

# AML 2304 – Natural Language Processing

## Movie Sentiment Analysis

### (Mid Submission)

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# Case Background

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- Movie Reviews have always been a reference point for the audience to decide whether or not to watch movies but from a production standpoint it has not been utilized to its full extent.
- This application will allow the producers in the mass media and entertainment industry to not only understand the sentiment of the audience but also the reasons behind those sentiments.
  - Behind the scenes, the application uses Natural Language Processing models along with clustering techniques to make sense of the sentiment and get the intent behind those sentiments giving deeper insights into audience opinions, preferences, and pain points.
  - Help potential clients to potentially get insights on trends in the audience's sentiment towards specific genre over the years, actors, directors which will aid them in making informed decisions.
- Dataset containing movie reviews, details of the movie (genre, budget, cast and crew, ratings) is taken from Kaggle along with the data accessible to the public on IMDb, which is used for cross-validating the data collected from Kaggle.
  - Dataset containing 500K reviews for movies

# Case Study (1/4) : Marvel Studios

Thor: Love and Thunder released in 2022 rated significantly lower than its prequel Thor: Ragnarok released in 2017



## THOR: RAGNAROK

PG-13 , 2h 10m

Action,Adventure,Sci-Fi,Fantasy,Comedy

Directed By: [Taika Waititi](#)

In Theaters: Nov 3, 2017

Streaming: Feb 17, 2018

Marvel Studios

## THOR: RAGNAROK

PG-13 2017, Action/Adventure, 2h 10m



**93%**

TOMATOMETER  
440 Reviews



**87%**

AUDIENCE SCORE  
50,000+ Ratings



## THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER

PG-13 , 2h 5m

Action,Adventure,Fantasy,Comedy

Directed By: [Taika Waititi](#)

In Theaters: Jul 8, 2022

Streaming: Sep 8, 2022

Marvel Studios, Walt Disney Pictures,  
Fox Studios Australia

## THOR: LOVE AND THUNDER

PG-13 2022, Action/Adventure, 2h 5m



**63%**

TOMATOMETER  
446 Reviews



**76%**

AUDIENCE SCORE  
10,000+ Verified Ratings

# Case Study (2/4)

Factors contributing to the movie being well received by the audience

## Thor: Ragnarok Reviews



**Murtada Elfadi**  
Sundays with Cate



Taika Waititi's irreverent humor makes this film delightful with a tongue in cheek tone.

[Full Review](#) | Original Score: B | May 1, 2020



**Brian Eggert**  
Deep Focus Review



Waititi infuses the film with such joy, fun, and candy-colored delight that its effect is energizing.

[Full Review](#) | Original Score: 3.5/4 | Mar 17, 2022



**Matthew St. Clair**  
Cinema Sentries



Thank goodness for the idiosyncratic visions of director Taika Waititi who does a complete 180 on the first two films by making Thor: Ragnarok into a superhero comedy.

[Full Review](#) | Oct 9, 2020



**Stephen A. Russell**  
The New Daily  
(Australia)



irected by New Zealand's Taika Waititi, it's the daftest movie from the comic book studio to date, shot through with the anarchically quirky humour in Waititi's films like What We Do in the Shadows, Hunt for the Wilderpeople and Boy.

[Full Review](#) | Original Score: 4/5 | Aug 19, 2020



**Yasser Medina**  
Cinefilia



Waititi has made the third movie of the famed god of thunder the funniest in the franchise. [Full review in Spanish]






[Full Review](#) | Original Score: 7/10 | Jun 27, 2020

Significant mentions of director Taika and directing style infusing comedy into the franchise in the positive reviews of the first movie

# Case Study (3/4)

## Factors contributing to the movie being criticized by the audience

### Thor : Love and Thunder Reviews

	<b>Maxance Vincent</b> Cultured Vultures	* The film is an aesthetic and storytelling mess from beginning to end, never knowing exactly what it wants to achieve while hindering most of its emotionally investing moments in favor of unfunny and irritating jokes.
<a href="#">Full Review</a>   Original Score: 3/10   Jul 13, 2022		
	<b>Mark Kermode</b> Kermode & Mayo's Film Review ★ TOP CRITIC	* The jokes, the catch-phrases, just incredibly tired...
<a href="#">Full Review</a>   Aug 3, 2022		
	<b>Sean Chandler</b> Sean Chandler Talks About	* There's plenty of great ideas here, but the movie plays too much as a comedy to take any of it seriously.
<a href="#">Full Review</a>   Original Score: C+   Jul 28, 2022		
	<b>Vincent Mancini</b> Uproxx	* Taika Waititi seems to think he can carry us through a ludicrous story on the strength of a performative comedian's confidence alone, but it's just too transparent.
<a href="#">Full Review</a>   Jul 21, 2022		
	<b>Eileen Jones</b> The Jacobin	* It seems to be trying hard and only succeeding part of the time. It could be Waititi is just getting tired.
<a href="#">Full Review</a>   Jul 21, 2022		

Significant mentions of director Taika, movie humor and story in the negative reviews of the first movie

## Case Study (4/4)

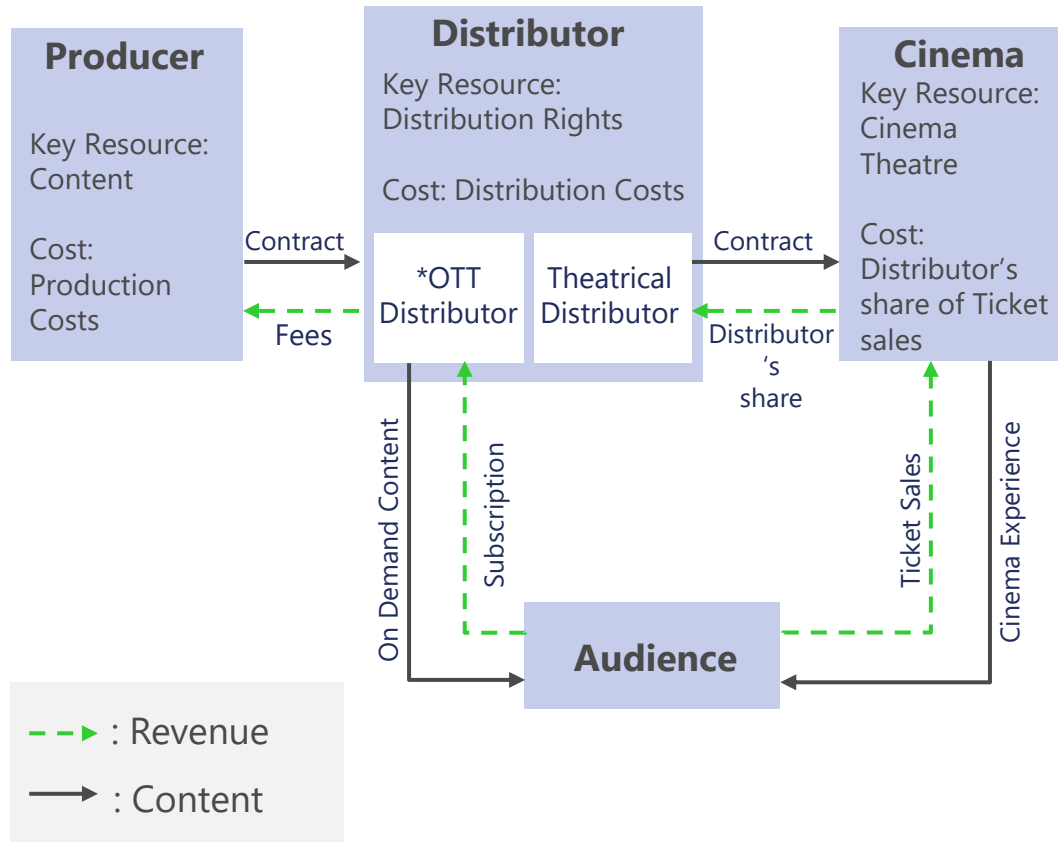
Failure of sequel along with negative reviews of movies potentially led to Director Taika Waititi's subsequent departure from the Thor franchise



# Mass Media & Entertainment Domain (1/2)

Producers, a potential customer for the movie review sentiment analyzer

## Business Model



## Details

### Description

- Movie Production Studios establish contractual relation with Distributors to distribute their original content
- Distributors own the distribution rights to movie content which is shown across cinema or OTT platforms
  - Theatrical distributors distribute film content to movie theatre for a portion of revenue generated from ticket sales
  - OTT distributors make film content available to audience on demand on their platform in exchange for subscription fees

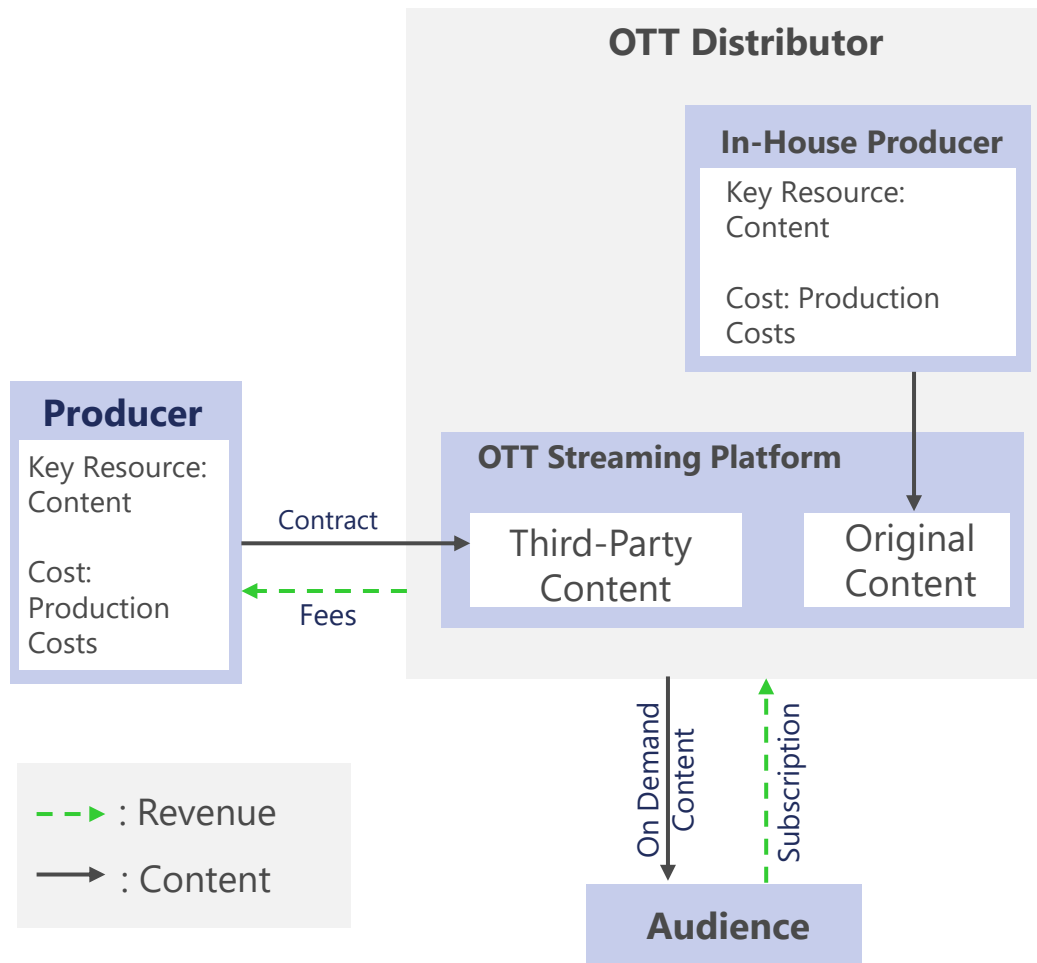
### Top Players

- Movie Production Studio:
  - The Walt Disney Studios (Global Box Office Sales: \$79B)
  - Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. (Global box Office Sales: \$48B)
  - Universal City Studios LLC (Global Box Office Sales: \$47.9B)

# Mass Media & Entertainment Domain (2/2)

Movie Review Sentiment Analyzer a useful tool for OTT Distributors Original Content creation

## Business Model



## Details

### Description

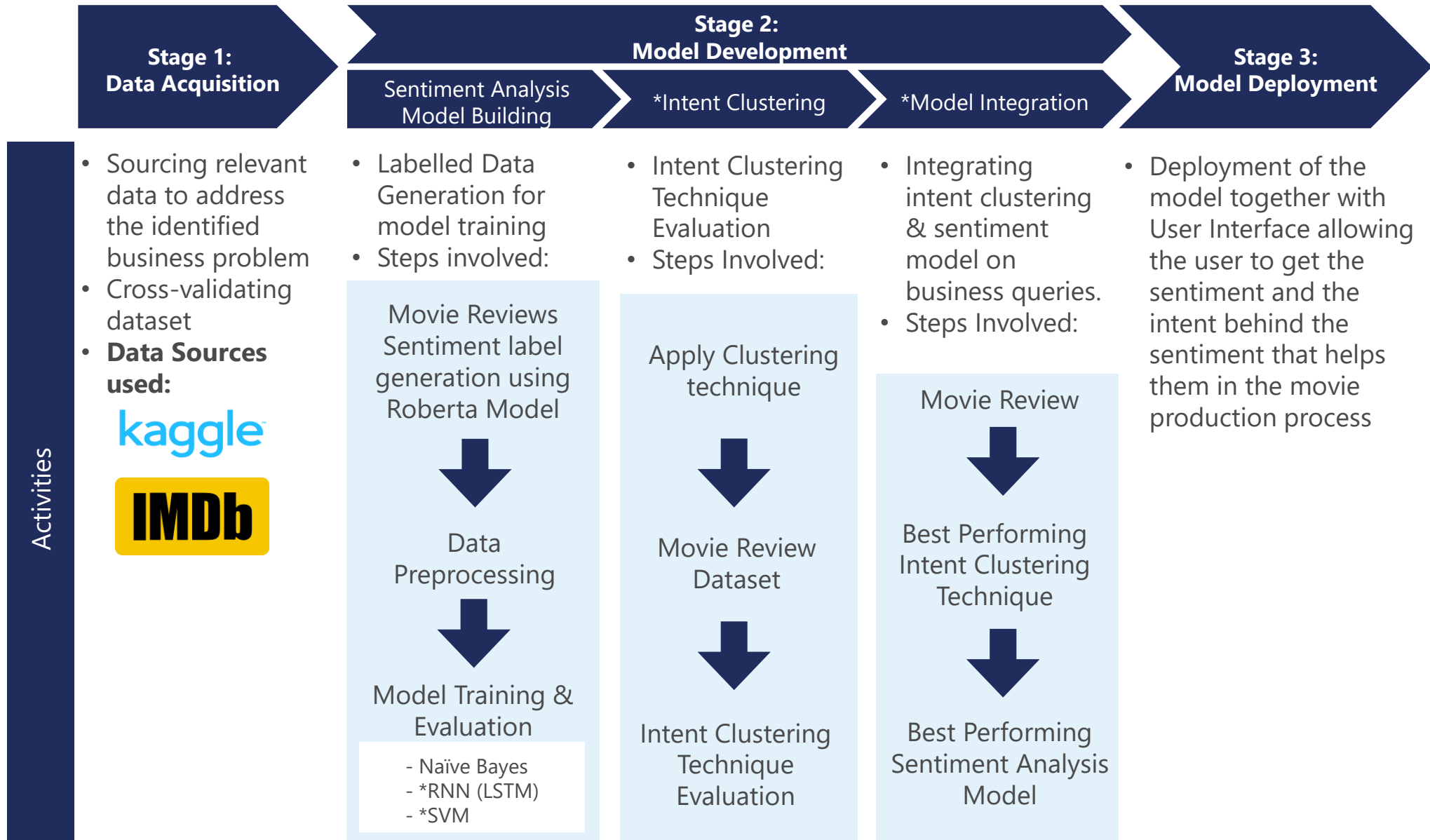
- Some OTT distributors like Netflix, Amazon prime Video, Disney+ have also entered the content production space
  - Inhouse production unit to develop and stream original content
- Subscription models adopted by popular OTT distributors:
  - Subscription Video On Demand (SVOD): Monthly plan for unlimited access to content anytime
  - Transactional Video On Demand (TVOD): Only pay for content audience want to watch
  - Hybrid Model: Combination of SVOD & TVOD

### Top Players

- OTT Distributor:
  - Netflix (Global Subscribers: 231M)
  - Amazon Prime Video (Global Subscribers: 200M)
  - Disney+ (Global Subscribers: 138M)

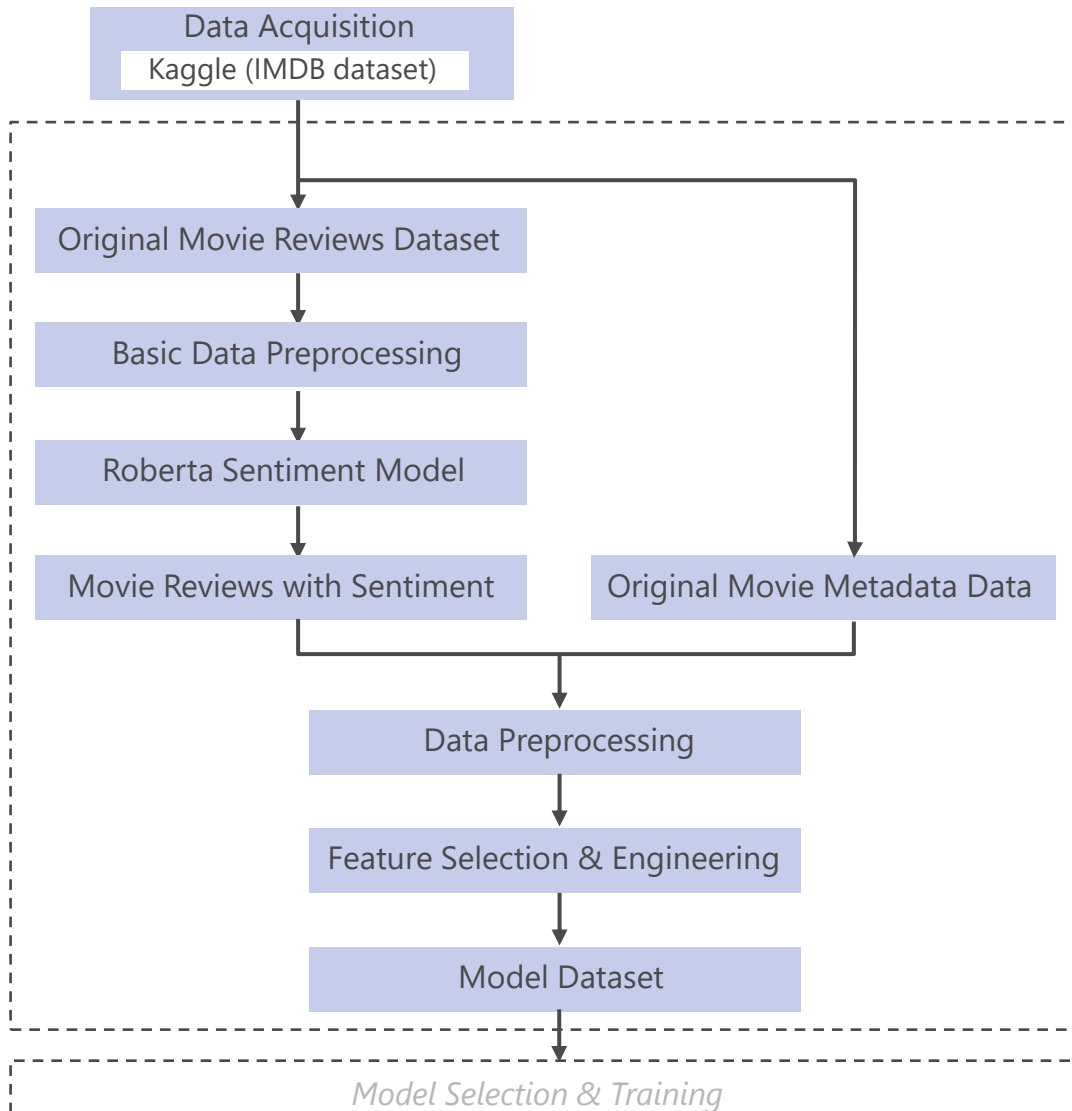


# Data Pipeline (1/3) : Overview



# Data Pipeline (2/3) : Data Preprocessing & Creation

## Data Flow



## Details

### Description

- RoBERTa Sentiment Model for generating sentiment labels on movie reviews since it has higher accuracy than Vader

### Data Pre-Processing

- Null values and duplicate records
- \*\* Non-grammatical text (emails and URLs)
- Non-ascii and diacritics characters
- Emojis, Slangs and \* Abbreviations
- Word contractions
- Name Entity Recognition
- \*Spellchecker and \* POS Tagging
- Lowercasing and \*\* whitespaces
- Non-alphanumeric characters
- \*\* Stopwords and lemmatization (Spacy)

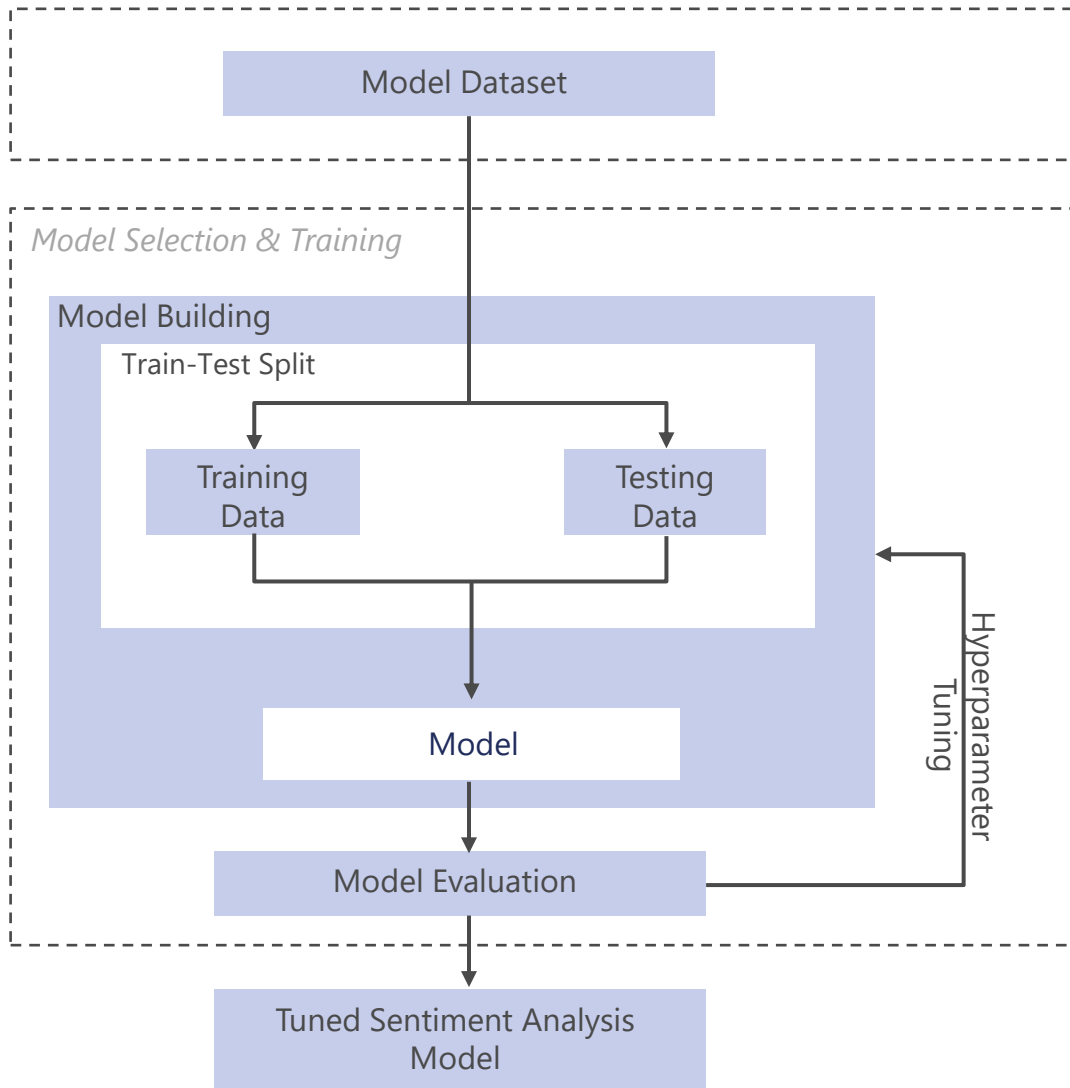
### Feature Selection & Engineering

- Count Vectorizer (better than TF-IDF)
- Label encoding:  
Sentiment Labels → Numbers
  - 0: Negative
  - 1: Neutral
  - 2: Positive

\* Excluded from the most recent sentiment analysis model  
\*\* Basic data pre-processing used on sentiment generator for movie reviews

# Data Pipeline (3/3) : Model Building and Evaluation

## Data Flow



## Details

### Model Creation

- Employed **Multinomial Naïve Bayes** for the initial model as it is robust for overfitting
- Percentage of training data : 80%

### Model Evaluation

- Classification Report
  - Accuracy: 0.71
  - **Precision**: 0.64 (Negative), 0.63 (Neutral), 0.78 (Positive)
  - Recall
  - F1-score
- \*ROC curve and AUC:
  - 0.88 (Negative, Positive), 0.76 (Neutral)

### Hyperparameter Tuning

- GridSearchCV for hyperparameter tuning
- Parameter: Alpha

*Note: Minor change when adjusting alpha; higher alpha values improve accuracy, while lower alpha values improve precision. Alpha 1 has an optimal balance across accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score*

# Project Board Walkthrough

## Using Github's Project to create Kanban Board for model development

The screenshot displays a GitHub Project Board for the 'Movie Sentiment Analysis' project, configured as a Kanban board. The board is organized into six columns representing different stages of the workflow:

- Todo (5 items):** This column contains tasks that have not yet started. The tasks listed are:
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #51: Handle word abbreviations
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #57: Conduct model interpretability and tuning
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #54: Configure server/env to deploy and execute python scripts in main, test and dev
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #55: Create python script to be deployed and executed in prod, test and dev environments
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #56: Build user interface for sentiment analysis
- In Progress (9 items):** This column contains tasks that are currently being worked on. The tasks listed are:
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #48: Add data visualization for further data analysis
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #72: Execute the sentiment generator to add label on each review
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #49: Build model for sentiment analysis
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #50: Evaluate model for sentiment analysis
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #52: Finalize project objectives and business related information
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #53: Create slides for mid-point presentation
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #58: Conduct data analysis and visualization to understand the data and reduce dataset
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #61: Optimize NER process
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #60: Optimize word lemmatization process
- Blocker (2 items):** This column contains tasks that are blocked or put on hold. The tasks listed are:
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #40: Fix spelling errors
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #41: POS Tagging
- Done (8 items):** This column contains tasks that have been completed for development. The tasks listed are:
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #38: Handle missing values and duplicate records
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #42: Handle word contractions, slangs and emojis
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #39: Remove non-grammatical text (basic regular expressions)
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #45: Remove whitespaces and punctuations (add'l regular expressions) and lower case texts
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #46: Apply word lemmatization
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #62: Remove stopwords
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #43: Removing NER from the movie reviews
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #44: Extract NER from the movie reviews
- For Testing (0 items):** This column is currently empty, representing tasks ready for testing.
- Closed (3 items):** This column contains tasks that are deployed in production or completed. The tasks listed are:
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #37: Data gathering for movie metadata and reviews
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #47: Initial research on techniques and models for sentiment analysis model
  - Movie-Sentiment-Analysis #67: Build script to add sentiment label on each review

Each task card includes a title, a description, and a small icon representing the task's status or category. The board also features a search bar at the top right and a filter bar at the top left.

\* Project Board for Movie Sentiment Analysis: <https://github.com/users/abccastro/projects/1>

# Team's Best Practices

- **Feature Breakdown:** Dividing features into smaller tasks for better prioritization and more manageable components
- **Distributed Responsibilities:** Assigning tasks to individual team members to ensure clear responsibility and accountability
- **Project Progress Checkpoint:** Conducting regular team meetings, via MS Teams or in person, for updates, blockers and planning next task
- **Model Development Workflow:** Leveraging \* GitHub as a model development repository, adhering to industry standards with distinct branches for production, testing, development, and tasks, and conducting code reviews before merging



\* Movie Sentiment Analysis repository: <https://github.com/abccastro/Movie-Sentiment-Analysis>



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