

Revitalizing Rural Cinema: A Data-Driven Recommendation Engine

Market Analysis & Technical Strategy

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The Mission



Context



The Client:

A local cinema in La Creuse, Nouvelle-Aquitaine.



The Problem:

Declining attendance and a need for digital transformation.



The Goal:

1. Analyze the local market (Cold Start).
2. Build a "testable" movie recommendation engine.
3. Create a dashboard for decision-making.



Key Insight: We are not building Netflix; we are building a tool for a specific, aging, rural demographic.

Market Research - The “Creuse” Context

Demographics



Underpopulated region (115,529 inhabitants).



Aging population: Over 45s make up >50% of the populace.



Primary audience: Retirees and families living in couples.

Cinema Landscape



Small ecosystem: Only 9 cinemas in the region; absence of large franchises.



Current Status: Low attendance indices, though post-COVID numbers are rising.

User Preferences: The “Why” behind the Data

Content is King



French Films: Perform exceptionally well locally.



Language Barrier: 70% preference for "Version Française" (VF).



Top Genres: Strong preference for **Drama** and **Comedy** (specifically French humor).

Behavior



Cinema is viewed as a **social activity** "good for morale" (9 French out of 10), driven by trailers and internet searches.

From Insights to Strategy

The “Cold Start” Strategy



Since we have no user history, we use **Content-Based Filtering** tuned to our Market Research.

Data Cleaning Rules



Language Weight: Prioritize films with `original_language = 'fr'` or major blockbusters likely to be dubbed.



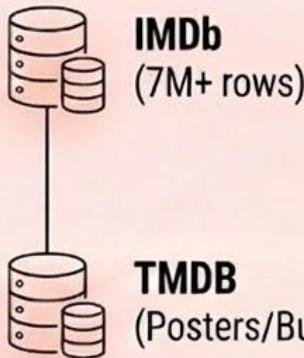
Genre Focus: Boost weights for '**Drama**' and '**Comedy**' in the vectorization process.



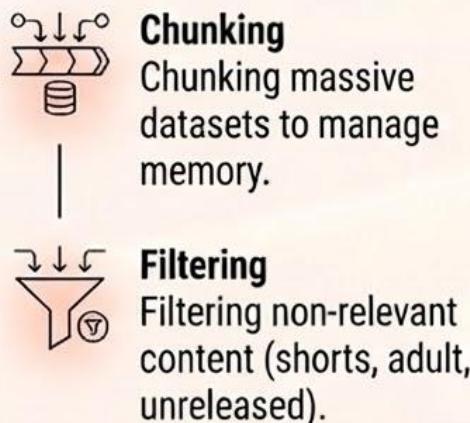
Era Sensitivity: Do not aggressively penalize older films (**1980-2000**) given the 45+ demographic.

Technical Architecture

Data Source:



ETL Pipeline:



The Engine:

Library: Scikit-Learn
(NearestNeighbors or CosineSimilarity).

Features: Genres, Actors, Directors, Keywords.

The App:

Streamlit
(Recommendation, Dashboard)

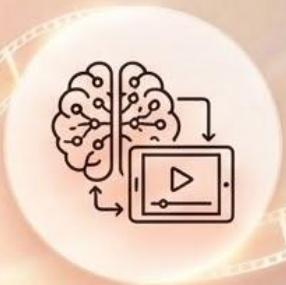
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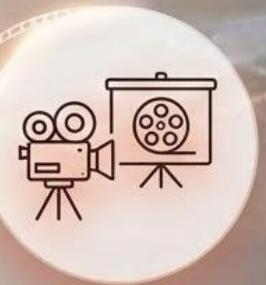
Phase 1 (Done): Market Research & User Persona Definition.



Phase 2 (Current): Data Cleaning & Feature Engineering (Pandas).



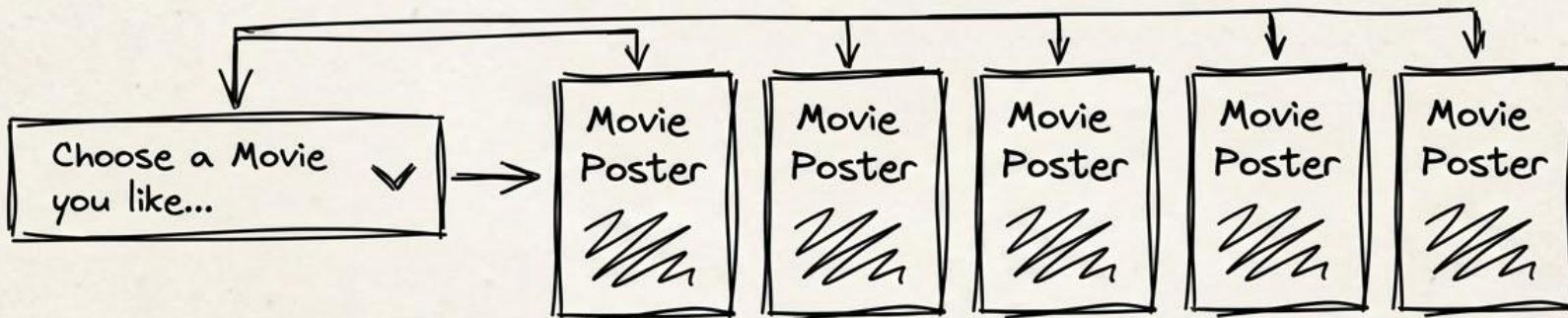
Phase 3: Model Training & Streamlit Interface Development.



Phase 4: Client Demo (using *Anatomy of a Fall* as the calibration test).

The Interface Concept

70% French Content.



Thank you

