Natural Language Processing

*For **sentiment analysis** in the **video game market***

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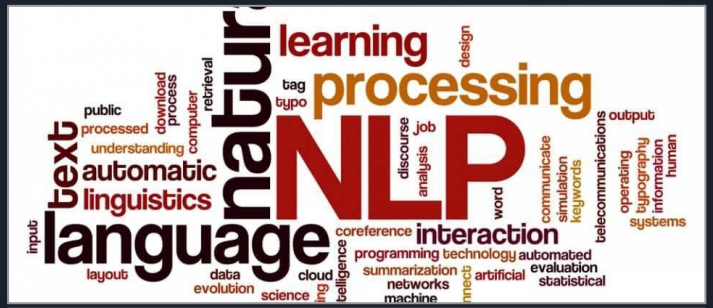
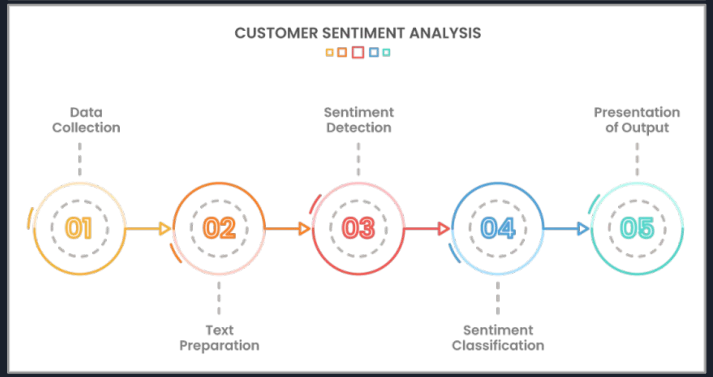
Business Case

Methods:

- **Analysis of user reviews** of video game products
- **Natural Language Processing** techniques to extracting sentiment and key terms from text





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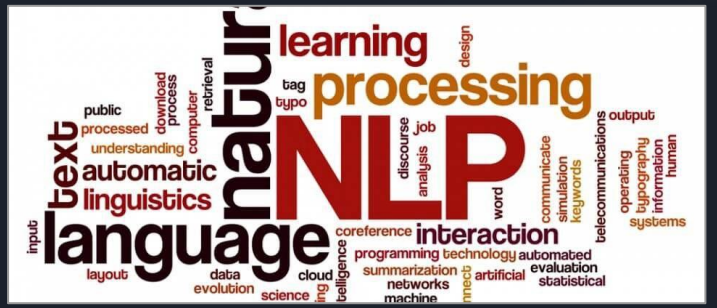
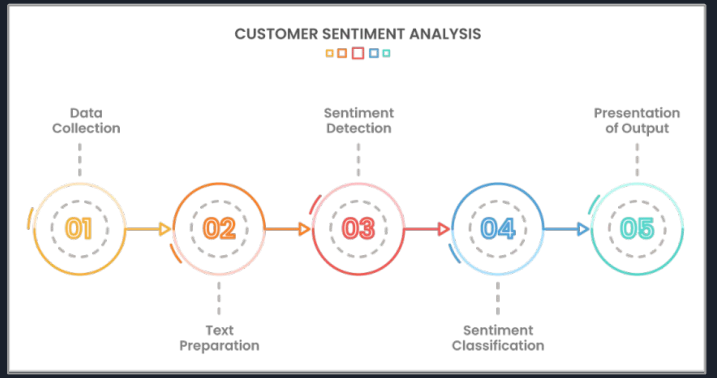
Goal:

- **Identifying products that perform well or poorly** according to user feedback and the factors behind it
- Useful alongside sales numbers and active player counts for a **deeper analysis of the video game market**





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Dataset Overview

- Dataset sourced from **Kaggle**
- User reviews from **Steam**
  Largest video game store
  on PC/Mac/Linux
- **370,000 reviews**
  on **36,000 games**
- Rating system:
  - Recommended / Not Recommended

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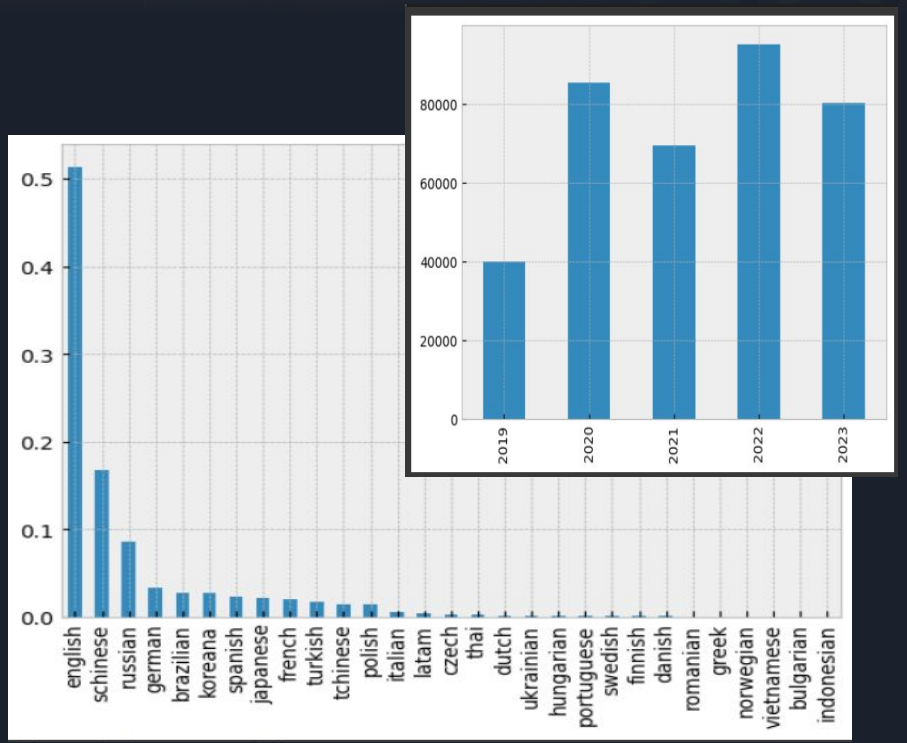
- Published between **2019 and 2023**
- **29 languages**
  51% English, 16% Chinese, 8% Russian, 25% other

➢ English only:
190,000 reviews on **28,000 games**



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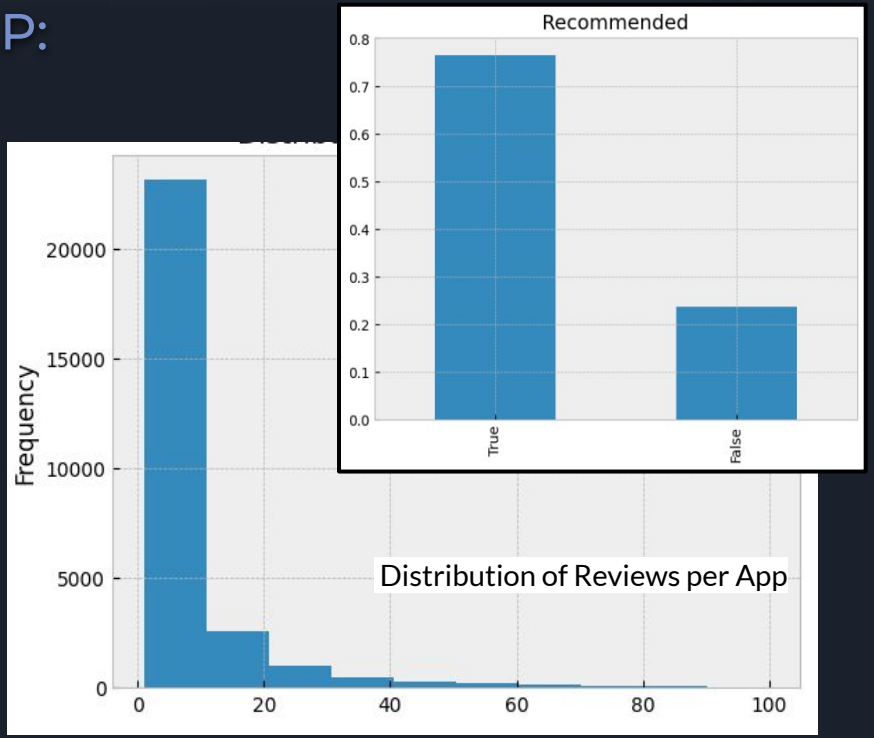
Feature Selection for NLP:

- [x] **Review Text**
- [x] **App name**
- [x] **Language [English]**
- [ ] Date created / updated
- [ ] Other metrics:
  - Review ID/weight/votes/comments
  - Purchase/gift
  - Chinese market specifics
- [x] **Recommendation**



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Procedure Overview

Pre-Processing:

- **Text Cleaning**
  Empty/meaningless text, html tags, ascii art
- **Lemmatization**
  Reducing complexity - improving performance and accuracy
- **Stopwords**
  Eliminating common structural words - irrelevant

Modeling and Visualization:

- **Sentiment Extraction**
  Rule based analysis - identifying sentiment by based on a set of predefined tags
- **Key-Term Extraction**
  Extracting the most used and most important words
- **Word Clouds**
  Visualization for the extracted data

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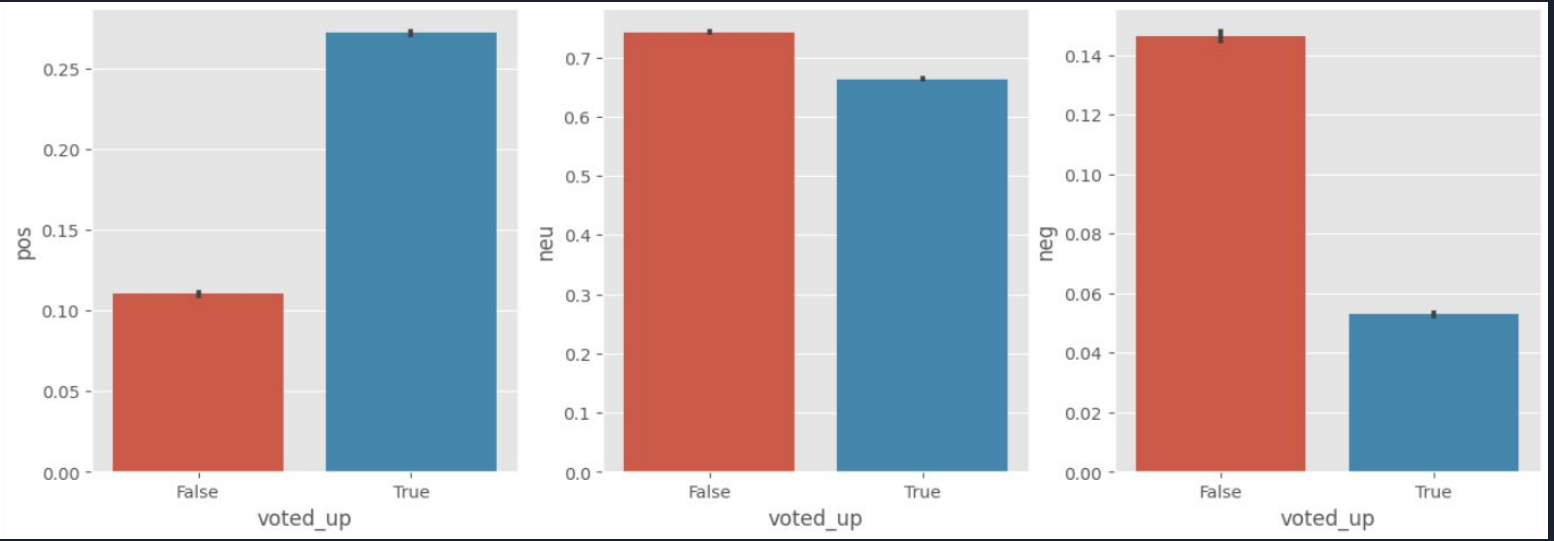
Sentiment Analysis

➢ **Extracted sentiment vs. Recommendation**



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Sentiment Analysis

- Distribution of positive and negative terms across all reviews

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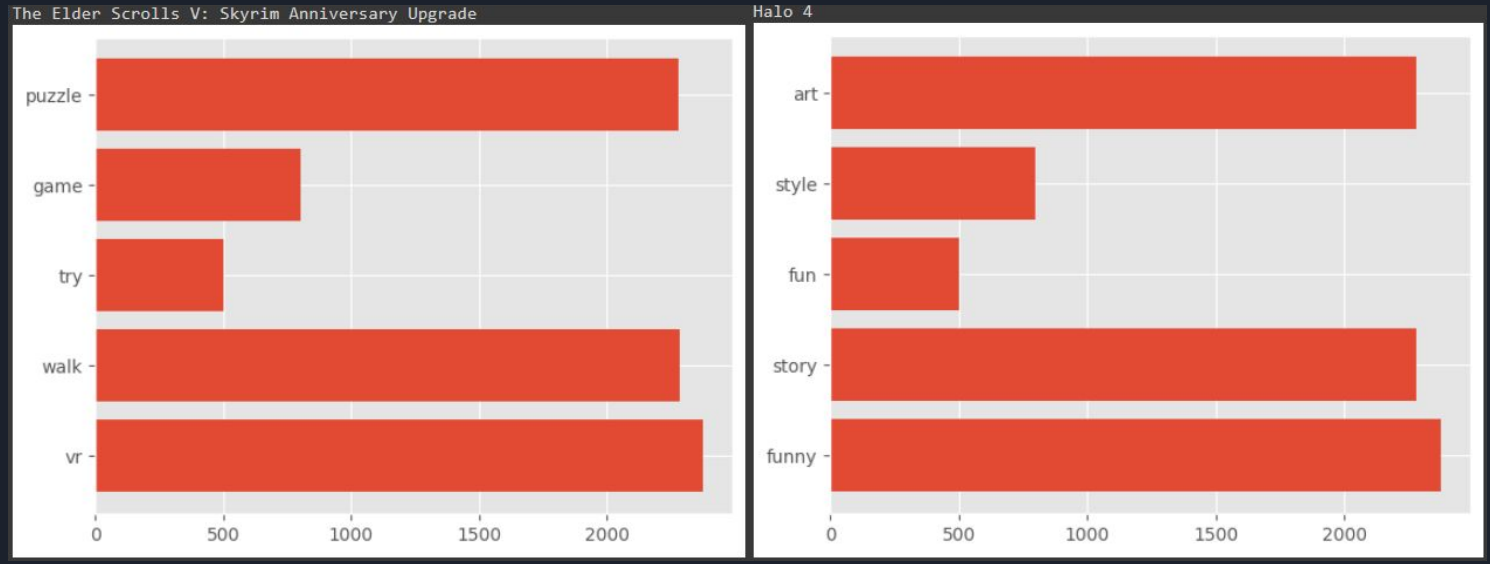
Key-Terms Distribution

➢ Distribution of key terms across all reviews

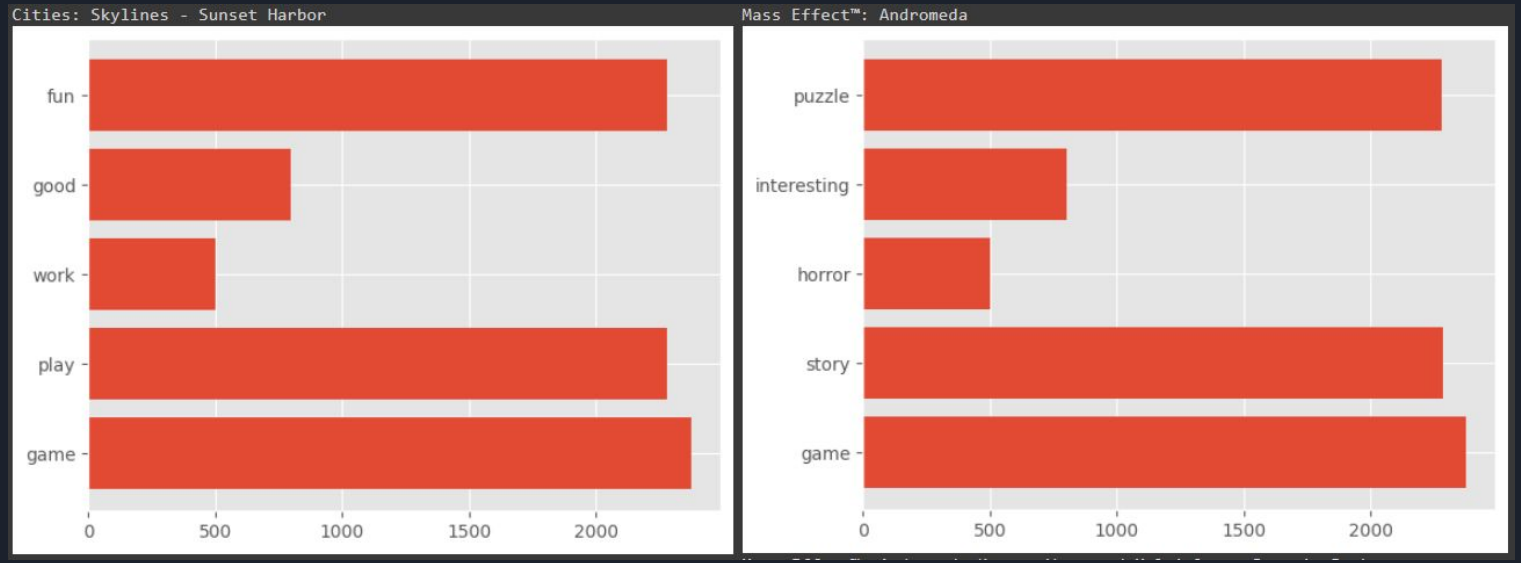
Key-Terms Distribution

- Key terms - Top 5 most common per game (handpicked examples):



Key-Terms Distribution

- Key terms - Top 5 most common per game (more examples):



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Comments about dataset

- *More data about the games present in the set would allow for:*
  - Genre/Category - **grouping games** of a similar nature, **comparing key terms** within groups
  - Sales/Active players - **focusing the analysis** on the **most relevant apps**
  - Date of release/updates - **tracking change** in user sentiment **over time**

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Further steps

- **Setting up a Streamlit page** to demonstrate the sentiment and key-terms analysers
- **Expanding the NLP** implementation:
  - **key-term extraction** can be improved by use of **more tools** (ex. entities)
  - to the **other languages** would allow for region based analysis
- **Improving accuracy** by implementing **deep learning models**, such as BERT, which perform **context-aware analysis** in sentiment prediction
- **Sourcing more data** - as previously mentioned to allow for more extensive analysis (Steamworks API)