

# Microsoft Movie Start-up Analysis

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# **Summary**

An analysis of movies that are currently doing the best at the box office reveals which movies Microsoft new studio should produce by answering the following 3 key questions:

- 1. Which **movie genres** are most popular with viewers?
- 2. What are the **runtimes** of the most popular movie genres?
- 3. Which **month of release** of movies yields highest ratings?

#### **Outline**

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## **Business Problem**

- An investigation of the types of films currently doing the best at the box office;
- And translating the findings into insights on what kind of movies Microsoft's new studio should produce.



### **Data**

- Data used: IMDB Basics data; IMDB Ratings data and TMDB movies data.
- IMDB Basics has data on genres.
- IMDB Ratings has data on movie ratings and number of votes
- TMDB database has data on movie release dates, ratings and number of votes.



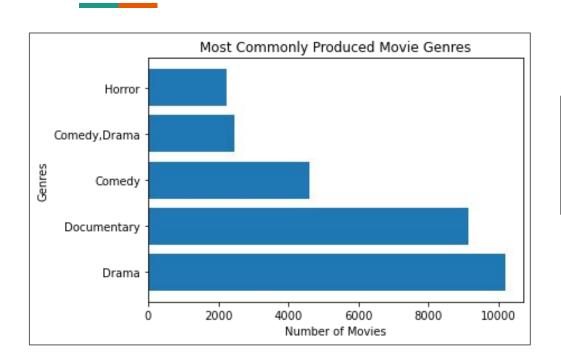
## Methods

#### **Data preparation includes:**

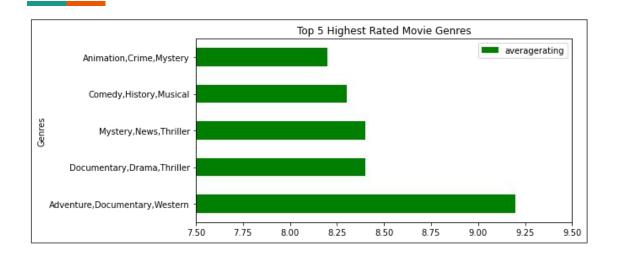
- Dropping unnecessary columns
- Merging dataframes
- Checking for duplicated data
- Checking for and dealing with missing values

### Data modeling methods include:

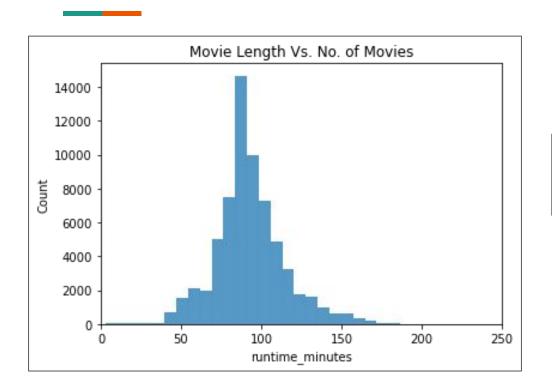
- Filtering the data by certain parameters
- Groupby with aggregation
- Changing datatype
- Creating new feature (column) to the dataframe
- Visualizations



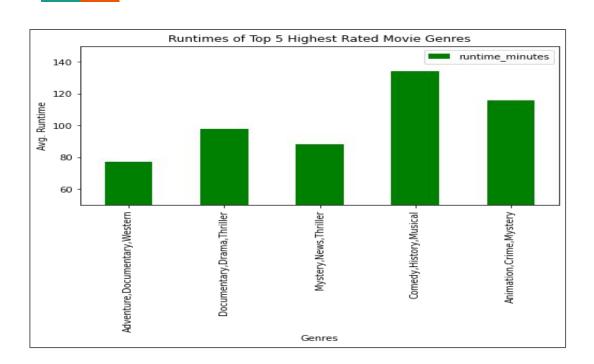
Dramas are the most commonly produced movie genre without considering ratings.



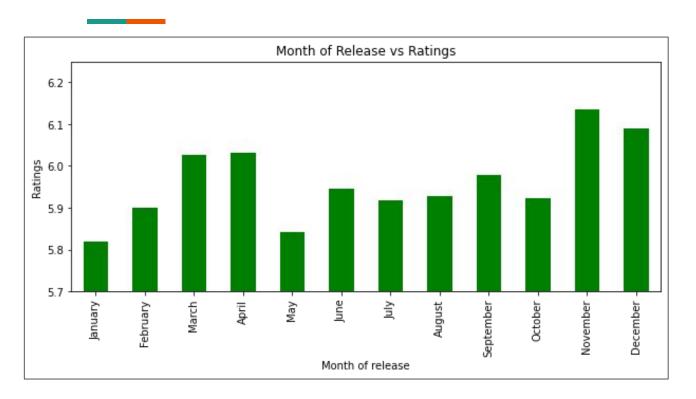
- Top 5 highest rated genres of movies differ from the top 5 most commonly produced genres.
- Adventure, Documentary & Western is the most popular genre combination.



90 minutes is the most common movie length.



77 to 134 minutes is the range of length for the top 5 highest rated movie genres



November and December are the best months to release a movie

## **Conclusions**

An analysis of movies that are currently doing the best at the box office reveals which movies Microsoft new studio should produce:

- 1. **Genres:** Pursue production of movies of these genres: Adventure, Documentary, Western; Documentary, Drama, Thriller; Mystery, News, Thriller; Comedy, History, Musical; Animation, Crime, Mystery.
- 2. **Runtimes:** Produce movies with these approximate runtimes: 77 minutes (Adventure, Documentary, Western); 98 minutes (Documentary, Drama, Thriller); 88 minutes (Mystery, News, Thriller); 134 minutes (Comedy, History, Musical); 116 minutes (Animation, Crime, Mystery)
- 3. **Month of release:** Release majority of the movies produced in November and December. Avoid releasing films in January and May as they tend to have lower ratings.

# **Next Steps**

Further analysis is recommended in the following areas for additional insights:

- **Gross earnings:** Analysis of box office gross earnings in addition to popularity (ratings), to further refine the kinds of movies to pursue.
- Production budget: An examination of production budgets per recommended movie genre, to give the client a feel of the production capital needed.
- **Streaming services:** An investigation into popularity and earnings of films produced for streaming services such as Netflix, as opposed to box office release only, to guide the client on best approaches