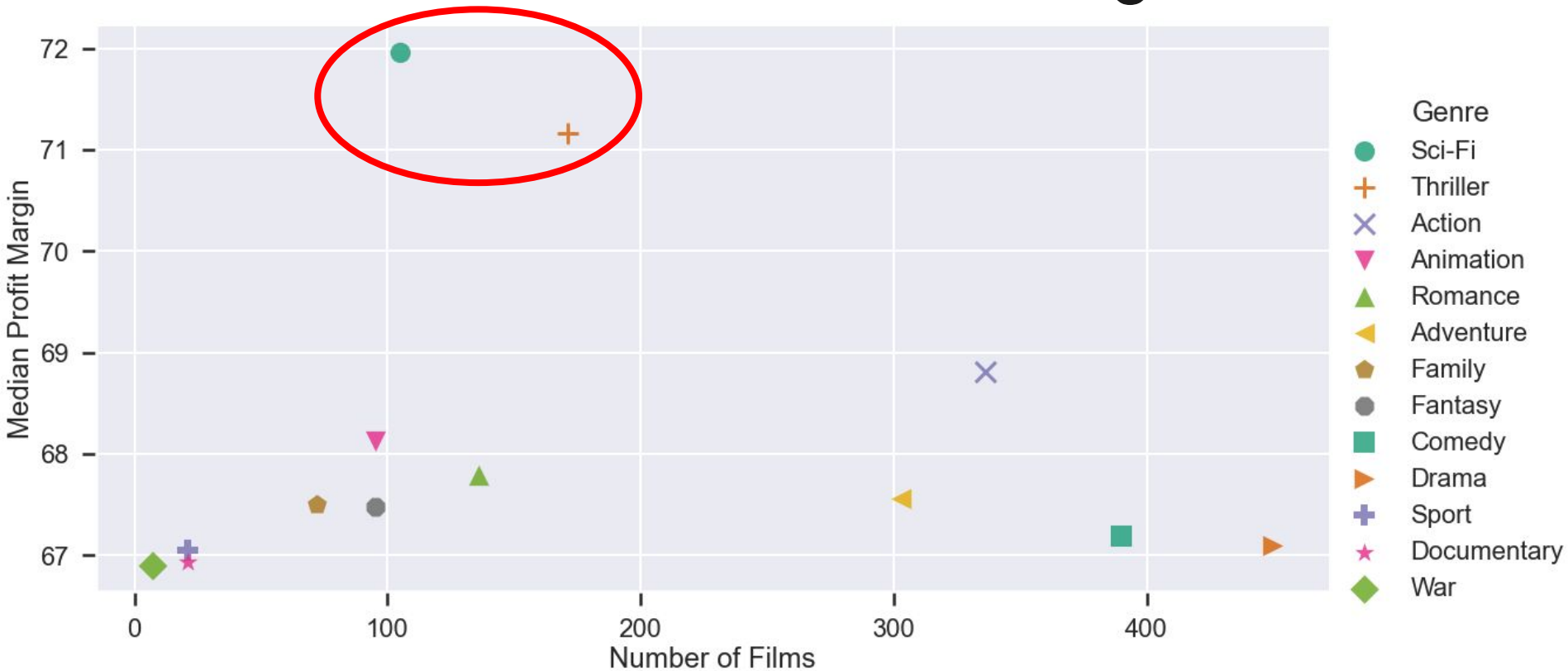


Which Genres have the best profit margins?

Sci-fi and Thriller top the list for highest margins at the box office



Market Saturation vs Profit Margin



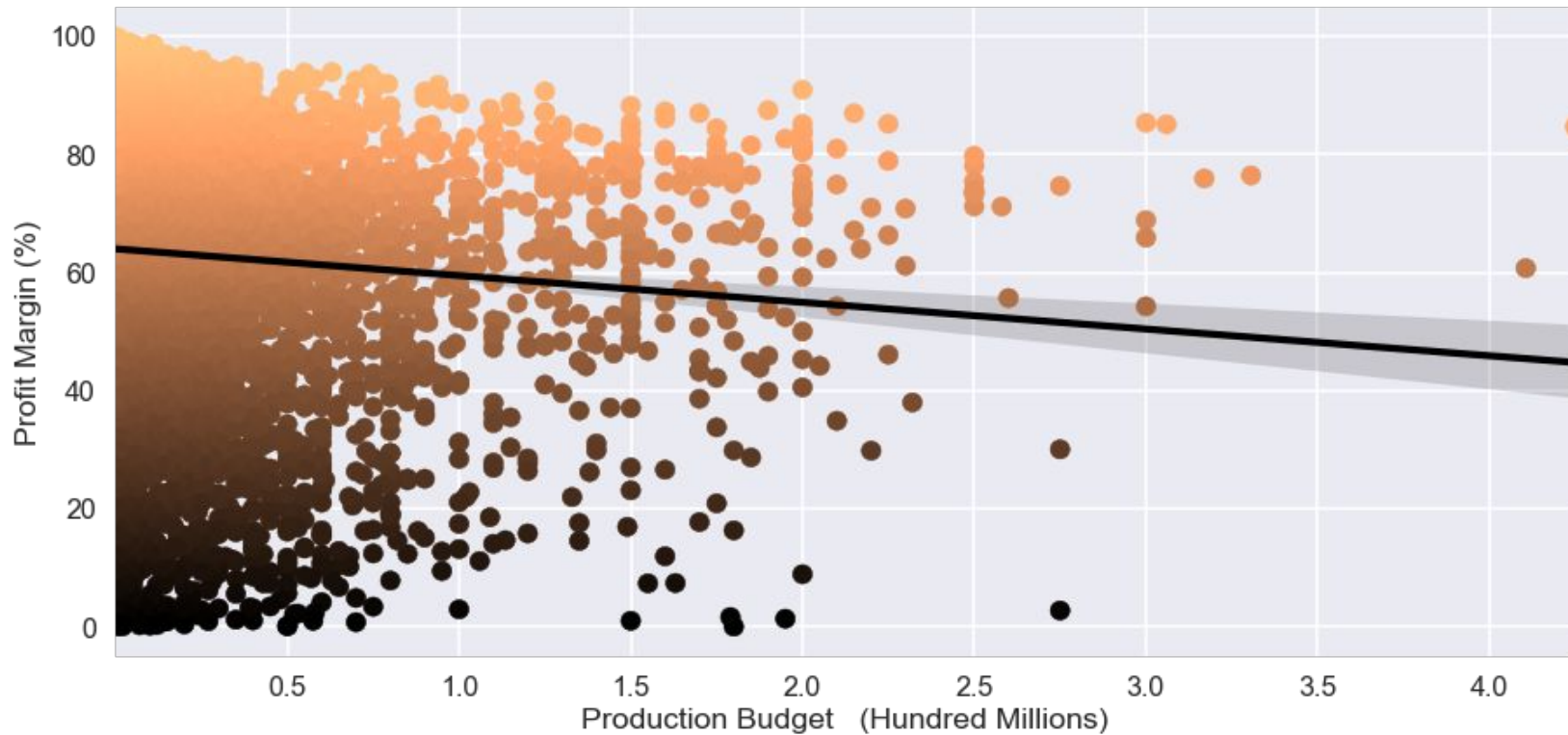


Data Driven Solution 1: Budget

What is the ideal allocation for production budget that will generate revenue and set you up for future success?



Budget vs Profit Margin





Top 10 Studios and their median profit margins

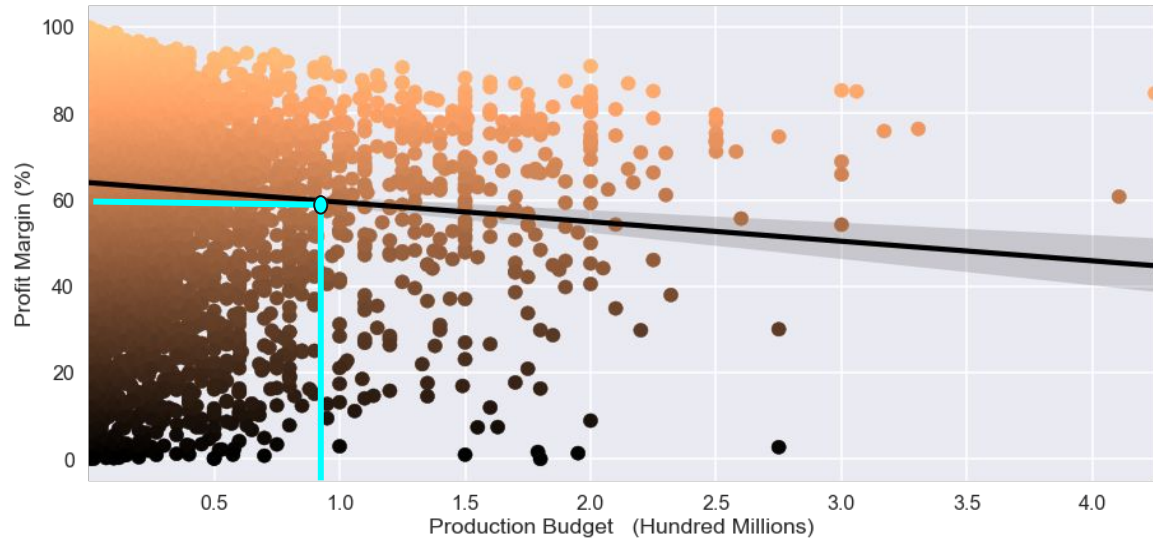
These top studios' median profit margins have an average of 60.89%, and this will be our target moving forward

Median Profit Margin	
Production Company	
20th Century Fox	63.857508
Universal	63.252301
Lionsgate	61.577909
Miramax	61.569841
Sony Sictures	61.158969
Paramount	60.630602
MGM	60.008739
New Line Cinema	58.419637
Warner Bros	57.205628
Columbia Pictures	56.371676



Ideal Budget is \$90 Million

Corresponding to a profit margin of around 61%





Data Driven Solution 2: Title Selection

Are there “buzzwords” you can use in a movie title that tend to increase revenue? Are there words to stay away from?

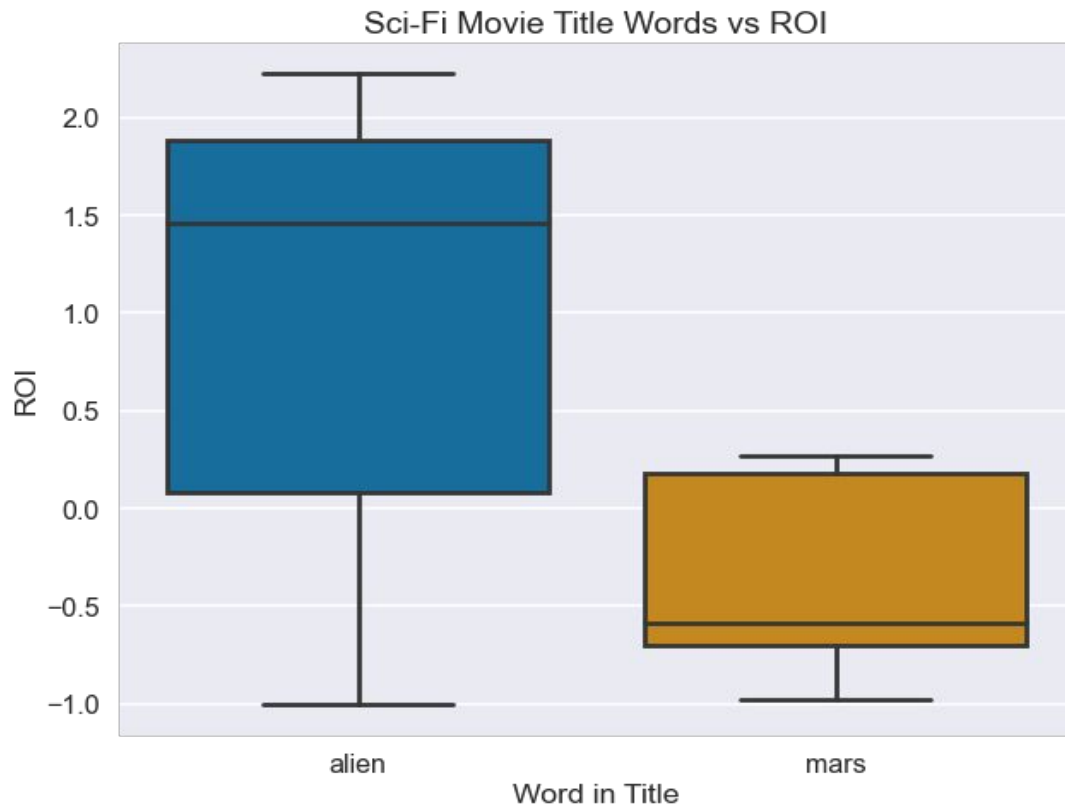




Sci-Fi

50% of movies with “alien” in the title had an ROI above 1.5

Films with the word “mars” in the title had a median *negative* ROI





Thriller

Titles with both “blood” and “dead” had median *negative* ROIs

Whereas “night” and “evil” had medians well above 1 ROI





Data Driven Solution 3: Directors

For our genres, which directors have the highest median ROI, and thus will bring the most value to the film?

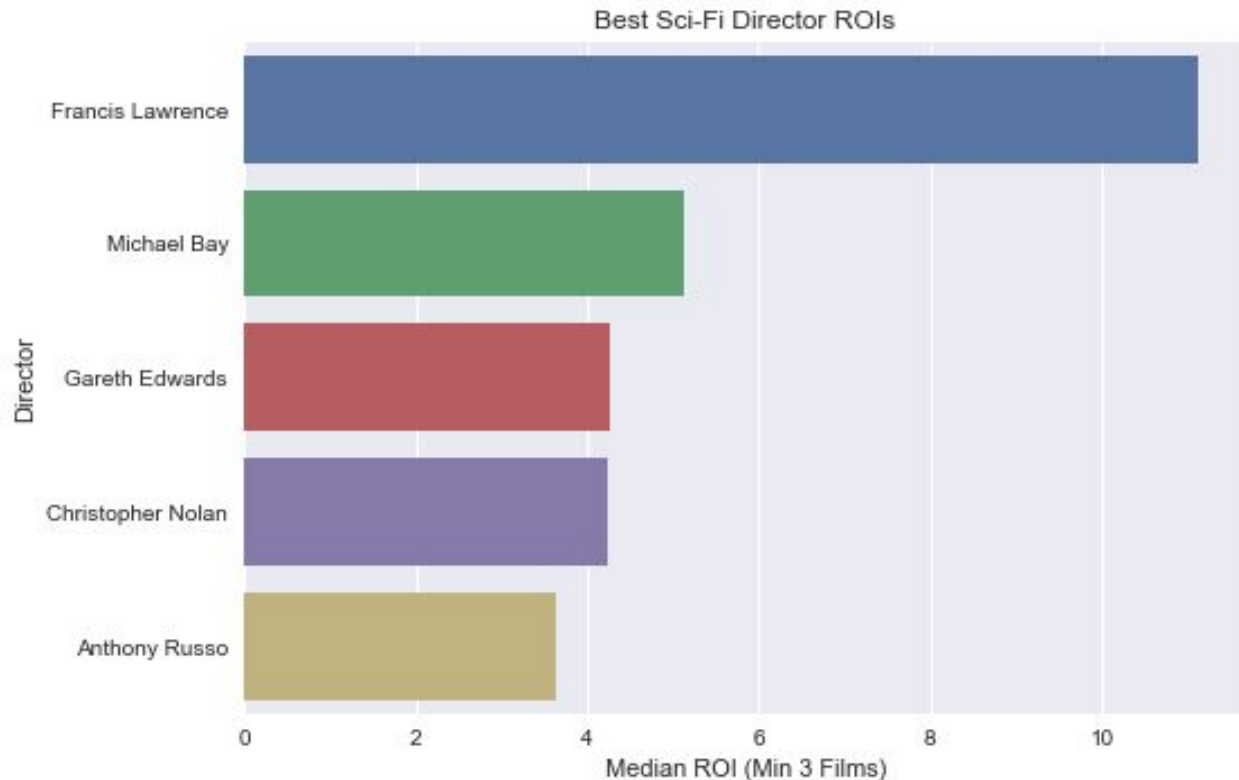




Sci-Fi

We recommend Francis
Lawrence

(The Hunger Games)

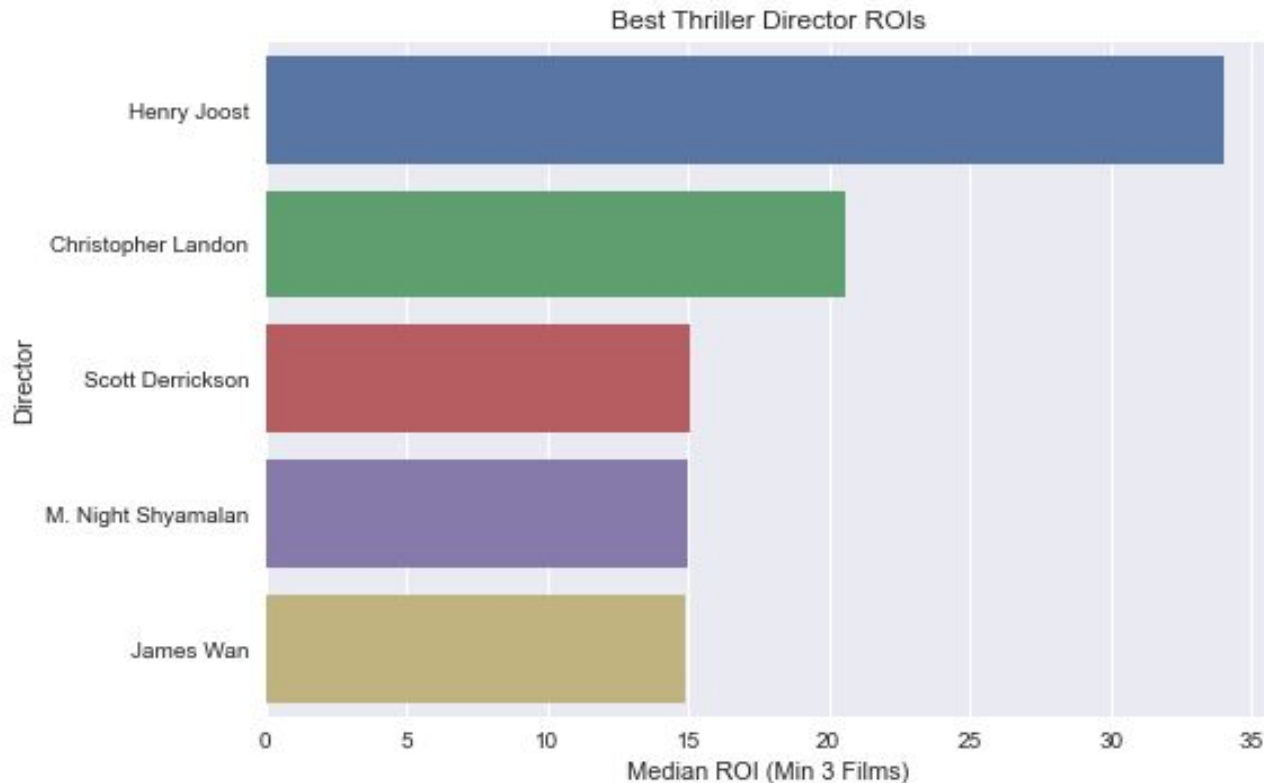
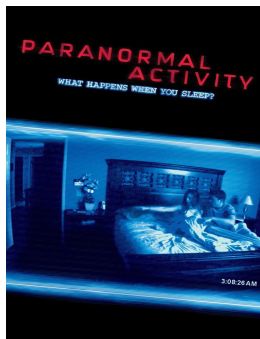




THRILLER

We recommend
Henry Joost

(Paranormal Activity)



Conclusion

1

We recommend a Thriller movie with night/evil in the title or a Sci-Fi movie with alien in the title



2

The ideal budget for this film should be around \$90 million



3

We recommend directors Francis Lawrence for Sci-Fi and Henry Joost for Thriller





Future Analysis


Analyze streaming viability

iMax/ 3D filmmaking

Web scraping for additional data

Refine title word search system

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Thank you.





Appendix



Limitations of Data

- Inflation rates from Worldwide Box office gross
- Additional expenses not included in Production Budget
- Genre categorization - films can have multiple genres



Terminology

Revenue = Worldwide Gross

Profit = Production Budget - Revenue (Worldwide Gross)

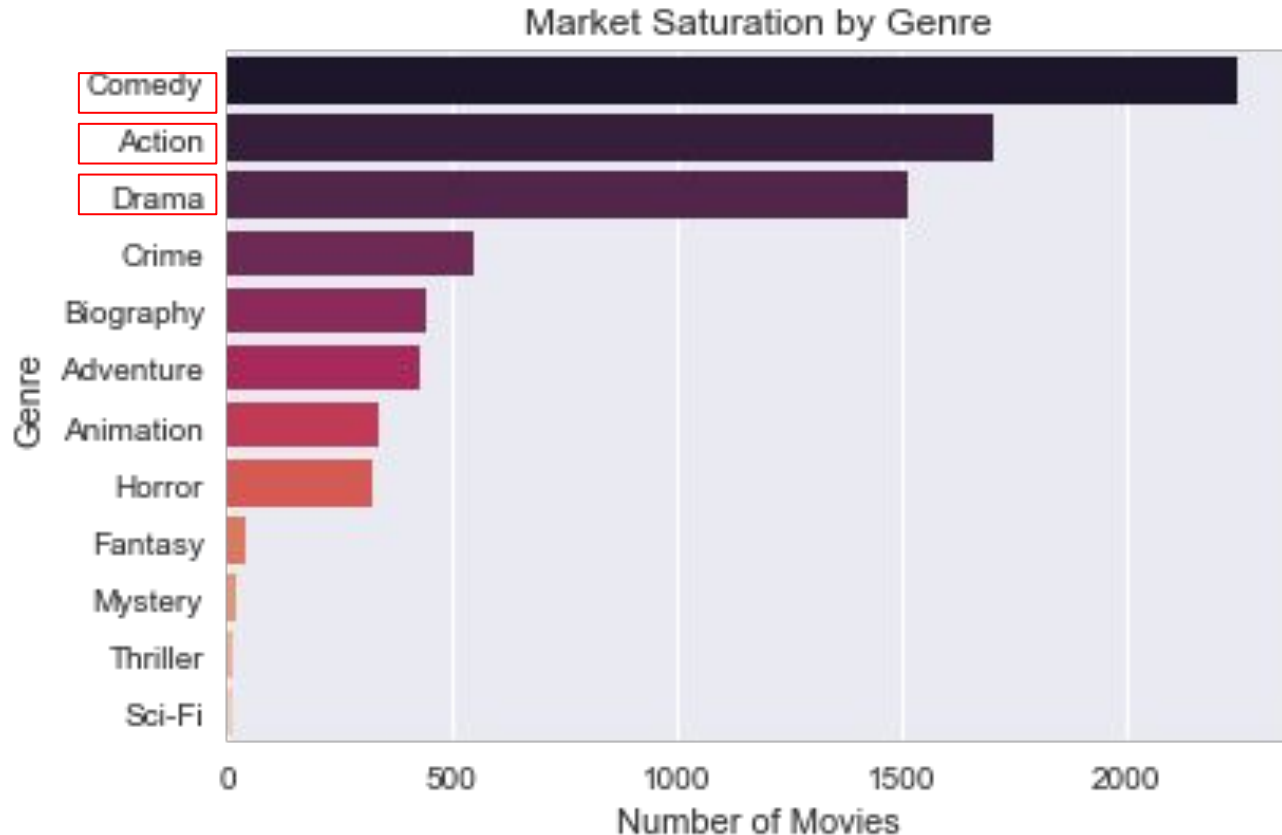
ROI = Return on investment (Profit / Production Budget)

Profit Margin = Profit / Worldwide Gross (Revenue)



Advise against Comedy, Action, Dramas

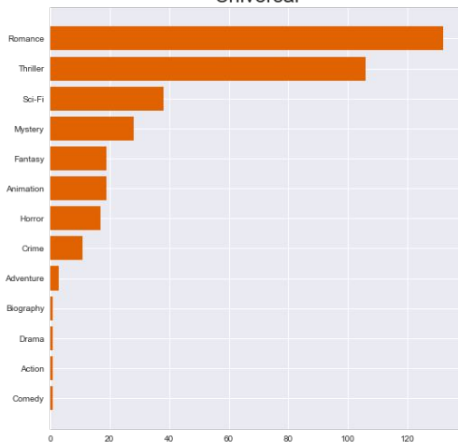
- As they are the most common type of films, we would recommend avoiding this genre due to its market saturation



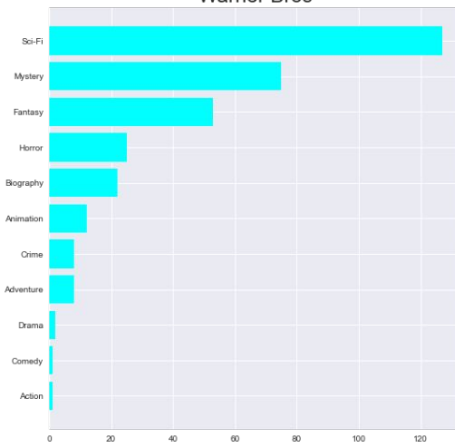


Breakdown of studio movie counts by genre

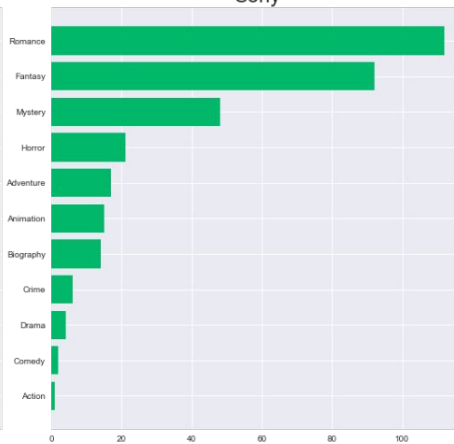
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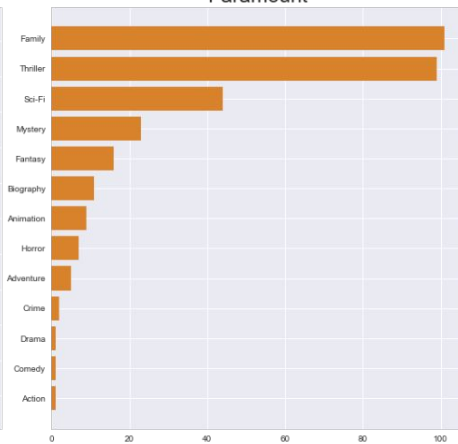
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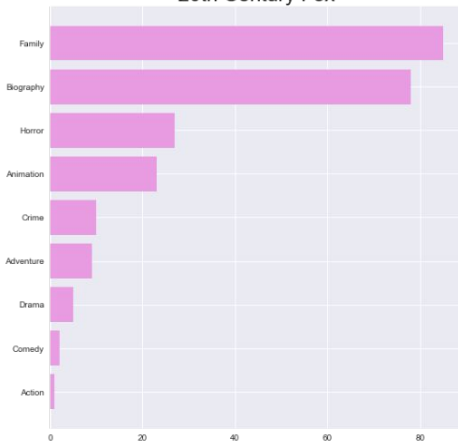
Sony



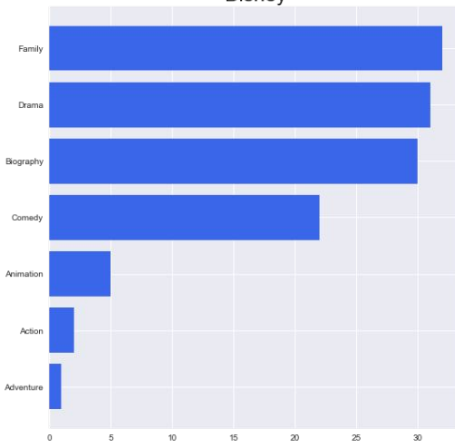
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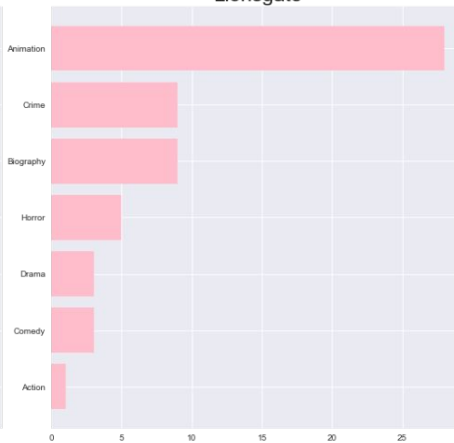
20th Century Fox



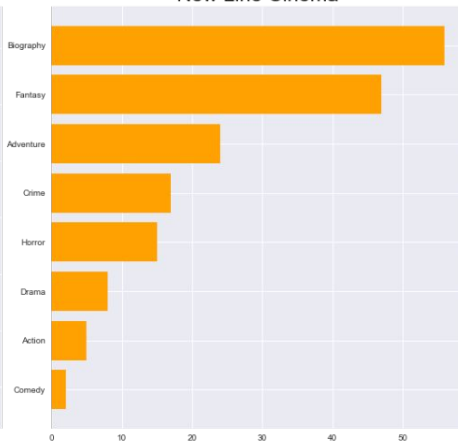
Disney



Lionsgate



New Line Cinema





Datasets

Sources from our data:

- IMDB
- Rotten Tomatoes and
- The Numbers.
- The Movie Database

The data spans the last 107 years across all continents