

Netflix Business Insights Report

Introduction

This report provides SQL-based business insights derived from the Netflix dataset. The queries analyze content distribution, market trends, audience engagement, and strategic planning for the platform.

- **SQL Level:** Intermediate to Advanced
- **Database:** SQL Server
- **Dataset:** [Netflix Movies and TV shows \(Kaggle\)](#)

1. Total Number of Titles Available on Netflix

Business Use Case: Determines the overall library size to track content growth.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT COUNT(*) AS total_titles FROM netflix_titles;
```

Result:

	total_titles
1	8807

2. Breakdown of Movies vs. TV Shows

Business Use Case: Helps Netflix decide investment distribution between movies and TV shows.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT type, COUNT(*) AS count  
FROM netflix_titles  
GROUP BY type;
```

Result:

	type	count
1	TV Show	2676
2	Movie	6131

3. Top 5 Countries Producing the Most Content

Business Use Case: Identifies key markets for content acquisition and localization.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT TOP 5 country, COUNT(*) AS count
FROM netflix_titles
WHERE country IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY country
ORDER BY count DESC;
```

Result:

	country	count
1	United States	2818
2	India	972
3	United Kingdom	419
4	Japan	245
5	South Korea	199

4. Yearly Trend of Content Added to Netflix

Business Use Case: Analyzes Netflix's content expansion over the years.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT release_year, COUNT(*) AS count
FROM netflix_titles
GROUP BY release_year
ORDER BY release_year DESC;
```

Result:

	release_year	count
1	2021	592
2	2020	953
3	2019	1030
4	2018	1147
5	2017	1032
6	2016	902
7	2015	560
8	2014	352
9	2013	288
10	2012	237
11	2011	185
12	2010	194
13	2009	152
14	2008	136
15	2007	88
16	2006	96
17	2005	80
18	2004	64
19	2003	61
20	2002	51
21	2001	45

5. Most Popular Ratings (Target Audience Analysis)

Business Use Case: Determines age groups that Netflix caters to the most.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT TOP 5 rating , COUNT(*) AS counts
FROM netflix_titles
GROUP BY rating
ORDER BY counts DESC
```

Result:

	rating	counts
1	TV-MA	3207
2	TV-14	2160
3	TV-PG	863
4	R	799
5	PG-13	490

6. Most Common Content Categories (Genres) on Netflix

Business Use Case: Guides content investment for trending genres.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT TOP 5 listed_in, COUNT(*) AS count
FROM netflix_titles
GROUP BY listed_in
ORDER BY count DESC
```

Result:

	listed_in	count
1	Dramas, International Movies	362
2	Documentaries	359
3	Stand-Up Comedy	334
4	Comedies, Dramas, International Movies	274
5	Dramas, Independent Movies, International Movies	252

7. Most Prolific Directors on Netflix

Business Use Case: Identifies key talent partnerships for future projects.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT TOP 5 director, COUNT(*) AS count
FROM netflix_titles
WHERE director IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY director
ORDER BY count DESC
```

Result:

	director	count
1	Rajiv Chilaka	19
2	Raúl Campos, Jan Suter	18
3	Marcus Raboy	16
4	Suhas Kadav	16
5	Jay Karas	14

8. Countries Producing the Most TV Shows

Business Use Case: Identifies regions that dominate TV show production.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT TOP 5 country, COUNT(*) AS count
FROM netflix_titles
WHERE type = 'TV Show' AND country IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY country
ORDER BY count DESC
```

Result:

	country	count
1	United States	760
2	United Kingdom	213
3	Japan	169
4	South Korea	158
5	India	79

9. Top 5 Most Common Movie Durations

Business Use Case: Understands preferred movie lengths for audience engagement.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT TOP 5 duration , COUNT(*) AS counts
FROM netflix_titles
WHERE type='Movie'
GROUP BY duration
ORDER BY counts DESC
```

Result:

	duration	counts
1	90 min	152
2	93 min	146
3	97 min	146
4	94 min	146
5	91 min	144

10. Find the Latest Content Added to Netflix

Business Use Case: Tracks Netflix's most recent content additions.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT TOP 5 title, date_added
FROM netflix_titles
WHERE date_added IS NOT NULL
ORDER BY CONVERT(DATE, date_added, 101) DESC
```

Result:

	title	date_added
1	Dick Johnson Is Dead	September 25, 2021
2	Blood & Water	September 24, 2021
3	Ganglands	September 24, 2021
4	Jailbirds New Orleans	September 24, 2021
5	Kota Factory	September 24, 2021

11. Find All Horror Movies for Targeted Marketing

Business Use Case: Plans promotions around horror-themed content (e.g., Halloween campaigns).

SQL Query:

```
SELECT title ,listed_in
FROM netflix_titles
WHERE type = 'Movie' AND listed_in LIKE '%Horror%';
```

Result:

	title	listed_in
1	Dark Skies	Horror Movies, Sci-Fi & Fantasy
2	Jaws 2	Dramas, Horror Movies, Thrillers
3	Jaws 3	Action & Adventure, Horror Movies, Thrillers
4	Jaws: The Revenge	Action & Adventure, Horror Movies, Thrillers
5	Krishna Cottage	Action & Adventure, Horror Movies, International ...
6	Ragini MMS	Horror Movies, International Movies
7	Ragini MMS 2	Horror Movies, International Movies
8	The Old Ways	Horror Movies
9	Boomika	Horror Movies, International Movies, Thrillers

12. Identify TV Shows with More Than 3 Seasons

Business Use Case: Recognizes successful long-running series for potential marketing and renewal.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT title, duration
FROM netflix_titles
WHERE type = 'TV Show'
AND
    duration LIKE '%Seasons'
AND
    CAST(SUBSTRING(duration, 1, CHARINDEX(' ', duration) - 1) AS INT) > 3;
```

Result:

	title	duration
1	The Great British Baking Show	9 Seasons
2	Dear White People	4 Seasons
3	Resurrection: Ertugrul	5 Seasons
4	Nailed It	6 Seasons
5	Numberblocks	6 Seasons
6	Saved by the Bell	9 Seasons
7	Jack Whitehall: Travels with My Father	5 Seasons
8	Lucifer	6 Seasons
9	Mighty Raju	4 Seasons
10	Boyz n the Hood	5 Seasons

13. Number of Titles Produced by Year

Business Use Case: Tracks production trends to determine peak content creation years.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT release_year, COUNT(*) AS count
FROM netflix_titles
GROUP BY release_year
ORDER BY release_year DESC
```

Result:

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1	2021	592
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14. Identify Actors with the Most Appearances on Netflix

Business Use Case: Determines which actors are most frequently featured for casting insights.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT TOP 5 casts , COUNT(*) AS count
FROM netflix_titles
WHERE casts IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY casts
ORDER BY count DESC
```

Result:

	casts	count
1	David Attenborough	19
2	Vatsal Dubey, Julie Teiwani, Rupa Bhimani, Jigna ...	14
3	Samuel West	10
4	Jeff Dunham	7
5	Craig Sechler	6

15. Finding the Percentage of Movies vs. TV Shows

Business Use Case: Understands the balance between movies and TV shows in Netflix's catalog.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT type, COUNT(*) * 100/( SELECT COUNT(*) FROM netflix_titles) AS Percentage
FROM netflix_titles
GROUP BY type
ORDER BY percentage
```

Result:

	type	Percentage
1	TV Show	30
2	Movie	69

16. Monthly Trend of Content Added to Netflix

Business Use Case: Identifies peak months for content releases.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT
    FORMAT(CAST(date_added AS DATE), 'yyyy-MM') AS month_year,
    COUNT(*) AS count
FROM netflix_titles
WHERE date_added IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY FORMAT(CAST(date_added AS DATE), 'yyyy-MM')
ORDER BY month_year DESC;
```

Result:

	month_year	count
1	2021-09	183
2	2021-08	178
3	2021-07	257
4	2021-06	207
5	2021-05	132
6	2021-04	188
7	2021-03	112
8	2021-02	109
9	2021-01	132

17. Find the Most Common Genre Combinations

Business Use Case: Determines which genre mixes perform well.

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18. Most Active Directors by Year

Business Use Case: Tracks directors who consistently produce content for Netflix.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT TOP 10 release_year, director, COUNT(*) AS count
FROM netflix_titles
WHERE director IS NOT NULL
GROUP BY release_year, director
ORDER BY count DESC
```

Result:

	release_year	director	count
1	2018	Raúl Campos, Jan Suter	12
2	2017	Marcus Raboy	6
3	2013	Rajiv Chilaka	6
4	2017	Hidenori Inoue	5
5	2017	Edward Cottenill	4
6	2019	Fernando Ayllón	4
7	2017	Jay Chapman	4
8	2018	Justin G. Dyck	4
9	2020	Kayode Kasum	4

19. Average Number of Titles Added Per Year Per Country

Business Use Case: Compares Netflix's content growth across different countries.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT TOP 10 country, COUNT(*) / COUNT(DISTINCT release_year) AS  
avg_titles_per_year  
FROM netflix_titles  
WHERE country IS NOT NULL  
GROUP BY country  
ORDER BY avg_titles_per_year DESC
```

Result:

	country	avg_titles_per_year
1	United States	40
2	India	17
3	South Korea	14
4	Spain	14
5	United Kingdom	12
6	Canada	10
7	Japan	8
8	Brazil	7
9	France	7
10	Nigeria	7

20. Top 5 Years with the Highest Number of New TV Shows

Business Use Case: Analyzes when Netflix invested heavily in TV Show production.

SQL Query:

```
SELECT TOP 5 release_year, COUNT(*) AS tv_show_count  
FROM netflix_titles  
WHERE type = 'TV Show'  
GROUP BY release_year  
ORDER BY tv_show_count DESC
```

Result:

	release_year	tv_show_count
1	2020	436
2	2019	397
3	2018	380
4	2021	315
5	2017	265

Conclusion

These SQL queries provide **key business insights** into Netflix's content distribution, audience engagement, and market trends. By leveraging these insights, Netflix can make informed decisions on **content acquisition, marketing strategies, and regional expansions**.