## PROJECT REPORT FOR

# **RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM**

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# **Project: A Movie Recommendation System**

#### **Abstract:**

Recommendation system is a tool that helps users to find content and overcome information overload. It predicts interests of users and makes recommendation according to interest model of users.

The original content-based recommender system is the continuation and development of collaborative filtering, which doesn't need the user's evaluation for items. Instead, the similarity is calculated based on the information of items that are chose by users, and then make the recommendation accordingly. With the improvement of machine learning, current content-based recommender system can build profile for users and products respectively. Building or updating the profile according to the analysis of items that are bought or visited by users. The system can compare the user and the profile of items and then recommend the most similar products. So this recommender method that compare user and product directly cannot be brought into collaborative filtering model. The foundation of content-based algorithm is acquisition and quantitative analysis of the content. As the research of acquisition and filtering of text information are mature, many current content-based recommender systems make recommendation according to the analysis of text information.

### **Functionalities of this project:**

- It can recommend movies to the user based on the content.
- Consists of database of more than thousands of movies to recommend.
- It can recommend movies based on the reviews, cast, crew and directors as well.
- It can recommend as many movies as the user likes.
- Reliable data used in this system to ensure proper recommendations.

## Introduction

A recommender system is a simple algorithm whose aim is to provide the most relevant information to a user by discovering patterns in a dataset. The algorithm rates the items and shows the user the items that they would rate highly. An example of recommendation in action is when you visit Amazon and you notice that some items are being recommended to you or when Netflix recommends certain movies to you. They are also used by Music streaming applications such as Spotify and Deezer to recommend music that you might like.

### Different types of Recommendation Systems:

The most common types of recommendation systems are **content-based** and **collaborative filtering** recommender systems. In collaborative filtering, the behaviour of a group of users is used to make recommendations to other users. The recommendation is based on the preference

of other users. A simple example would be recommending a movie to a user based on the fact that their friend liked the movie. There are two types of collaborative models **Memory-based** methods and **Model-based** methods. The advantage of memory-based techniques is that they are simple to implement and the resulting recommendations are often easy to explain. They are divided into two categories:

- User-based collaborative filtering: In this model, products are recommended to a user based on the fact that the products have been liked by users similar to the user. For example, if Derrick and Dennis like the same movies and a new movie come out that Derick like, then we can recommend that movie to Dennis because Derrick and Dennis seem to like the same movies.
- Item-based collaborative filtering: These systems identify similar items based on users' previous ratings. For example, if users A, B, and C gave a 5-star rating to books X and Y then when a user D buys book Y they also get a recommendation to purchase book X because the system identifies book X and Y as similar based on the ratings of users A, B, and C.

Content-based systems use metadata such as genre, producer, and actor, musician to recommend items say movies or music. Such a recommendation would be for instance recommending Infinity War that featured Vin Diesel because someone watched and liked The Fate of the Furious. Similarly, you can get music recommendations from certain artists because you liked their music. Content-based systems are based on the idea that if you liked a certain item you are most likely to like something that is similar to it.

# Datasets used in this project:

In this project, we used the Movie Lens dataset. This dataset was put together by the Group lens research group at the University of Minnesota. It contains 1, 10, and 20 million ratings. Movie lens also has a website where you can sign up, contribute reviews and get movie recommendations.

# Libraries used in this project:

In this movie recommendation system we used the following libraries:

#### Pandas

Pandas is a software library written for the Python programming language for data manipulation and analysis.

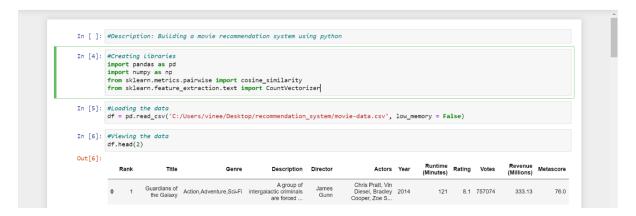
#### Numpy

This is a library for the Python programming language, adding support for large, multidimensional arrays and matrices, along with a large collection of highlevel mathematical functions to operate on these arrays.

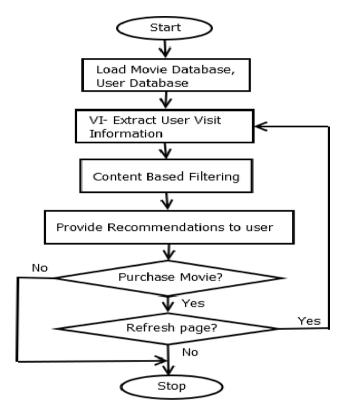
#### • Scikit-Learn

It features various classification, regression and clustering algorithms that are designed to interoperate with the Python numerical and scientific libraries NumPy and SciPy.

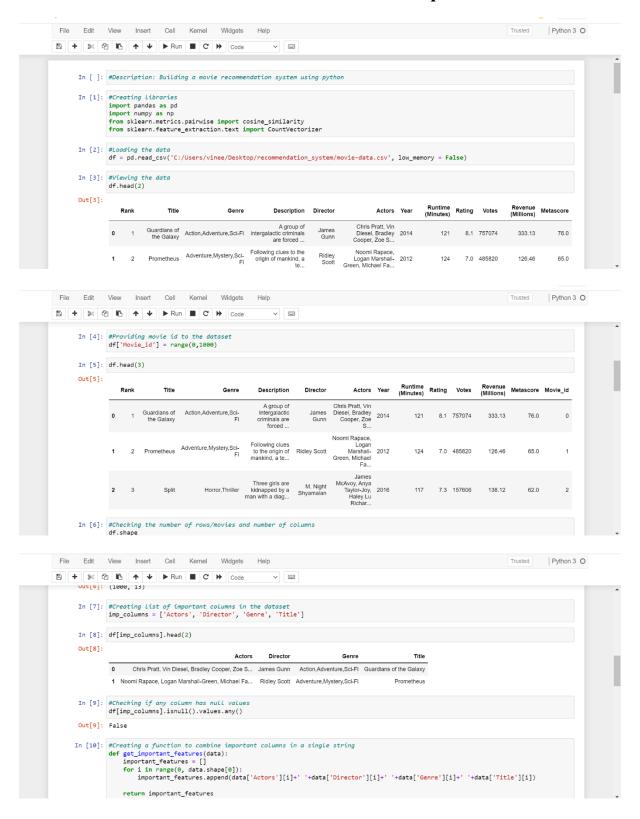
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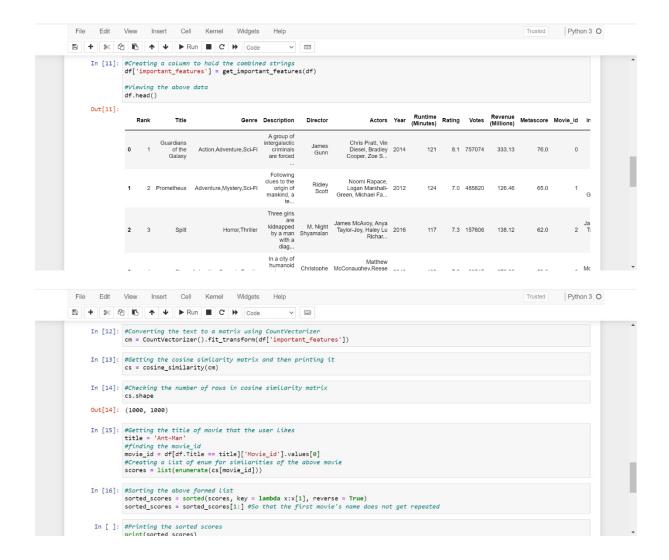


# Flowchart of the project:



# **Screenshots of code and Output:**





## **Conclusion**

#### Do we need recommendation systems?

Yes, we definitely need recommendation systems in today's world. On the Internet, where the number of choices is overwhelming, there is need to filter, prioritize and efficiently deliver relevant information in order to alleviate the problem of information overload, which has created a potential problem to many Internet users. Recommender systems solve this problem by searching through large volume of dynamically generated information to provide users with personalized content and services. This paper explores the different characteristics and potentials of different prediction techniques in recommendation systems in order to serve as a compass for research and practice in the field of recommendation systems.