# **Microsoft Studios Business Insights**

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### **Business Problem:**

Microsoft intends to add a movie studio division to its business portfolio. In doing so it needs insights into how it can maximize profit and minimize cost within this new division of its rather large company.

## Stakeholders:

- a) C-suite employees (e.g., CEO, CFO, etc.) who will need to ensure profitability and lack of drain on the companies overall resources.
- b) Potential new employees, especially those who will run this new division. Because it takes exceptional organizational skills and industry knowledge to run a movie studio, Microsoft will need to vie for that talent. Showing that they have researched the business problem and received valuable insights, will help lure in those most qualified to launch this new studio. Demonstrating that the company has taken the effort to attain these insights also shows qualified candidates that they can rely upon C-suite employees to provide necessary resources (e.g., money, physical resources, physical space and further talent.) In other words C-suite will be demonstrating their willingness to support this new division by taking the initiative to gather preliminary insights.
- c) Potential writers, directors, cinematographers, etc. who will want to know that they if they sign on for individual or prolonged contracts, that there work, talent and time won't be wasted by a studio that is ill-equipped to produce what they are working on.

# **Conclusions:**

Month vs. ROI:

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# **Library Imports**

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In [1]: import numpy as np
   import pandas as pd
   import seaborn as sns
   from scipy import stats

   from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
   %matplotlib inline

plt.style.use('fivethirtyeight')
```

# **Data Imports**

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In [2]:
        ! ls
        CONTRIBUTING.md ROI_min_1.png
                                           ROI month.png
                                                            student.ipynb
        LICENSE.md
                         ROI min 2.png
                                           ROI mos.png
                                                            zippedData
        README.md
                         ROI min 3.png
                                           Untitled.ipynb
        ROI by month.png ROI min 4.png
                                           awesome.gif
In [3]: !ls zippedData
        bom.movie_gross.csv.gz
                                      imdb.title.ratings.csv.gz
        imdb.name.basics.csv.gz
                                      rt.movie_info.tsv.gz
        imdb.title.akas.csv.gz
                                      rt.reviews.tsv.gz
        imdb.title.basics.csv.gz
                                      tmdb.movies.csv.gz
        imdb.title.crew.csv.gz
                                      tn.movie_budgets.csv.gz
        imdb.title.principals.csv.gz
```

#### **Data Sources:**

The two csv's in the cell below were gathered from data from <a href="https://www.imdb.com">https://www.imdb.com</a> (<a href="https://www.imdb.com">https://www.imdb.com</a>) and <a href="https://www.the-numbers.com">https://www.the-numbers.com</a>), respectively. IMDB stands for internet movie database and overlaps nicely with The Numbers website. That is demonstrated by the keys of the two csv's below. The first csv provides relevent genre data and the 2nd csv provides relevent financial data. Both csv's provide info on release dates.

By merging the two datasets, I was able to compare these four important areas of interest:

1) Return on Investment ('ROI') 2) 'Release Month' 3) Movie length ('runtime\_minutes') 4) Genre ('genres') By pivoting the latter three factors against the first factor (ROI), I was able to generate the insights demonstrated below and described above (see Conclusions).

Relevance of the four areas of interest: By comparing release month, movie length and genre with ROI, I look to find the optimal release months, movie lengths and genres to maximize ROI. In finding these optimal recommendations, I can advise Microsoft on which types (genres) and lengths of movies to make and when to release them, in order to maximize ROI/profit. (Of note, movie length can of course be tweaked post-filming via editing and release month has some "play" to it as well. Genre is the only area of interest that must be decided upon in advance of production (i.e., at the time of buying a script).

#### Limitations of data:

There is an extremely high number of unique genres within the IMDB dataset, as well as sometimes innacurate genre labeling which required investigation of individual movies to understand their content and reassign their genre.

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In [4]: imdb_title_basics = pd.read_csv('zippedData/imdb.title.basics.csv.gz')
    tn_movie_budgets = pd.read_csv('zippedData/tn.movie_budgets.csv.gz')

#I imported and explored each of the csv's/tsv's in zippedData.
#I have simply removed that code to simplify my notebook and make it easier
#These were the two csv's I found useful and retained here.
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In [5]: print(imdb title basics.keys())
        print(tn movie budgets.keys())
        #As described above, I chose these two csv's because of the relevent keys p
        Index(['tconst', 'primary title', 'original title', 'start year',
               'runtime minutes', 'genres'],
              dtype='object')
        Index(['id', 'release_date', 'movie', 'production_budget', 'domestic_gros
        s',
               'worldwide gross'],
              dtype='object')
In [6]: print(imdb title basics.shape)
        print(tn_movie_budgets.shape)
        \# 	ext{As} can be seen the the IMDB dataframe has 146,000 rows and 6 columns, wher
        #The Numbers dataframe has 1,920 rows and 10 columns. Each row corresponds
        #although this rwo count may reduce after cleaning the data to remove dupli
        (146144, 6)
        (5782, 6)
In [7]: #I will present the descriptive statictics for both 'ROI' and 'Release Mont
        #I manipulate the data to generate those two columns/features
In [8]: imdb title basics['runtime minutes'].describe()
        #Notice the interguartile range of 70-99 and the extremely high max runtime
        #indicating at least one outlier. Also, this is obviously a numerical varia
        #to the one explored directly below, which is categorical.
Out[8]: count
                 114405.000000
        mean
                     86.187247
        std
                    166.360590
        min
                      1.000000
        25%
                     70.000000
        50%
                     87.000000
        75%
                     99.000000
                  51420.000000
        max
        Name: runtime minutes, dtype: float64
In [9]: | imdb title basics['genres'].describe()
        #Genres is a categorical variable with over 1,085 unique genres within this
        #That is one problematic aspect of this dataset and will be dealt with belo
        #of 'genres' listed as a mixture of individual genres. The most common genr
        #which has a frequency of 32,185.
Out[9]: count
                       140736
        unique
                         1085
        top
                  Documentary
        freq
                        32185
        Name: genres, dtype: object
```

# **Data Preparation:**

(I will do some of my data cleaning while preparing my third visualation, as it is labor intensive and requires me to scan the dataframe and hard code some changes, due to poor labelling of genres. I will explain more below.)

- In [10]: tn\_movie\_budgets['production\_budget'] = tn\_movie\_budgets['production\_budget
  tn\_movie\_budgets['domestic\_gross'] = tn\_movie\_budgets['domestic\_gross'].str
  tn\_movie\_budgets['worldwide\_gross'] = tn\_movie\_budgets['worldwide\_gross'].s
  #I removed dollar signs and converted the above three column types to int i
  #use these colmns for the ROI calculation in the cell below.
- In [11]: tn\_movie\_budgets['ROI'] = ((tn\_movie\_budgets['worldwide\_gross'] tn\_movie\_
  tn\_movie\_budgets = tn\_movie\_budgets.sort\_values('ROI', ascending = False)

  #I have calculated ROI (and created its complementary column) and sorted th
  #in a descending fashion.
- In [12]: tn\_movie\_budgets['Release Year'] = tn\_movie\_budgets['release\_date'].str[-4:
   tn\_movie\_budgets['Release Year'] = tn\_movie\_budgets['Release Year'].astype(
   tn\_movie\_budgets['Release Month'] = tn\_movie\_budgets['release\_date'].str[:3

   tn\_movie\_budgets = tn\_movie\_budgets[tn\_movie\_budgets['Release Year'] > 2009

  #I have created a second new column within this data frame ('Release Year')
   #of the 'release date' and converting its type to int. I then culled the da
   #movies released after 2009. I have also created a third new column ('Relea
   #first three characters of the 'release date.' That column will consist of
   #remain a string.

  tn\_movie\_budgets.head() #sanity check

#### Out[12]:

	id	release_date	movie	production_budget	domestic_gross	worldwide_gross	
5679	80	Jul 10, 2015	The Gallows	100000	22764410	41656474	41556.474
5211	12	Jan 6, 2012	The Devil Inside	1000000	53262945	101759490	10075.949
5062	63	Apr 1, 2011	Insidious	1500000	54009150	99870886	6558.059
5213	14	Apr 17, 2015	Unfriended	1000000	32789645	64364198	6336.419
4664	65	Oct 20, 2010	Paranormal Activity 2	3000000	84752907	177512032	5817.067

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In [13]: imdb title basics.rename(columns={"primary title":"movie"}, inplace = True)
         #I renamed 'primary title' as simply 'movie' to prepare the IMDB dataframe
         # on the column now named 'movie' in both dataframes.
         tn imdb merge = tn movie budgets.merge(imdb title basics, how='inner', on='
         \# I have merged the two dataframes via an inner merge (to ensure that no \mathtt{cel}
         print("Merged dataframe shape:")
         print(tn imdb merge.shape)
         #The shape of this new merged dataframe is \, 2,352 rows by 14 columns. As on
         #(movies) have been culled by the inner merge.
         print("Unique Genres of merged dataframe:")
         print(tn imdb merge['genres'].nunique())
         #As can also be seen, the number of unique genres has also been quite signi
         unique genres = list(tn imdb merge['genres'].value_counts().index)
         #created for potential later use
         tn imdb merge = tn imdb merge.drop duplicates(subset='movie')
         print("Merged dataframe shape after dropping of any duplicates:")
         print(tn imdb merge.shape)
         print("Unique genres of merged dataframe after dropping of any duplicates:"
         print(tn_imdb_merge['genres'].nunique())
         #As can be seen dropping of duplicates culled the merged dataframe even fur
         #and thus 53 unique genres.
```

```
Merged dataframe shape:
(2604, 14)
Unique Genres of merged dataframe:
301
Merged dataframe shape after dropping of any duplicates:
(1798, 14)
Unique genres of merged dataframe after dropping of any duplicates:
260
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# In [14]: tn\_imdb\_merge.head() #sanity check

#### Out[14]:

	id	release_date	movie	production_budget	domestic_gross	worldwide_gross	ROI
0	80	Jul 10, 2015	The Gallows	100000	22764410	41656474	41556.474000
1	12	Jan 6, 2012	The Devil Inside	1000000	53262945	101759490	10075.949000
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3	14	Apr 17, 2015	Unfriended	1000000	32789645	64364198	6336.419800
4	65	Oct 20, 2010	Paranormal Activity 2	3000000	84752907	177512032	5817.067733

```
In [15]: tn imdb merge['ROI'].describe()
         #Now that I have calculated the ROI and created a corresponding column, I {\sf c}
         #This is a continuous/numerical variable and has an interquartile range of
         #That the lower end of the interquartile range is negative deserves notice
         #number of films lose value (i.e., they cost more to make than they reap in
         #Nonetheless, the mean ROI is quite high (239.022785), indicating that the
         #the production cost.
         #Thus relatively high mean, but negative 25th percentile indicates a heavil
         #The extremely high max also hints at this and certainly indicates some out
Out[15]: count
                   1798.000000
                    236.674994
         mean
         std
                   1135.637760
         min
                   -100.000000
         25%
                    -71.100244
         50%
                     71.307498
         75%
                    263.051658
                  41556.474000
         max
         Name: ROI, dtype: float64
In [16]: | tn_imdb_merge['Release Month'].describe()
         #Unsurprisingly, there are 12 unique release months. The month in which mov
         #December, with a frequency of 186. This is obviously a categorical variabl
```

# Name: Release Month, dtype: object

unique

top

freq

Out[16]: count

# Finding 1:

Release Month vs. ROI:

**Data Analysis:** 

1798

12

Dec

211

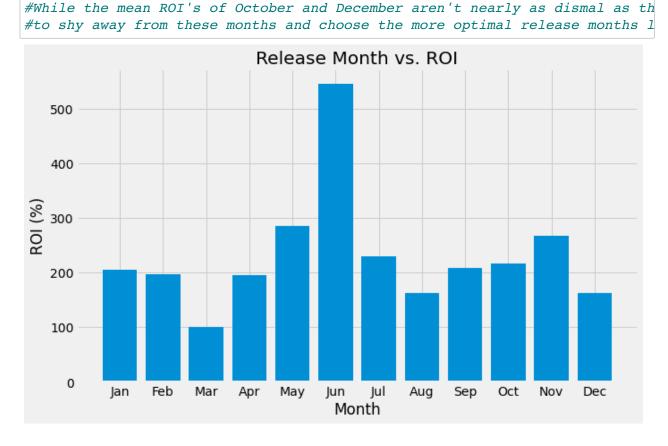
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In [17]: ROI mean month = tn movie budgets.groupby('Release Month', as index=False)[
         #I have grouped by release month and found the mean of that group, assignin
         months = ['Jan', 'Feb', 'Mar', 'Apr',
                   'May', 'Jun', 'Jul', 'Aug',
                   'Sep', 'Oct', 'Nov', 'Dec']
         #I have created a second variable consisting of month abbreviations in stri
         fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (10,6))
         ax.bar(x = months, height = ROI_mean_month['ROI'])
         #I have used the above variables as my x and y in the below visualized bar
         ax.set title('Release Month vs. ROI')
         plt.xlabel('Month')
         plt.ylabel('ROI (%)')
         #proper labelling
         plt.savefig('ROI mos.png')
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    #ax = sns.scatterplot(x = tn_imdb_double_merge['averagerating'], y = tn_imd
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In [22]: #fig, ax = plt.subplots()
    #ROI_list = list(tn_imdb_double_merge['ROI'])
    #tn_imdb_double_merge.hist(column=['ROI'])
    #ax.hist(ROI_list, bins=300)
    #ax.hist(tn_imdb_merge[tn_imdb_merge['runtime_minutes'] < 150]['runtime_min</pre>
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# Finding 2:

Runtime vs. ROI:

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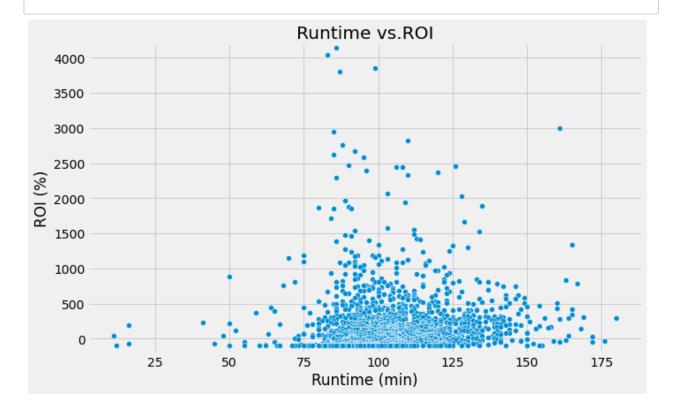
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    ax = sns.scatterplot(x= tn_imdb_merge['runtime_minutes'], y= tn_imdb_merge[
    ax.set(ylim=(-200, 4200))

ax.set_title('Runtime vs.ROI')
    plt.xlabel('Runtime (min)')
    plt.ylabel('ROI (%)')
    #proper labelling

plt.savefig('ROI_min_1.png')

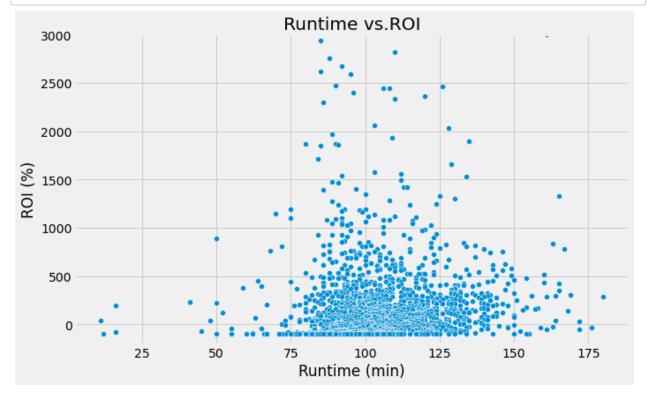
#This scatter plot potentially shows an ROI peak roughly between 80 and 140
    #outliers, and the fact that NO ROI can sit below -100, thus creating an int
#I will cull the highest ROI outliers and regraph in the cell below.
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    ax = sns.scatterplot(x= tn_imdb_merge['runtime_minutes'], y= tn_imdb_merge[
    ax.set(ylim=(-200, 3000))

ax.set_title('Runtime vs.ROI')
    plt.xlabel('Runtime (min)')
    plt.ylabel('ROI (%)')
    #proper labelling

plt.savefig('ROI_min_2.png')
    #I will continue to cull the highest ROI outliers.
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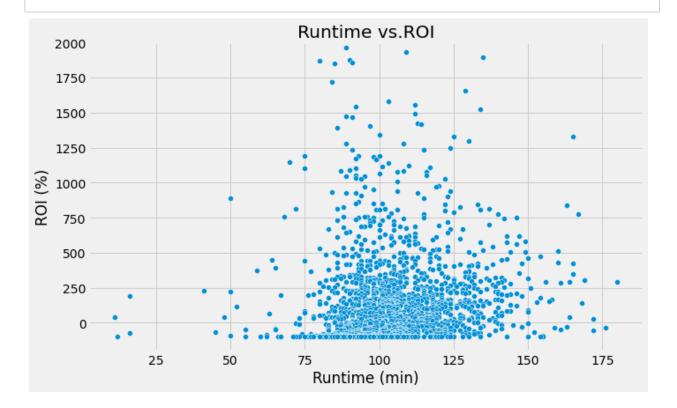
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In [25]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (10,6))
    ax = sns.scatterplot(x= tn_imdb_merge['runtime_minutes'], y= tn_imdb_merge[
    ax.set(ylim=(-200, 2000))

ax.set_title('Runtime vs.ROI')
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    plt.ylabel('ROI (%)')

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plt.savefig('ROI_min_3.png')

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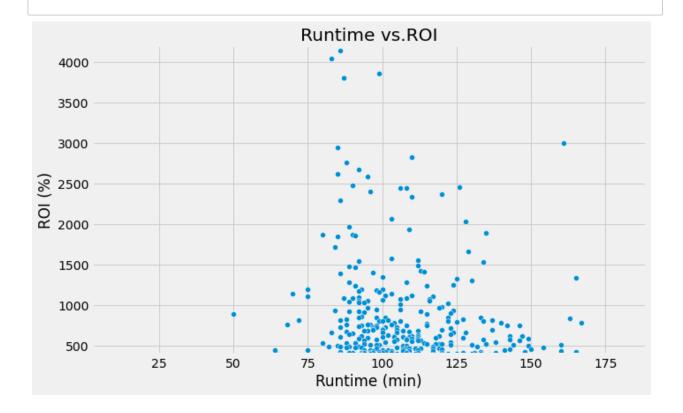
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In [26]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (10,6))
    ax = sns.scatterplot(x= tn_imdb_merge['runtime_minutes'], y= tn_imdb_merge[
    ax.set(ylim=(400, 4200))

ax.set_title('Runtime vs.ROI')
    plt.xlabel('Runtime (min)')
    plt.ylabel('ROI (%)')
    #proper labelling

plt.savefig('ROI_min_4.png')

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In [27]: #I need to continue cleaning the data at this point, as mentioned above.
         tn_imdb_merge['genres'] = tn_imdb_merge['genres'].str.replace('Horror,Thril
         tn_imdb_merge['genres'] = tn_imdb_merge['genres'].str.replace('Drama, Horror
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         tn imdb merge['genres'] = tn imdb merge['genres'].str.replace('Drama, Horror
         # I reassigned all three of these mixed genres as horror films. My logic wa
         #film is, by and far, the most attractive and unattractive aspect such film
         # "Horror" within a film also overloads the viewers senses, via fear-based
         #"Drama" or "Mystery." I also chose to eliminate "Thriller" from mixed genr
         #synonymous with "Horror," but perhaps once again indicating less intense r
         tn imdb merge.at[5, 'genres'] = 'Horror'
         #I hard-coded/reset this genre by hand from 'Comedy,Romance,Sport' to 'Horr
         #completely wrong. According to Wikipedia, "Split is a 2016 American psycho
         # source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Split (2016 American film)
         tn imdb merge.at[21, 'genres'] = 'Horror'
         #I hard-coded/reset this genre by hand from 'Drama' to 'Horror' because the
         #According to Wikipedia, "Lights Out is a 2016 American supernatural horror
         # source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lights Out (2016 film)
         # "A Ghost Story" at index 29, despite being a mixed genre is accurately la
         #plot. source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A Ghost Story
         tn_imdb_merge.at[30, 'genres'] = 'Horror'
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         #completely wrong. According to Wikipedia, "Truth or Dare...is a 2018 Ameri
         #horror film..." source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Truth or Dare (2018
         #I also read the full plot description and agreed with Wikipedia's descript
         tn imdb merge.at[36, 'genres'] = 'Horror'
         #I hard-coded/reset this genre by hand from 'Action,Comedy,Horror' to 'Horr
         #completely wrong. According to Wikipedia, "You're Next is a 2011 American
         #horror film..." source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/You%27re Next
         #I also read the full plot description and agreed with Wikipedia's descript
         tn imdb merge top = tn imdb merge.iloc[:26, :]
         #tn imdb merge.groupby(by=['genres'])
         print(tn imdb merge top['genres'])
         tn imdb merge.head(26)
         #Of importance here is how many of these movies were inappropriately assign
         #This presents a problem in the data and to my surprise with IMDB's genre a
         #Once I researched the top 25 films, it became clear that almost all of the
         #assigned the genre of "Horror." While this may seem to overstep some bound
         #script is presented for purchase the reader is not thinking about 2-4 genr
         #violence and horror. The same concept applies to the audience. I would als
         #movie, they care little about any secondary or tertiary romantic plotline,
         #end up murdered at some point within the plot. In short, and rather simpli
         #for the...HORROR. I thus reassigned some of these genre labels in order to
         #eliminate confusing, convoluted genre assignments.
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0	Horror
1	Horror
2	Horror
3	Horror
4	Horror
5	Horror
11	Horror
12	Drama
14	Horror
15	Horror
16	Horror
17	Horror
18	Action, Biography, Drama
20	Horror
21	Horror
26	Horror
28	Horror
29	Drama, Fantasy, Romance
30	Horror
36	Horror
37	Comedy,Drama
38	Drama, Romance
39	Horror
40	Drama, Thriller
41	Horror
42	Drama
Name:	genres, dtype: object

## Out[27]:

	id	release_date	movie	production_budget	domestic_gross	worldwide_gross	RC
0	80	Jul 10, 2015	The Gallows	100000	22764410	41656474	41556.47400
1	12	Jan 6, 2012	The Devil Inside	1000000	53262945	101759490	10075.94900
2	63	Apr 1, 2011	Insidious	1500000	54009150	99870886	6558.05906
3	14	Apr 17, 2015	Unfriended	1000000	32789645	64364198	6336.41980
4	65	Oct 20, 2010	Paranormal Activity 2	3000000	84752907	177512032	5817.06773
5	50	Jan 20, 2017	Split	5000000	138141585	278964806	5479.29612
11	49	Feb 24, 2017	Get Out	5000000	176040665	255367951	5007.35902
12	64	Oct 21, 2016	Moonlight	1500000	27854931	65245512	4249.70080
14	18	May 25, 2012	Chernobyl Diaries	1000000	18119640	42411721	4141.17210
15	51	Oct 21, 2011	Paranormal Activity 3	5000000	104028807	207039844	4040.79688
16	84	Oct 3, 2014	Annabelle	6500000	84273813	256862920	3851.73723
17	15	Aug 27, 2010	The Last Exorcism	1800000	41034350	70165900	3798.10555
18	56	Dec 21, 2016	Dangal	9500000	12391761	294654618	3001.62755

	id	release_date	movie	production_budget	domestic_gross	worldwide_gross	RC
20	67	Jun 7, 2013	The Purge	3000000	64473115	91266581	2942.21936
21	55	Jul 22, 2016	Lights Out	5000000	67268835	148806510	2876.13020
26	69	Oct 12, 2012	Sinister	3000000	48086903	87727807	2824.26023
28	59	Oct 19, 2012	Paranormal Activity 4	5000000	53900335	142817992	2756.35984
29	86	Jul 7, 2017	A Ghost Story	100000	1594798	2769782	2669.78200
30	91	Apr 13, 2018	Truth or Dare	3500000	41411015	95127344	2617.92411
36	17	Aug 23, 2013	You're Next	1000000	18494006	26887177	2588.71770
37	73	Jun 15, 2012	Your Sister's Sister	120000	1597486	3090593	2475.49416
38	43	Jun 6, 2014	The Fault in Our Stars	12000000	124872350	307166834	2459.72361
39	36	Oct 19, 2018	Halloween	10000000	159342015	254900667	2449.00667
40	46	Dec 3, 2010	Black Swan	13000000	106954678	331266710	2448.20546
41	58	Oct 13, 2017	Happy Death Day	5000000	55683845	125010260	2400.20520
42	66	Aug 28, 2015	War Room	3000000	67790117	73975239	2365.84130

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In [28]: tn_imdb_merge_top['genres'].value_counts()
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Out[28]: Horror 19
Drama 2
Drama,Romance 1
Action,Biography,Drama 1
Drama,Fantasy,Romance 1
Drama,Thriller 1
Comedy,Drama 1
Name: genres, dtype: int64
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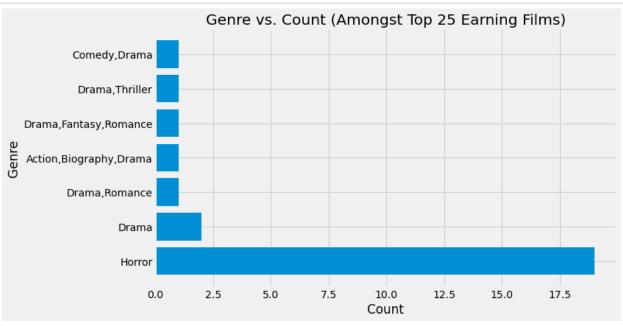
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In [29]: tn_imdb_merge_top['genres'].value_counts()

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize = (10,6))
ax = plt.barh(tn_imdb_merge_top['genres'].value_counts().index,tn_imdb_merg

plt.title('Genre vs. Count (Amongst Top 25 Earning Films)')
plt.ylabel('Genre')
plt.xlabel('Count')
#proper labelling

plt.savefig('ROI_mos.png')

#After reassigning inappropriate genre labels, I found that 18 of the top 2
#2010 were Horror films. 2 of the top earners were Dramas. Of the remaining
#following (mixed) genres: 'Drama,Romance', 'Action,Biography,Drama', 'Drama
#'Drama,Thriller.' Noticeably, the common denominator to all of these is...
#I would thus recommend to Microsoft studios that they focus heavily on acq
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# Thank for taking the time to read this notebook and my findings and recommendations.