

# **Microsoft Movie Analysis**

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# **Project overview**

I have been charged with exploring what types of films are currently doing the best at the box office then translating those findings into actionable insights that the head of Microsoft's new movie studio can use to help decide what type of films to create. Based on the datasets available have been found as a successful movie genres are fantasy, mystery and horror that production budget over the 1 million dollars. The most profitable movie directors - Francis Lawrence, Kenneth Branagh, Zack Snyder, and screenwriters - Brian Lynch, Christopher Nolan, Jack Kirby that produced more than 5 movies each. Microsoft can use this analysis to target their genres, movie directors, and screenwriters of their upcoming movie endeavors to earn the highest amount of revenue possible.

## **Business Problem**

Most of the big companies were creating an original video content. Microsoft also wanted to try its hand at this field by creating its own movie studio. Even though they were willing to invest, they were not sure where to start, without having enough knowledge about the movie industry. To help Microsoft, I was instructed to study which types of films are currently showing the best results at the box office, and translate my findings into actionable insights that the head of Microsoft can decide what the content of the studio shoul be. There are many aspects of films that can affect to profitability, having studied them, I based my analysis on three main factors:

- **Movie Genres** (categories that define a movie based on its narrative elements): Which genres of movie content are currently the most successful in terms of their return on investment (ROI)?
- **Movie Directors** (gives a film creative direction by guiding actors through each scene): Who are the top directors from the standpoint of movies profitability?
- Movie Writers (writes movie scripts or screenplays): Who are the top screenwriters in terms of the movies' average profit?

I assume that the answers to these questions are one of the main parts of the steps that should be taken into account to create the most cost-effective film in the digital world.

# **Data Understanding**

I used two different movie data sources for my analysis to get the broadest view of the movie industry

- The Numbers film industry data website that tracks box office revenue in a systematic, algorithmic way. The first pre-unfiltered dataset tn\_movies is in the format of compressed CSV file. Dataset contains 5782 values for movies' release date, title, production budget, domestic gross, and worldwide gross in dollars. Since most of the column attributes contained numeric values, movies' profit and return on investment has been calculated based on this dataset
- Internet Movie Database (IMDB) website that provides information about millions of films and television programs as well as their cast and crew. The second dataset IMDB is located in a SQLite database. For the purpose of my analysis I eliminated several SQL tables that are peoples (basic information about the people that were involved to the particular movies), directors, writers, movie basics. They all were related to each other throughout the movie\_id.

```
In [1]: # Importing required packages for my analysis
import pandas as pd
pd.options.display.float_format = '{:.2f}'.format # pandas display setting to not display sceintific notation
import sqlite3

# Data Visualization packages
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
```

```
import seaborn as sns
import altair as alt
```

#### The Numbers Data

```
# reading the csv file
In [2]:
          tn movies = pd.read csv('./data/tn.movie budgets.csv.gz')
          # getting info for DataFrame
          tn movies.info()
          # previewing the DataFrame
          tn movies.head()
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         RangeIndex: 5782 entries, 0 to 5781
         Data columns (total 6 columns):
              Column
                                   Non-Null Count Dtype
              -----
                                   -----
          0
              id
                                   5782 non-null
                                                    int64
          1
              release date
                                   5782 non-null
                                                     object
                                   5782 non-null
          2
              movie
                                                    object
          3
              production budget 5782 non-null
                                                     object
              domestic gross
                                   5782 non-null
                                                     object
              worldwide gross
                                   5782 non-null
                                                     object
         dtypes: int64(1), object(5)
         memory usage: 271.2+ KB
Out[2]:
            id release_date
                                                          movie production_budget domestic_gross worldwide_gross
         0 1 Dec 18, 2009
                                                                       $425,000,000
                                                                                      $760,507,625
                                                                                                     $2,776,345,279
                                                          Avatar
            2 May 20, 2011 Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides
                                                                                      $241,063,875
                                                                                                     $1,045,663,875
                                                                       $410,600,000
                 Jun 7, 2019
                                                    Dark Phoenix
                                                                       $350,000,000
                                                                                                      $149,762,350
                                                                                       $42,762,350
                                            Avengers: Age of Ultron
                May 1, 2015
                                                                       $330,600,000
                                                                                      $459,005,868
                                                                                                     $1,403,013,963
            5 Dec 15, 2017
                                      Star Wars Ep. VIII: The Last Jedi
                                                                       $317,000,000
                                                                                      $620,181,382
                                                                                                     $1,316,721,747
```

Based on the preview the dollar amounts for production budget, domestic and worldwide gross was pulled as an objects (not float/integer). This requires further adjusting in the next stages.

#### **IMDB** Data

```
In [3]: # connceting to SQL file
  conn = sqlite3.connect('./data/im.db')
```

```
# reading SQL file
In [4]:
          imdb_genres = pd.read_sql('''
           SELECT *
           FROM movie_basics
          ;''', conn)
In [5]:
          # getting info for DataFrame
          imdb genres.info()
          # previewing the DataFrame
          imdb genres.head()
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         RangeIndex: 146144 entries, 0 to 146143
         Data columns (total 6 columns):
              Column
                                Non-Null Count
                                                  Dtype
                                146144 non-null object
              movie id
              primary title
          1
                                146144 non-null object
              original title 146123 non-null object
                                146144 non-null int64
              start year
          4
              runtime minutes 114405 non-null float64
                                140736 non-null object
              genres
         dtypes: float64(1), int64(1), object(4)
         memory usage: 6.7+ MB
Out[5]:
            movie id
                                     primary_title
                                                             original_title start_year runtime_minutes
                                                                                                                 genres
         0 tt0063540
                                        Sunghursh
                                                               Sunghursh
                                                                              2013
                                                                                             175.00
                                                                                                       Action, Crime, Drama
         1 tt0066787 One Day Before the Rainy Season
                                                           Ashad Ka Ek Din
                                                                              2019
                                                                                             114.00
                                                                                                         Biography, Drama
         2 tt0069049
                          The Other Side of the Wind The Other Side of the Wind
                                                                              2018
                                                                                             122.00
                                                                                                                 Drama
         3 tt0069204
                                   Sabse Bada Sukh
                                                          Sabse Bada Sukh
                                                                              2018
                                                                                               nan
                                                                                                          Comedy, Drama
         4 tt0100275
                          The Wandering Soap Opera
                                                       La Telenovela Errante
                                                                              2017
                                                                                              80.00 Comedy, Drama, Fantasy
In [6]:
          # reading sql files
          imdb direc = pd.read sql('''
           SELECT primary name, movie id
           FROM persons
           JOIN directors
           ON persons.person id = directors.person id
          ;''', conn)
```

```
In [7]:
         # getting info for DataFrame
         imdb direc.info()
          # previewing the DataFrame
         imdb direc.head()
        <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         RangeIndex: 291171 entries, 0 to 291170
        Data columns (total 2 columns):
              Column
                            Non-Null Count
                                             Dtype
             primary name 291171 non-null object
             movie id
          1
                            291171 non-null object
         dtypes: object(2)
         memory usage: 4.4+ MB
Out[7]:
            primary_name movie_id
           Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
             Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
            Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
             Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
             Ruel S. Bayani tt2057445
         # reading sql files
In [8]:
         imdb_write = pd.read_sql('''
          SELECT primary_name, movie_id
          FROM persons
           JOIN writers
          ON persons.person_id = writers.person_id
          ;''', conn)
         # getting info for DataFrame
In [9]:
         imdb write.info()
          # previewing the DataFrame
          imdb write.head(20)
         <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
         RangeIndex: 255871 entries, 0 to 255870
```

Data columns (total 2 columns):

# Column Non-Null Count Dtype
--- 0 primary\_name 255871 non-null object
1 movie\_id 255871 non-null object
dtypes: object(2)
memory usage: 3.9+ MB

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mem	ory usage. 5.51 Mb	
	primary_name	movie_id
0	Bryan Beasley	tt3501180
1	Michael Frost Beckner	tt6349302
2	Hava Kohav Beller	tt7701650
3	Joel Bender	tt3790232
4	Joel Bender	tt3790232
5	Doug Benson	tt1975283
6	Joe Berlinger	tt3137552
7	Joe Berlinger	tt6794462
8	Jamie Bernstein	tt4601198
9	Dusty Bias	tt1374996
10	Dusty Bias	tt4794754
11	Claudio Bigagli	tt2299792
12	Miro Bilbrough	tt2012110
13	Fernando Birri	tt1854526
14	Sam Bisbee	tt1651065
15	Sam Bisbee	tt1925466
16	Bob Blagden	tt1712204
17	Maurice Blanchot	tt7781736
18	Maurice Blanchot	tt9173540
19	Maurice Blanchot	tt9173540

# **Data Preparation**

In this step, I will ensure accuracy in the data by cleaning and transforming raw data into a form that can readily and accurately be analyzed.

## **Data Cleaning**

```
In [10]: | # displaying all column names
          tn movies.columns
Out[10]: Index(['id', 'release_date', 'movie', 'production budget', 'domestic gross',
                 'worldwide gross'],
               dtvpe='object')
In [11]:
          # dropping unnecessary columns
          tn movies.drop(['id', 'release date','domestic gross'], axis=1, inplace=True)
In [12]:
          # renaming the column
          tn movies.rename(columns = {'movie':'title'}, inplace = True)
          # removing dollar signs and commas from dollar amounts
In [13]:
          tn movies['production budget'] = [str(i).replace("$", "") for i in tn movies['production budget']]
          tn_movies['production_budget'] = tn_movies['production_budget'].apply(lambda x: str(x).replace(',','') )
          # converting dollar amounts from strings into integers
          tn movies['production budget'] = tn movies['production budget'].astype(int)
          # preview the cleaned values
In [14]:
          tn movies['production budget'].head()
              425000000
Out[14]: 0
              410600000
              350000000
         3
              330600000
              317000000
         Name: production budget, dtype: int32
          # removing dollar signs and commas from dollar amounts
In [15]:
          tn_movies['worldwide_gross'] = [str(i).replace("$", "") for i in tn_movies['worldwide_gross']]
          tn_movies['worldwide_gross'] = [str(i).replace(",", "") for i in tn_movies['worldwide_gross']]
          # converting dollar amounts from strings into float
          tn movies['worldwide gross'] = tn movies['worldwide gross'].astype(float)
          # preview cleaned bottom values
In [16]:
```

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tn_movies['worldwide_gross'].tail()
                       0.00
Out[16]:
          5777
          5778
                 240495.00
          5779
                   1338.00
          5780
                       0.00
                 181041.00
          5781
          Name: worldwide gross, dtype: float64
In [17]:
          # dropping column values that contain 0.0 in it
           tn_movies.drop(tn_movies.loc[tn_movies['worldwide_gross']==0.0].index, inplace=True)
           # checking number of duplicate values
In [18]:
           imdb_direc.duplicated().sum()
Out[18]: 127876
           # dropping duplicate values
In [19]:
           imdb_direc.drop_duplicates()
Out[19]:
                    primary_name movie_id
                     Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
                     Ruel S. Bayani tt2057445
               7
                     Ruel S. Bayani tt2590280
                     Ruel S. Bayani tt8421806
              10
                     Bryan Beasley tt3501180
          291164
                       Zheng Wei tt8697720
          291165 Rama Narayanan tt8715016
          291167 Rama Narayanan tt8919136
          291168
                      Samir Eshra tt8717234
          291169
                   Pegasus Envoyé tt8743182
         163295 rows × 2 columns
```

In [26]:

# dropping the null values

imdb genres.dropna(subset=['genres'], inplace=True)

```
imdb genres.isnull().sum()
In [27]:
Out[27]: movie_id
          primary title
          original title
          start year
          runtime minutes
                                28503
          genres
                                    0
          dtype: int64
           # dropping unnecessary columns
In [28]:
           imdb genres.drop(['primary title', 'start year','runtime minutes'], axis=1, inplace=True)
          Data Merging
           # merging tables based on their movie id key values
In [29]:
           direc genre = pd.merge(imdb direc, imdb genres, how="inner", on='movie id')
           direc genre.head()
Out[29]:
               direc name movie id
                                         original_title
                                                                   genres
          0 Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
                                        Paano na kaya
                                                            Drama, Romance
          1 Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
                                        Paano na kaya
                                                            Drama, Romance
             Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
                                        Paano na kaya
                                                            Drama, Romance
           3 Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
                                                            Drama, Romance
                                        Paano na kaya
           4 Ruel S. Bayani tt2057445 No Other Woman Drama, Romance, Thriller
In [30]:
           dir_genre_wrt = pd.merge(direc_genre, imdb_write, how="inner", on='movie_id')
           dir genre wrt
Out[30]:
                       direc name movie id
                                                              original_title
                                                                                          genres
                                                                                                              writer name
                     Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
                                                             Paano na kaya
                                                                                   Drama, Romance
                                                                                                          Henry King Quitain
                                                                                   Drama, Romance
                                                                                                             Kriz G. Gazmen
                     Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
                                                             Paano na kaya
                                                                                                        Ralph Jacinto Quiblat
                     Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
                                                             Paano na kaya
                                                                                   Drama, Romance
                     Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569
                                                             Paano na kaya
                                                                                   Drama, Romance Camille Andrea Mangampat
```

Paano na kaya

Drama, Romance

Henry King Quitain

Ruel S. Bayani tt1592569

	direc_name	movie_id	original_title	e genres writer_nan	
•••					
47571101	Abu Iddris	tt8574516	HashTag	Thriller	Abu Iddris
47571102	Tisha Griffith	tt8574866	Black Girl Magic the Documentary	Documentary	Tisha Griffith
47571103	Roberto Farías	tt8274328	Perkin	Drama	Roberto Farías
47571104	Rich Allen	tt8685584	Home Cookin: 5.17.18	Biography, Comedy, Family	Rich Allen
47571105	Samir Eshra	tt8717234	The Shadow Lawyers	Documentary	Samir Eshra

47571106 rows × 5 columns

writer_name	genres	original_title	movie_id	direc_name		Out[31]:
Henry King Quitain	Drama,Romance	Paano na kaya	tt1592569	Ruel S. Bayani	0	
Ricardo Fernando III	Drama,Romance,Thriller	No Other Woman	tt2057445	Ruel S. Bayani	16	
Xiaoshuai Wang	Drama	One More Try	tt2590280	Ruel S. Bayani	25	
Bryan Beasley	Documentary, History	The Quiet Philanthropist: The Edith Gaylord Story	tt3501180	Bryan Beasley	26	
Simon Lebsekal	Drama	Haraka	tt2098699	Hans Beimler	27	
					•••	
Abu Iddris	Thriller	HashTag	tt8574516	Abu Iddris	47571101	
Tisha Griffith	Documentary	Black Girl Magic the Documentary	tt8574866	Tisha Griffith	47571102	
Roberto Farías	Drama	Perkin	tt8274328	Roberto Farías	47571103	
Rich Allen	Biography, Comedy, Family	Home Cookin: 5.17.18	tt8685584	Rich Allen	47571104	
Samir Eshra	Documentary	The Shadow Lawyers	tt8717234	Samir Eshra	47571105	

106970 rows × 5 columns

```
In [32]: # merging tables based on the movies' title
final_df = pd.merge(tn_movies, dir_genre_wrt, how="inner",left_on='title', right_on='original_title')
```

final\_df.head()

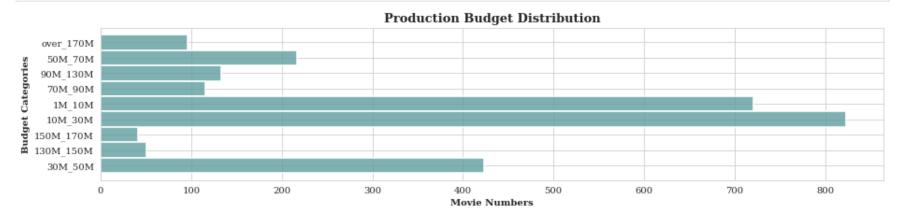
Out[32]:		title	production_budge	t worldwide_gross	direc_name	movie_id	original_title	genres	writer_name
	0	Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides	410600000	) 1045663875.00	Rob Marshall	tt1298650	Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides	Action, Adventure, Fantasy	Terry Rossio
	1	Dark Phoenix	350000000	149762350.00	Simon Kinberg	tt6565702	Dark Phoenix	Action,Adventure,Sci-Fi	Jack Kirby
	2	Avengers: Age of Ultron	330600000	1403013963.00	Joss Whedon	tt2395427	Avengers: Age of Ultron	Action,Adventure,Sci-Fi	Jack Kirby
	3	Avengers: Infinity War	300000000	2048134200.00	Joe Russo	tt4154756	Avengers: Infinity War	Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi	Keith Giffen
	4	Justice League	300000000	655945209.00	Zack Snyder	tt0974015	Justice League	Action, Adventure, Fantasy	Bob Kane
In [33]:		splitting values nal_df['genres']		es'].apply(lambd	a x: x.spli	t(','))			
In [34]:		dropping unnecess nal_df.drop(['ori	_	axis=1, inplace=	True)				
In [35]:		preview the Data nal_df.head()	Frame						
Out[35]:			title	production_budget	worldwide_g	ross dire	c_name movie_id	genres	writer_name
	0	Pirates of the Carib	bean: On Stranger Tides	410600000	104566387	5.00 Rob N	Marshall tt1298650	[Action, Adventure, Fantasy]	Terry Rossio
	1		Dark Phoenix	350000000	14976235	0.00	Simon Kinberg tt6565702	[Action, Adventure, Sci- Fi]	Jack Kirby
	2	Aveng	gers: Age of Ultron	330600000	140301396	3.00 Joss V	Whedon tt2395427	[Action, Adventure, Sci- Fi]	Jack Kirby
	3	Ave	engers: Infinity War	300000000	204813420	0.00 Jo	e Russo tt4154756	[Action, Adventure, Sci- Fi]	Keith Giffen
	4		Justice League	300000000	65594520	9.00 Zack	Snyder tt0974015	[Action, Adventure, Fantasy]	Bob Kane

## **Feature Engineering**

In order to be able to get visual insights about range of the production budget decided to devide production budget column into 10 categories in ascending order.

```
# creating new list that containing categorical values
In [36]:
          budget bin=[]
          for x in final_df['production_budget']:
               if x>0 and x<1000000:
                   budget bin.append('till 1M')
               elif x< 10000000:
                   budget bin.append('1M 10M')
               elif x< 30000000:
                   budget bin.append ('10M 30M')
               elif x<50000000:
                   budget bin.append ('30M 50M')
               elif x<70000000:
                    budget bin.append ('50M 70M')
               elif x<90000000:
                   budget bin.append ('70M 90M')
               elif x<1300000000:</pre>
                    budget bin.append ('90M 130M')
               elif x<1500000000:
                   budget bin.append ('130M 150M')
               elif x<170000000:
                   budget bin.append ('150M 170M')
               else:
                   budget bin.append ('over 170M')
          # creating new column
In [37]:
          final df['budget bins'] = budget bin
In [76]:
          # creating barplot
          plt.figure(figsize=(15,3))
          sns.set style('whitegrid',{'font.family':'serif', 'font.serif':['Times New Roman']})
          ax = sns.histplot(final df, y='budget bins', bins=10, multiple="stack", color='cadetblue',alpha=0.8)
          plt.title("Production Budget Distribution", fontdict= { 'fontsize': 13, 'fontweight':'bold'})
          plt.xlabel("Movie Numbers", fontdict= { 'fontsize': 10, 'fontweight':'bold'})
          plt.ylabel("Budget Categories", fontdict= { 'fontsize': 10, 'fontweight':'bold'})
```

```
plt.savefig('./images/fig1.png')
plt.show()
```



Based on the bar graph above I will analyze the movies that production budgets starting from the 1 Million.

```
In [39]: #drop rows that contain values 'till_1M' in the 'tn_movies'
final_df= final_df[final_df.budget_bins != 'till_1M']
final_df.shape
final_df.tail()
```

Out[39]:		title	production_budget	worldwide_gross	direc_name	movie_id	genres	writer_name	budget_bins
	2633	Special	1000000	26822.00	Ann P Meredith	tt3869446	[Drama]	Ann P Meredith	1M_10M
	2634	The Sisterhood of Night	1000000	6870.00	Caryn Waechter	tt1015471	[Drama, Mystery, Thriller]	Marilyn Fu	1M_10M
	2635	Heli	1000000	552614.00	Amat Escalante	tt2852376	[Crime, Drama, Romance]	Ayhan Ergürsel	1M_10M
	2636	Karachi se Lahore	1000000	17721.00	Wajahat Rauf	tt4590482	[Adventure, Comedy, Family]	Yasir Hussain	1M_10M
	2637	American Hero	1000000	26.00	Nick Love	tt4733536	[Action, Comedy, Drama]	Nick Love	1M_10M

Further I will calculate movies' Return on Investment (ROI) by diividing the film's box office earning by the production budget and multiplying the result by 100. The resulting numbers are expressed as a percentage.

```
In [40]: # calculating the profit and assigning values to new column
final_df['profit'] = final_df['worldwide_gross'] -final_df['production_budget']
```

```
# sorting values in ascending order
final_df.sort_values(by=['profit'],ascending=False)
final_df.head()
```

Out[40]:		title	production_budget	worldwide_gross	direc_name	movie_id	genres	writer_name	budget_bins	profit
	0	Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides	410600000	1045663875.00	Rob Marshall	tt1298650	[Action, Adventure, Fantasy]	Terry Rossio	over_170M	635063875.00
	1	Dark Phoenix	350000000	149762350.00	Simon Kinberg	tt6565702	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	-200237650.00
	2	Avengers: Age of Ultron	330600000	1403013963.00	Joss Whedon	tt2395427	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	1072413963.00
	3	Avengers: Infinity War	300000000	2048134200.00	Joe Russo	tt4154756	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Keith Giffen	over_170M	1748134200.00
	4	Justice League	300000000	655945209.00	Zack Snyder	tt0974015	[Action, Adventure, Fantasy]	Bob Kane	over_170M	355945209.00

```
In [41]: # calculating Return on Investment and assigning values to new column
final_df['roi'] = (final_df['profit'] / final_df['production_budget'])*100
# sorting values in ascending order
final_df.sort_values(by=['roi'],ascending=False).reset_index()
```

Out[41]:		index	title	production_budget	worldwide_gross	direc_name	movie_id	genres	writer_name	budget_bins	profit
	0	2599	Rocky	1000000	225000000.00	Adnan A. Shaikh	tt9430578	[Action, Drama, Romance]	Vihar Ghag	1M_10M	224000000.00
	1	2562	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs	1488000	184925486.00	Paul Hendy	tt9691476	[Comedy, Drama, Fantasy]	Paul Hendy	1M_10M	183437486.00

	index	title	production_budget	worldwide_gross	direc_name	movie_id	genres	writer_name	budget_bins	profit
2	2600	The Devil Inside	1000000	101759490.00	William Brent Bell	tt1560985	[Horror]	William Brent Bell	1M_10M	100759490.00
3	2601	The Devil Inside	1000000	101759490.00	Joaquin Perea	tt0436230	[Horror, Thriller]	Robert Shaw	1M_10M	100759490.00
4	313	Cinderella	2900000	263591415.00	Kenneth Branagh	tt1661199	[Drama, Family, Fantasy]	Charles Perrault	1M_10M	260691415.00
•••										
2616	2118	Tracker	6500000	3149.00	Ian Sharp	tt1414378	[Action, Adventure, Drama]	Nicolas van Pallandt	1M_10M	-6496851.00
2617	1686	Broken Horses	15000000	3471.00	Vidhu Vinod Chopra	tt2503954	[Action, Crime, Drama]	Vidhu Vinod Chopra	10M_30M	-14996529.00
2618	1994	Skin Trade	9000000	1242.00	Ekachai Uekrongtham	tt1641841	[Action, Crime, Thriller]	Dolph Lundgren	1M_10M	-8998758.00
2619	1995	Skin Trade	9000000	1242.00	Shannon Keith	tt1576702	[Documentary]	Shannon Keith	1M_10M	-8998758.00
2620	2637	American Hero	1000000	26.00	Nick Love	tt4733536	[Action, Comedy, Drama]	Nick Love	1M_10M	-999974.00

2621 rows × 11 columns

In [42]: # dropping unnecessary columns
final\_df.drop(['worldwide\_gross'], axis=1, inplace=True)

In [43]: final\_df.head()

Out[43]: title production\_budget direc\_name movie\_id writer\_name budget\_bins profit genres roi [Action, Pirates of the Caribbean: 410600000 tt1298650 Adventure, Terry Rossio 0 over\_170M 635063875.00 154.67 On Stranger Tides Marshall Fantasy]

	title	production_budget	direc_name	movie_id	genres	writer_name	budget_bins	profit	roi
1	Dark Phoenix	350000000	Simon Kinberg	tt6565702	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	-200237650.00	-57.21
2	Avengers: Age of Ultron	330600000	Joss Whedon	tt2395427	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	1072413963.00	324.38
3	Avengers: Infinity War	300000000	Joe Russo	tt4154756	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Keith Giffen	over_170M	1748134200.00	582.71
4	Justice League	300000000	Zack Snyder	tt0974015	[Action, Adventure, Fantasy]	Bob Kane	over_170M	355945209.00	118.65

To begin with, I will extract genres from the list of films and find the total number of genres of movies. Then I will find the best genres based on their Retorn on Investments.

```
# transforming each element of a list-like to a row
In [44]:
           exploded_genres =final_df.explode('genres')
          # returning counts of unique values
In [45]:
           exploded_genres['genres'].value_counts()
Out[45]: Drama
                         1315
                          669
          Comedy
          Action
                          591
          Thriller
                          452
          Adventure
                          433
          Crime
                          331
                          309
          Horror
          Romance
                          278
                          195
          Mystery
          Biography
                          189
                          187
          Documentary
          Sci-Fi
                          179
          Fantasy
                          173
          Family
                          148
          Animation
                          126
          History
                           68
          Music
                           64
                           51
          Sport
                           33
          War
          Musical
                           22
                           19
          Western
```

```
News
          Name: genres, dtype: int64
          # changing musical values into the music
In [46]:
           exploded_genres['genres'] = exploded_genres['genres'].str.replace( 'Musical', 'Music')
In [47]:
           # returning new counts of unique values
           exploded_genres['genres'].value_counts()
Out[47]: Drama
                         1315
          Comedy
                           669
          Action
                           591
          Thriller
                          452
          Adventure
                          433
          Crime
                           331
          Horror
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          Biography
          Documentary
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          Fantasy
                          173
          Family
                           148
          Animation
                          126
          Music
                           86
          History
                           68
          Sport
                            51
          War
                            33
                           19
          Western
          News
          Name: genres, dtype: int64
In [48]:
           # splitting the values into groups based on mean
           genre_roi = exploded_genres.groupby('genres').mean().reset_index().sort_values('roi', ascending=False)
           genre roi['genres'] =genre roi['genres'].map(str.upper)
           genre roi
Out[48]:
                     genres production_budget
                                                    profit
                                                             roi
           9
                   FANTASY
                                  70782919.01 150549632.76 566.20
                   HORROR
          11
                                  22127378.64
                                              48977881.39 549.84
```

**MYSTERY** 

**THRILLER** 

25859512.94

31154431.70

54168412.89 473.46

58549084.63 332.40

13

18

	genres	production_budget	profit	roi
8	FAMILY	55739043.88	131171138.18	332.09
12	MUSIC	21891154.03	82356456.01	327.48
2	ANIMATION	88697448.37	248371031.86	317.39
15	ROMANCE	21695064.75	37415721.19	304.17
17	SPORT	27086274.51	49707760.43	298.63
4	COMEDY	37956354.17	83041435.21	253.51
7	DRAMA	26590688.80	41254909.24	234.99
16	SCI-FI	76603672.47	189691718.88	227.70
0	ACTION	69518985.30	128411447.99	216.93
1	ADVENTURE	95296727.73	215106481.62	202.95
6	DOCUMENTARY	32057860.98	38131305.69	187.37
3	BIOGRAPHY	28175134.81	45242058.33	184.51
19	WAR	26587878.79	39854209.36	146.13
5	CRIME	29984710.26	39306843.47	132.48
10	HISTORY	37164705.88	38135610.74	103.43
20	WESTERN	40705263.16	33730295.79	57.33
14	NEWS	38960000.00	11929191.20	-2.68

In [49]:

# selectiong top 15 genres

top\_genre = genre\_roi.head(15)

top\_genre

Out[49]:

roi	profit	production_budget	genres	
566.20	150549632.76	70782919.01	FANTASY	9
549.84	48977881.39	22127378.64	HORROR	11
473.46	54168412.89	25859512.94	MYSTERY	13
332.40	58549084.63	31154431.70	THRILLER	18

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6	DOCUMENTARY	32057860.98	38131305.69	187.37

Subsequently, I will find the best directors and screenwriters based on their average earned profits from the movies.

```
In [50]: # row counting and computing mean based on the profit
    directors = final_df.groupby('direc_name').agg(['count','mean'])['profit']

In [51]: # filtering directors according to number of movies that directed
    direc_profit= directors[directors['count']>=5].reset_index().sort_values('mean', ascending=False)
    direc_profit.rename(columns = {'mean':'mean_profit'}, inplace = True)
    direc_profit
```

Out[51]:		direc_name	count	mean_profit
	6	Francis Lawrence	5	404238308.60
	23	Zack Snyder	5	294184022.80
	10	Kenneth Branagh	5	272373905.60
	21	Tim Burton	5	229633372.00
	1	Brad Peyton	5	185171680.00
	16	Ridley Scott	7	176967321.29

	direc_name	count	mean_profit
11	M. Night Shyamalan	5	176831934.60
13	Paul Feig	5	174341927.80
20	Steven Spielberg	8	164754974.38
8	Jon M. Chu	5	163084695.40
14	Paul W.S. Anderson	5	153293991.00
2	Clint Eastwood	7	135479119.43
4	David O. Russell	5	113364526.00
12	Nicholas Stoller	5	104627034.80
0	Antoine Fuqua	5	98183459.20
7	Jaume Collet-Serra	6	75478617.17
22	Tim Story	6	64289997.17
17	Ron Howard	5	62628345.40
5	Denis Villeneuve	6	57327861.17
19	Steven Soderbergh	6	53204564.50
18	Simon West	5	38949677.20
3	David Gordon Green	7	38463382.29
15	Peter Berg	6	34929965.83
9	Jonathan Levine	5	33089379.40

```
In [52]: #getting top 15 directors
    top_direc = direc_profit.iloc[0:15, :]
    top_direc
```

Out[52]:		direc_name	count	mean_profit
	6	Francis Lawrence	5	404238308.60
	23	Zack Snyder	5	294184022.80
	10	Kenneth Branagh	5	272373905.60

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4	David O. Russell	5	113364526.00
12	Nicholas Stoller	5	104627034.80
0	Antoine Fuqua	5	98183459.20

```
In [53]: writers = final_df.groupby('writer_name').agg(['count','mean'])['profit']

In [54]: wrt_profit= writers[writers['count']>=5].reset_index().sort_values('mean', ascending=False)
    wrt_profit.rename(columns = {'mean':'mean_profit'}, inplace = True)
    wrt_profit.head()
```

```
Out[54]:
                   writer_name count
                                        mean_profit
            4 Christopher Nolan
                                    5 555836000.40
                      Jack Kirby
                                   16 500108401.88
            1
                     Brian Lynch
                                    5 496416654.60
           15
                    Rhett Reese
                                    5 339379621.60
            6
                   Glenn Berger
                                    5 257048560.40
```

```
In [75]: # selecting top 15 rows
top_wrt = wrt_profit.head(15)
top_wrt
```

Out[75]:		writer_name	count	mean_profit
-	4	CHRISTOPHER NOLAN	5	555836000.40
	8	JACK KIRBY	16	500108401.88
	1	BRIAN LYNCH	5	496416654.60
	15	RHETT REESE	5	339379621.60
	6	GLENN BERGER	5	257048560.40
	10	KAY CANNON	5	239729799.00
	12	M. NIGHT SHYAMALAN	5	176831934.60
	11	LUC BESSON	6	163855194.17
	9	JEZ BUTTERWORTH	5	159487483.20
	5	DAVID KOEPP	5	152725874.60
	3	CHRISTOPHER LANDON	5	131090843.40
	0	ADAM MCKAY	7	110635113.57
	14	NICHOLAS STOLLER	9	78348911.11
	13	MATT MANFREDI	5	68145499.60
	7	HOSSEIN AMINI	5	67493934.80

# **Analysis**

#### **Movie Genres**

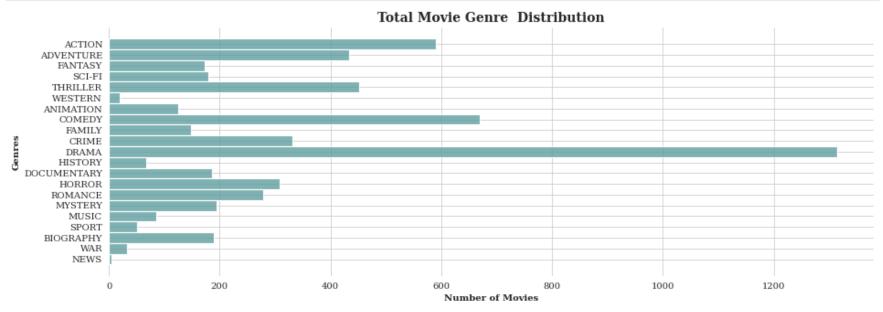
```
In [77]: # making values uppercase
    exploded_genres['genres'] = exploded_genres['genres'].str.upper()

# Create PLot
    plt.figure(figsize=(15,5))

sns.set_style('whitegrid',{'font.family':'serif', 'font.serif':['Times New Roman']})

ax = sns.histplot(exploded_genres, y='genres', bins=10, multiple="stack", color='cadetblue',alpha=0.8)
```

```
plt.title("Total Movie Genre Distribution", fontdict= { 'fontsize': 14, 'fontweight':'bold'})
plt.xlabel("Number of Movies", fontdict= { 'fontsize': 10, 'fontweight':'bold'})
plt.ylabel("Genres", fontdict= { 'fontsize': 10, 'fontweight':'bold'})
sns.despine(left=True, bottom=True)
#plt.savefig('./images/fig2.png')
plt.show()
```

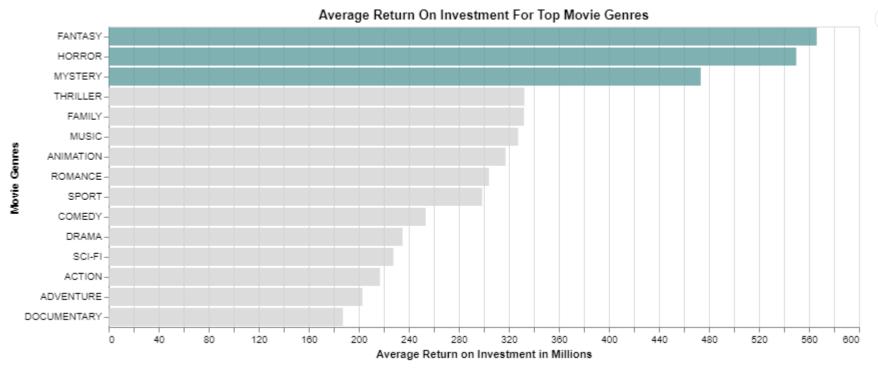


Based on the total amount of the movies produced Drama genre exceeds the rest of the movie genres. Genres comedy and action are the next frequently made movie genres. However, based on the Return on the Investment we can see different movie genres which are fantasy, horror and mystery.

```
In [57]: # creating plot
alt.Chart(top_genre, title='Average Return On Investment For Top Movie Genres').mark_bar(opacity=0.8).encode(
    x=alt.X('roi', title='Average Return on Investment in Millions'),
    y=alt.Y('genres', sort='-x', title='Movie Genres'),

# the highlight will be set on the result of a conditional statement
    color=alt.condition(
        alt.datum.roi >= 450, #this test returns True,
        alt.value('cadetblue'), # if it is true sets the bar blue
        alt.value('lightgrey') # and if it's not true it sets the bar grey.
    )
    ).properties(width=750,height =300)
```



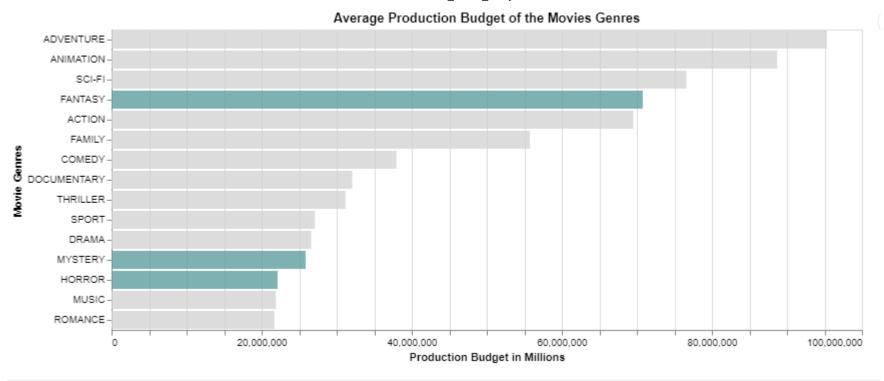


Interestingly, I was attracted to those top genres of films for which a high return on the investment required a smaller production budget, especially horror and mystery, which did not exceed 30 million dollars in production that plotted below

```
In [58]: # creating plot
    alt.Chart(top_genre, title='Average Production Budget of the Movies Genres').mark_bar(opacity=0.8).encode(
    x=alt.X('production_budget', title='Production Budget in Millions'),
    y=alt.Y('genres', sort='-x', title='Movie Genres'),

# the highlight will be set on the result of a conditional statement
    color=alt.condition(
        alt.datum.roi >= 450, #this test returns True,
        alt.value('cadetblue'), # if it is true sets the bar blue
        alt.value('lightgray') # and if it's not true it sets the bar grey.
    )
).properties(width=750,height =300)
```

Out[58]:



#### **Movie Directors**

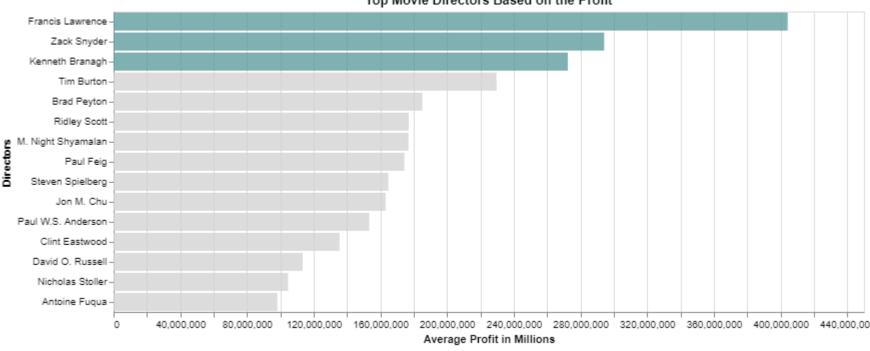
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In [59]: # creating plot
alt.Chart(top_direc, title='Top Movie Directors Based on the Profit').mark_bar(opacity=0.8).encode(
    x=alt.X('mean_profit', title='Average Profit in Millions'),
    y=alt.Y('direc_name', sort='-x', title='Directors'),

# The highlight will be set on the result of a conditional statement
    color=alt.condition(
        alt.datum.mean_profit > 270000000, # setting the condition value,
        alt.value('cadetblue'), # if the condition is True sets the bar blue
        alt.value('lightgray') # and if it's not true it sets the bar blue.

)
).properties(width=750,height=300)
```

Out[59]:

#### Top Movie Directors Based on the Profit



```
In [60]: # filtering certain values by rows
d1 = final_df[(final_df['direc_name']=='Francis Lawrence')]
d2 = final_df[(final_df['direc_name']=='Zack Snyder')]
d3 = final_df[(final_df['direc_name']=='Kenneth Branagh')]
```

In [61]: # cancatinating the tables
final\_direc = pd.concat([d1, d2,d3], ignore\_index=True, sort=False)
final\_direc

Out[61]:		title	production_budget	direc_name	movie_id	genres	writer_name	budget_bins	profit	roi
	0	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 2	160000000	Francis Lawrence	tt1951266	[Action, Adventure, Sci- Fi]	Danny Strong	150M_170M	488986787.00	305.62
	1	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire	130000000	Francis Lawrence	tt1951264	[Action, Adventure, Sci- Fil	Suzanne Collins	130M_150M	734868047.00	565.28

	title	production_budget	direc_name	movie_id	genres	writer_name	budget_bins	profit	roi
2	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1	125000000	Francis Lawrence	tt1951265	[Action, Adventure, Sci- Fi]	Danny Strong	90M_130M	641575131.00	513.26
3	Red Sparrow	69000000	Francis Lawrence	tt2873282	[Action, Drama, Thriller]	Justin Haythe	50M_70M	76951861.00	111.52
4	Water for Elephants	38000000	Francis Lawrence	tt1067583	[Drama, Romance]	Richard LaGravenese	30M_50M	78809717.00	207.39
5	Justice League	300000000	Zack Snyder	tt0974015	[Action, Adventure, Fantasy]	Bob Kane	over_170M	355945209.00	118.65
6	Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice	250000000	Zack Snyder	tt2975590	[Action, Adventure, Fantasy]	Bob Kane	over_170M	617500281.00	247.00
7	Man of Steel	225000000	Zack Snyder	tt0770828	[Action, Adventure, Sci- Fi]	Christopher Nolan	over_170M	442999518.00	196.89
8	Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole	100000000	Zack Snyder	tt1219342	[Action, Adventure, Animation]	John Orloff	90M_130M	39716717.00	39.72
9	Sucker Punch	75000000	Zack Snyder	tt0978764	[Action, Adventure, Fantasy]	Steve Shibuya	70M_90M	14758389.00	19.68
10	Thor	150000000	Kenneth Branagh	tt0800369	[Action, Adventure, Fantasy]	Jack Kirby	150M_170M	299326618.00	199.55
11	Cinderella	95000000	Kenneth Branagh	tt1661199	[Drama, Family, Fantasy]	Charles Perrault	90M_130M	439551353.00	462.69
12	Cinderella	2900000	Kenneth Branagh	tt1661199	[Drama, Family, Fantasy]	Charles Perrault	1M_10M	260691415.00	8989.36
13	Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit	60000000	Kenneth Branagh	tt1205537	[Action, Drama, Thriller]	David Koepp	50M_70M	71377412.00	118.96
14	Murder on the Orient Express	55000000	Kenneth Branagh	tt3402236	[Crime, Drama, Mystery]	Agatha Christie	50M_70M	290922730.00	528.95

```
In [62]: # grouping the directors based on their movie budgets
    direc_budget = final_direc.groupby('direc_name').mean().reset_index().sort_values('production_budget', ascending=False)
    direc_budget['direc_name'] = direc_budget['direc_name'].map(str.upper)
    direc_budget
```

```
        Out[62]:
        direc_name
        production_budget
        profit
        roi

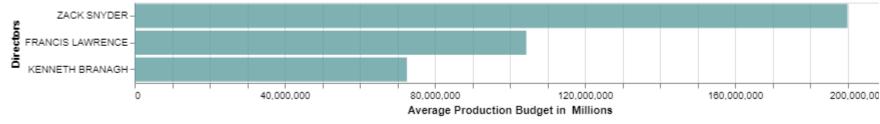
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        124.39

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        FRANCIS LAWRENCE
        104400000
        404238308.60
        340.62

        1
        KENNETH BRANAGH
        72580000
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        2059.90
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#### Movies Average Production Budget of Top Directors



#### **Movie Writers**

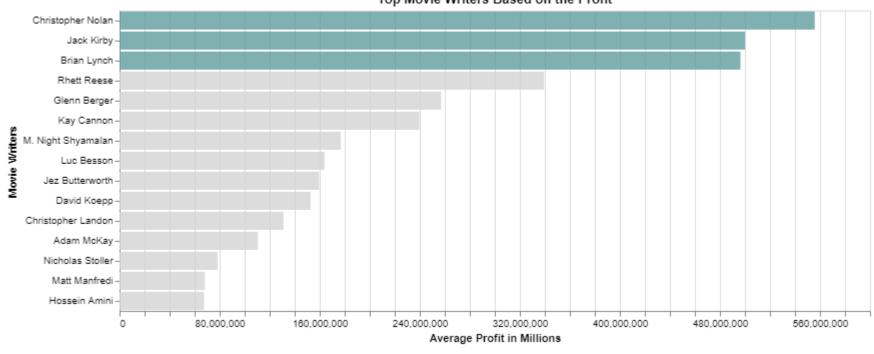
```
In [64]: # creating plot
alt.Chart(top_wrt, title='Top Movie Writers Based on the Profit').mark_bar(opacity=0.8).encode(
    x=alt.X('mean_profit', title='Average Profit in Millions'),
    y=alt.Y('writer_name', sort='-x', title='Movie Writers'),

# the highlight will be set on the result of a conditional statement
    color=alt.condition(
        alt.datum.mean_profit >=400000000, # setting the condition value
        alt.value('cadetblue'), # if the condition is True sets the bar blue
        alt.value('lightgrey') # and if it's not True it sets the bar grey.
```

```
)
).properties(width=750,height =300)
```



#### Top Movie Writers Based on the Profit



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I wanted to further analyze and see the production budget of the films written by Christopher Nolan, Jack Kirby and Brian Lynch.

```
In [65]: w1 = final_df[(final_df['writer_name']=='Christopher Nolan')]
    w2 = final_df[(final_df['writer_name']=='Jack Kirby')]
    w3 = final_df[(final_df['writer_name']=='Brian Lynch')]
    final_wrt = pd.concat([w1, w2,w3], ignore_index=True, sort=False)
    final_wrt
```

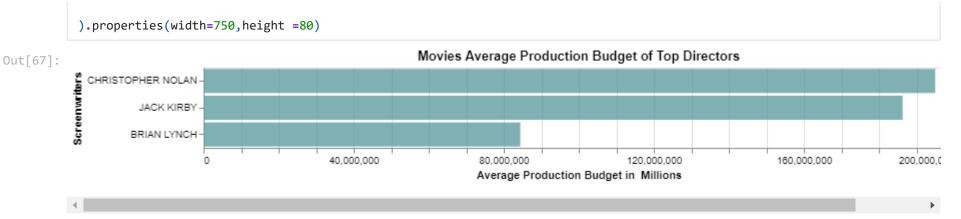
Out[65]:		title	production_budget	direc_name	movie_id	genres	writer_name	budget_bins	profit	roi
	0	The Dark Knight Rises	275000000	Christopher Nolan	tt1345836	[Action, Thriller]	Christopher Nolan	over_170M	809439099.00	294.34
	1	Man of Steel	225000000	Zack Snyder	tt0770828	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Christopher Nolan	over_170M	442999518.00	196.89
	2	Interstellar	165000000	Christopher Nolan	tt0816692	[Adventure, Drama, Sci-Fi]	Christopher Nolan	150M_170M	501379375.00	303.87

	title	production_budget	direc_name	movie_id	genres	writer_name	budget_bins	profit	roi
3	Inception	160000000	Christopher Nolan	tt1375666	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Christopher Nolan	150M_170M	675524642.00	422.20
4	Dunkirk	150000000	Christopher Nolan	tt5013056	[Action, Drama, History]	Christopher Nolan	150M_170M	349837368.00	233.22
5	Dark Phoenix	350000000	Simon Kinberg	tt6565702	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	-200237650.00	-57.21
6	Avengers: Age of Ultron	330600000	Joss Whedon	tt2395427	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	1072413963.00	324.38
7	Captain America: Civil War	250000000	Joe Russo	tt3498820	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	890069413.00	356.03
8	Black Panther	200000000	Ryan Coogler	tt1825683	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	1148258224.00	574.13
9	X-Men: Days of Future Past	200000000	Bryan Singer	tt1877832	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	547862775.00	273.93
10	Thor: Ragnarok	180000000	Taika Waititi	tt3501632	[Action, Adventure, Comedy]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	666980024.00	370.54
11	X-Men: Apocalypse	178000000	Bryan Singer	tt3385516	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	364537546.00	204.80
12	Spider-Man: Homecoming	175000000	Jon Watts	tt2250912	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	705166350.00	402.95
13	Iron Man 2	170000000	Jon Favreau	tt1228705	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	451156389.00	265.39
14	Captain America: The Winter Soldier	170000000	Joe Russo	tt1843866	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	over_170M	544401889.00	320.24
15	Thor: The Dark World	150000000	Alan Taylor	tt1981115	[Action, Adventure, Fantasy]	Jack Kirby	150M_170M	494602516.00	329.74
16	Thor	150000000	Kenneth Branagh	tt0800369	[Action, Adventure, Fantasy]	Jack Kirby	150M_170M	299326618.00	199.55
17	Captain America: The First Avenger	140000000	Joe Johnston	tt0458339	[Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi]	Jack Kirby	130M_150M	230569776.00	164.69
18	Ant-Man and the Wasp	130000000	Peyton Reed	tt5095030	[Action, Adventure, Comedy]	Jack Kirby	130M_150M	493144660.00	379.34

	title	production_budget	direc_name	movie_id	genres	writer_name	budget_bins	profit	roi
19	Fantastic Four	120000000	Josh Trank	tt1502712	[Action, Adventure, Drama]	Jack Kirby	90M_130M	47849187.00	39.87
20	Fantastic Four	87500000	Josh Trank	tt1502712	[Action, Adventure, Drama]	Jack Kirby	70M_90M	245632750.00	280.72
21	Puss in Boots	130000000	Chris Miller	tt0448694	[Action, Adventure, Animation]	Brian Lynch	130M_150M	424987477.00	326.91
22	The Secret Life of Pets 2	80000000	Chris Renaud	tt5113040	[Adventure, Animation, Comedy]	Brian Lynch	70M_90M	33351496.00	41.69
23	The Secret Life of Pets	75000000	Chris Renaud	tt2709768	[Adventure, Animation, Comedy]	Brian Lynch	70M_90M	811750534.00	1082.33
24	Minions	74000000	Kyle Balda	tt2293640	[Adventure, Animation, Comedy]	Brian Lynch	70M_90M	1086336173.00	1468.02
25	Нор	63000000	Tim Hill	tt1411704	[Adventure, Animation, Comedy]	Brian Lynch	50M_70M	125657593.00	199.46

```
In [66]: # grouping the writers based on their movie budgets
    wrt_budget = final_wrt.groupby('writer_name').mean().reset_index().sort_values('production_budget', ascending=False)
    wrt_budget['writer_name'] = wrt_budget['writer_name'].map(str.upper)
    wrt_budget
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# Out[66]: writer\_name production\_budget profit roi 1 CHRISTOPHER NOLAN 195000000 555836000.40 290.10 2 JACK KIRBY 186318750 500108401.88 276.82 0 BRIAN LYNCH 84400000 496416654.60 623.68



## Conclusion

The above analysis leads to three recommendations for Microsoft to release a successful film studio:

- Based on Microsoft's investment, I would suggest starting with movie genres with a smaller production budget of about 25 million dollars which are *mystery* and *horror*, then increasing up to 75 million dollars with the *fantasy* genre. They are the best genres with the greatest return on investments
- For the directing of movies, I would recommend working with *Francis Lawrence* and *Kenneth Branagh* along with an average production volume of 1 million to 105 million. *Zack Snyder* is best suited for films with the highest production budget ove the 170 million. They all are the most profitable directors in the movie industry.
- For the production of a film in average worth up to 85 million dollars, I would recommend *Brian Lynch* as a screenwriter. Whereas, *Christopher Nolan* and *Jack Kirby* are suitable screenwriters for the movies with the higher production budget. They are all the most successful film screenwriters.

## **Next Steps**

• Further analysis could be improved by adding additional data as it becomes available. It could also be expanded upon by determining release times of the movies and other influencing attribute such as actor and actresses.