MyAnimeList Data Project

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Domain

Anime (Japanese animated film/tv/etc),
User,
Users' review data

From the website - MyAnimeList.net

Investigative Questions

- 1. What are the best media/production (type, source, episodes, rating) forms for a popular anime?
 - => Do results change when filtering to only take animes that have been scored by >= 1000 users
- 2. For each scoring category, what are the best and worst genres?
 - => Do female users tend to give higher scores?
- 3. What are users' most favorite animes by their attributes (gender, age)?
 - => Do these resulting top anime actually correspond to their age/gender demographic genres

Results

- → Light novel based anime tend to be the most popular (by the metrics in our queries)
 - Many more Manga than Light Novel based anime
 3024 Manga vs 540 Light Novel vs Filtered 2119 Manga vs 495 Light Novel
- → Josei (targeted towards teenage/older women) anime tend to be the most highly rated by users
 - Female users tend to give higher scores on average.

 102190 Male Users: 32795 Female Users: 1270 Non-Binary Users

 47 Josei anime / 4750 anime with reviews

Challenges

Finding an appropriate dataset

Designing the schema

Linking the two data sources of our dataset

 Cleaning real user data - found a lot of inappropriate or nonsense data

Lessons

How non-decisive data queries can be for answering questions/research

Have to be SMART and CAREFUL when working with databases

Questions?