

Streaming Platforms Content Analysis and Sentiment Insights

1. Problem Statement

With the growing number of content streaming platforms, such as Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, and Disney+, competition is fierce, and understanding their content landscape has become vital for both business intelligence and user experience research.

This project aims to:

- Understand the distribution of content types (Movies vs TV Shows) across platforms.
- Identify the most popular genres and ratings.
- Analyze trends in content duration by platform and type.
- Conduct time-series analysis of monthly content additions.
- Perform sentiment analysis on titles and descriptions to evaluate the emotional tone across platforms.

This analysis supports strategic decision-making for content acquisition, user engagement strategies, and platform positioning.

2. Documentation Sections

A. Introduction

Background

Over-the-top (OTT) platforms have revolutionized media consumption. With original content, global availability, and fierce competition, platforms like Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, and Disney+ continue to compete for audience attention. Understanding their content offerings, user sentiment, and strategic additions over time can provide insights into market trends and user preferences.

Objective

The objective of this project is to perform a comparative analysis of four major streaming platforms, focusing on content characteristics and sentiment, using Python-based data science tools.

Scope

- Analyze data from Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, and Disney+.
- Perform EDA, time-series, and sentiment analysis.
- Visualize insights using Python libraries like Seaborn and Matplotlib.

B. Dataset Overview

Datasets Used:

- netflix_titles.csv
- hulu_titles.csv
- amazon_prime_titles.csv
- disney_plus_titles.csv

Source: Publicly available datasets from Kaggle or similar repositories containing metadata about the titles available on each platform.

Dataset Features:

- show_id, type, title, director, cast, country, rating, date_added, release_year, duration, listed_in, description

Handling Missing Data:

- Missing textual fields (e.g., director, cast) filled with 'Unknown'.
- Null date_added values were parsed with error coercion.
- Duration cleaned and converted into integer minutes where possible.

C. Data Preprocessing

Column Standardization:

All datasets were standardized to the same format, with a new platform column added.

Handling Missing Values:

Text fields → 'Unknown'

description → 'No Description'

date_added → parsed with error coercion

Feature Engineering:

- added_year, added_month
- duration_int (converted duration)
- title_sentiment, desc_sentiment (TextBlob)

D. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

1. Content Type by Platform – Bar chart
2. Top 10 Genres Overall – Horizontal bar chart
3. Rating Distribution – Count plot of content ratings
4. Duration Distribution – Boxplots by platform and type
5. Monthly Trends – Time-series analysis of content addition

E. Sentiment Analysis

Method Used: TextBlob for polarity scores.

Fields Analyzed: title_sentiment, desc_sentiment

Visualizations:

1. Boxplot of sentiment polarity
2. Violin Plot of distribution shape and spread
3. Barplot of average sentiment by platform
4. Histogram + KDE per platform
5. KDE Overlay for all platforms

F. Results & Insights

- Netflix and Amazon Prime have more Movies than TV Shows.
- Drama, Comedy, and Action dominate across platforms.
- TV-MA, PG-13, and R are the most common ratings.
- Netflix and Amazon Prime show longer content durations.
- Sentiment varies: Netflix has slightly more positive descriptions, and Disney+ has more neutral tones.

G. Conclusion

This multi-platform analysis highlights how content libraries differ in terms of type, genre, and tone. Each platform seems to adopt unique strategies to engage viewers.

- Netflix leads in volume and genre diversity.
- Disney+ maintains a brand-safe, family-oriented tone.
- Hulu balances between modern and traditional formats.
- Amazon Prime has international and indie variety.

Sentiment analysis provides further insight into content tone and audience targeting.

H. Recommendations (Optional)

- Optimize libraries based on genre gaps and user sentiment trends.
- Guide marketing or trailer messaging using sentiment analysis.
- Future work: include user reviews, content clustering, or popularity prediction using NLP.

I. Technical Stack

Languages: Python

Libraries:

- Pandas, NumPy (data handling)
- Seaborn, Matplotlib (visualization)
- TextBlob (sentiment analysis)
- AdjustText (plot label adjustment)

Tools: Jupyter Notebook or VS Code

J. File Output

Final cleaned data saved as: allstreamingplatforms_cleaned.csv