

## **Additions**

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## Additions

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This is a complete guide to submitting information to the Internet Movie Database via the movie mail-server's central collection service. It's long

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but is intended to cover everything.

## 1.2 1

### BACKGROUND

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The Internet Movie Database is an international volunteer effort coordinated via the USENET newsgroup rec.arts.movies hierarchy. The objective of the database is to provide useful and up to date movie information \*freely\* available on-line, across as many systems and platforms as possible. It currently covers over 42,000 movies with over 540,000 filmography entries and is expanding continuously. For more information on the movie database project as a whole, send e-mail with the subject "HELP FAQ" to <movie@ibmpcug.co.uk>.

The information in the database comes entirely from its users, so if you find it useful, the best way to show your appreciation is to send more movie information to the database managers. We need your help to enable the database to grow and keep it up to date with the latest releases and to fill in some of the gaps for older movies.

This is a guide to submitting information to the database via the movie mail-server's central collection service. This gives you one address to which send your additions across the whole database and a choice of two formats depending on how familiar you are with the system.

The WWW front-end to the database at Cardiff and its various mirror sites provide a form filling interface to the additions system. The completed forms are mailed to the same central collection address so this guide also serves as a useful explanation of the WWW forms.

Comments on this guide are welcome and should be directed to the movie database co-ordinator, Col Needham <cn@ibmpcug.co.uk>.

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### THE EASY TEMPLATE BASED INTERFACE

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This section gives details of a new simpler way to submit additions to the database. There are two forms of the update interface: one for adding on a title by title basis and one on a name by name basis. There are no complicated formats to learn and hopefully everything is self-explanatory. If you have a small number of additions or aren't familiar with the organization of the database, this is the interface for you.

#### Title Template Interface

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If you have copies of your favourite movies on tape/LD at home, why not help

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to complete the information on them directly from credits of your copy? Just take a look at the instructions below, enter the missing information in the easy new format and send it off.

To submit title data using the new interface, follow these simple instructions:

- (1) the first thing you need is a template containing the current details of the movie you wish to submit additions for. You can request a template by sending e-mail with the subject or body containing lines of the form:

```
TEMPL TITLE <title>
```

```
to <movie@ibmpcug.co.uk>
```

For example,

```
TEMPL TITLE Vertigo
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TEMPL TITLE Four Weddings and a Funeral
```

- (2) load the returned template into your favourite editor and follow the instructions given in the template to add your data. The idea is that you are making the template look like the results of a standard "MOVIE" query from the mail-server. There are no complicated formats to learn, just follow the comments and add your data!
- (3) once you have finished editing the template, mail it back to the server - the reply address and subject are already set-up to do this, but in case you lose the mail-headers, just set the subject to "UPDATE TITLE" and send the file to <movie@ibmpcug.co.uk>.

That's all there is to it!

#### Name Template Interface

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To submit data for a person using the new interface, follow these simple instructions:

- (1) the first thing you need is a template containing the current details of the person you wish to submit additions for. You can request a template by sending e-mail with the subject or body containing lines of the form:

```
TEMPL NAME <surname>, <firstname>
```

```
to <movie@ibmpcug.co.uk>
```

For example,

```
TEMPL NAME Grant, Cary
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TEMPL NAME Davis, Geena
```

```
TEMPL NAME Hitchcock, Alfred
```

- (2) load the returned template into your favourite editor and follow the instructions given in the template to add your data. The idea is that you are making the template look like the results of a standard filmography query from the mail-server. There are no complicated formats



to learn, just follow the comments and add your data!

- (3) once you have finished editing the template, mail it back to the server - the reply address and subject are already set-up to do this, but in case you lose the mail-headers, just set the subject to "UPDATE NAME" and send the file to <movie@ibmpcug.co.uk>.

Again, that's all there is to it!

#### A Customised Template Editor

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You can use any editor to add information to the title templates returned by the server, however, if you have the movie database software package installed locally on your system, I can strongly recommend Phil Queinnec's template editor which has been written specifically for the new additions interface.

The editor is available via anonymous FTP from:

ftp.cathouse.org in /pub/cathouse/movies/database/tools/templedit-1.0.tar.gz

ftp.funet.fi in /pub/culture/tv+film/database/tools/templedit-1.0.tar.gz

You can start up Phil's editor on a template file and it provides context sensitive name completion for all the filmography sections. For example, whilst editing the producers section, you can type "selz", press <TAB> to activate the completion and it fills in David O. Selznick. Similarly for the other sections, with only the relevant names for that section being available as completions. New names can, of course, be added but you are warned that the name is new, hopefully cutting down the number of spelling errors.

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### INTRODUCTION TO THE KEYWORD INTERFACE

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The keyword interface is the most flexible additions interface but can be quite difficult to master if you aren't familiar with the organization of the database. If you have a small number of additions you may find the template based interface easier to use - for details see the previous section.

Additions are mailed to the movie mail-server where they are batched up and forwarded to the Internet Movie Database Team for processing every Friday. You will receive a receipt summarising your data and listing any lines which don't conform to the required format.

To use this interface your message should have a subject:

ADD

and contain lines in the formats described below. The database has been built entirely from data gathered from users on the Internet over the last five years. Please support the database by sending in any information which you notice is missing. The database relies entirely on its users for information

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so if you find it useful, the best thing you can do to help is send us more data!

If this guide appears too complex please consider the template based interface described in the first paragraph, however, if you do decide to use this interface, please take the time to read this guide and follow the formats described. Data which does not conform to the standard format is likely to be rejected, although the server will let you know if this happens.

Finally, please note that the data has to be processed by the team member(s) responsible for the section(s) you've added to so there will be some delay before it is included. In most cases this will be about 1 week after we receive the data, but it does vary so please be patient.

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KEYWORDS  
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Each group of additions should be preceded by a keyword to indicate which section of the database they are for - keywords include ACTOR, ACTRESS, CAST, DIRECTOR and PLOTS. Each keyword should be on a line of its own and subsequent lines will be extracted by the relevant database manager.

You will receive an acknowledgment from the server on receipt of your data which will show how many lines for each keyword were received. The bottom of the acknowledgment will list any lines which did not conform to the formats and hence were rejected.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All lines after a row of two or more "-"'s are treated by the mail-server as signifying the start of your .signature and are discarded, therefore, do not include a line of dashes as part of your data.

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TITLE AND NAME FORMATS  
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All names in additions for the filmography and biography sections should be given in <surname>, <first name> order. For example:

Grant, Cary  
Hitchcock, Alfred  
DeNiro, Robert

This is also true for Japanese, Chinese and other names that usually are written <surname> <first name> and therefore need only a comma in between, but no switching. For example:

Gong, Li ( not <Li, Gong> although credits read <Gong Li> )

Here are further example names to illustrate some special cases:

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Name	Comments
Cobb, Randall 'Tex'	If a person is credited with a nickname we use single not double quotes around the nickname
Robards Jr., Jason	Don't forget the final "." after Jr and Sr. Also no comma before Jr./Sr.
Clive, E.E.	No space between double initials
Riva, J. Michael	One space between single initial and name
Du Maurier, Daphne	Even though her name is "Daphne du Maurier", when splitting into <surname>, <firstname> order, the surname should start with a capital letter

All titles should include their initial year of release have leading articles ("the", "a", "an" in English) moved to the end in order to allow correct alphabetical sorting. For example:

Pulp Fiction (1994)  
 Room with a View, A (1986)  
 Terminator, The (1984)  
 Affair to Remember, An (1957)

The same rule applies for all other languages. For example:

Alleinseglerin, Die (1987) -> German  
 Momento della Verita, Il (1965) -> Italian  
 Amor Brujo, El (1967) -> Spanish  
 Bete Humaine, La (1938) -> French  
 Bandeirantes, Os (1960) -> Portuguese  
 Cangaceiro, O (1953) -> Greek

All titles are assumed to be movies unless otherwise indicated as follows:

"xxxxx" = a television series, e.g. "Twin Peaks" (1990)  
 "xxxxx" (mini) = a television mini-series, e.g. "Lonesome Dove" (1989) (mini)  
 (TV) = TV movie, or made for cable movie, e.g. Duel (1971) (TV)  
 (V) = made for video movie, e.g. Steve Martin Live (1986) (V)

In very rare cases two movies with the same title have been released in the same year. In such cases we include (19XX/I) for the movie released first and (19XX/II) for the one released second. For example:

Black Rain (1989/I)  
 Black Rain (1989/II)

Similarly, if two different people have the same name, we use Roman numerals to distinguish between them. For example:

Williams, John (I) is the actor from the 1950s

Williams, John (II) is the composer (often scores Spielberg's movies)

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### ACTORS AND ACTRESSES DATABASES

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#### Keywords

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ACTOR = actors additions  
ACTRESS = actress additions  
CAST = actor or actress additions  
CHARA = character name additions for entries already in the database ONLY  
ORDER = cast order information for entries already in the database ONLY

#### Format for ACTOR/ACTRESS/CAST

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<name>|<title>|<attributes>|<character name>|<order>

#### where:

<name> is the actors name in <surname>, <firstname> order. Please note the space after the comma as in: "Grant, Cary".

<title> is the title of the movie or TV-series in which the actor appeared, please include the year of release as part of the title (see examples below).

<attributes> records any award nominations or wins. Example attributes include:

(AA)	=	academy award winner (best actor)
(AAN)	=	academy award nominee (best actor)
(S:AA)	=	academy award winner (best supporting actor)
(S:AAN)	=	academy award nominee (best supporting actor)
(GG)	=	golden globe winner (best drama actor)
(GGN)	=	golden globe nominee (best drama actor)

<character name> is the character name of the actor.

<order> is a number to record the position in which the actor appears in the credits (1=star billing)

#### Notes

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- Apart from the <name> and <title> all these fields are optional, but please leave the "|" separator for any blank fields, otherwise the some of the data may be lost.
- Please split additions for actors and actresses into two separate sections with the appropriate keywords. If you aren't sure of someone's gender, use the CAST keyword instead.

- Guest appearances in TV-series are NOT eligible for the main actors and actresses list. The person must have played a recurring role across a number of episodes in order to be included. See the section describing the biography database for an alternative method of adding this type of information.
- Please only credit individual names. For example, if all the members of a particular rock group appeared in a movie then include them under their individual names and not the name of the whole group.
- The actors and actresses sections are for people only. No animals.

#### Examples

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##### ACTOR

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Grant, Cary|North by Northwest (1959)||Roger Thornhill|1
Grant, Cary|Awful Truth, The (1937)|||1
Grant, Cary|Philadelphia Story, The (1940)|||
Hopkins, Anthony|Silence of the Lambs, The (1990)|(AA)||
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##### ACTRESS

```
Hepburn, Katharine|Bringing Up Baby (1938)||Susan Vance|2
Hepburn, Katharine|Philadelphia Story, The (1940)|||
Hepburn, Katharine|African Queen, The (1952)|(AAN)||2
Foster, Jodie|Silence of the Lambs, The (1990)|(AA)||
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#### Format for CHARA

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To add character names to *\*existing\** entries in the database only, use the keyword CHARA. The format is:

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<name>|<title>|<char>
```

If the entry for which you wish to submit a character name information is not already in the database you **MUST** use the ACTOR/ACTRESS/CAST keyword instead, otherwise the data will be lost!

#### Format for ORDER

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To add order information to *\*existing\** entries in the database only, use the keyword ORDER. The format is:

```
<name>|<title>|<order>
```

If the entry for which you wish to submit a character name information is not already in the database you **MUST** use the ACTOR/ACTRESS/CAST keyword instead, otherwise the data will be lost!

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### COMPLETING CAST INFORMATION FOR A MOVIE

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## Keywords

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CASTCOM = cast has been completed  
CASTVER = cast has been verified as already complete

## Format

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<title>|<your name and e-mail address>

## Description

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We are trying to track the movies for which we have complete cast information in the database. This means that all the actors and actresses listed on screen in the credits of the movie (along with their character names if given) have been entered into the database. If you complete the information for a title, please indicate this with the CASTCOM keyword. If you find the information is already complete please indicate this with the CASTVER keyword.

## Example

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CASTCOM  
Vertigo (1958)|Colin Needham <cn@ibmpcug.co.uk>

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## DIRECTORS DATABASE

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## Keyword

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DIRECTOR

## Format

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<name>|<title>|<attributes>

## where:

<name> is the directors name in <surname>, <firstname> order. Please note the space after the comma as in: "Hitchcock, Alfred".

<title> is the title of the movie or TV-series which the person directed. Please include the year of release as part of the title (see examples below).

<attributes> records any award nominations or wins. Example attributes include:

(AA) = academy award winner (best director)  
 (AAN) = academy award nominee (best director)  
 (GG) = golden globe winner (best director)  
 (GGN) = golden globe nominee (best director)

## Examples

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DIRECTOR  
 Hitchcock, Alfred|Spellbound (1945)|  
 Hitchcock, Alfred|Vertigo (1958)|  
 Hitchcock, Alfred|Birds, The (1963)|  
 Hitchcock, Alfred|Psycho (1960)|(AAN)

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## WRITERS DATABASE

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## Keyword

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WRITER

## Format

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<name>|<title>|<attributes>

## where:

<name> is the writers name in <surname>, <firstname> order. Please note the space after the comma as in: "Hecht, Ben".

<title> is the title of the movie which the person wrote. Please include the year of release as part of the title (see examples below).

<attributes> records any award nominations or wins and also the type of contribution made to the script. Example attributes include:

(song) = The writer is the author (composer?) of a song on which the screenplay was based.  
 (story) = The writer contributed on the story for the screenplay only or the writer is the author of a story on which the movie was based.  
 (play) = The writer is the author of the play on which the screenplay was based.  
 (novel) = The writer is the author of the novel on which the screenplay was based.  
 (novel XXX) = The writer is the author of the novel on which the screenplay was based, but the novel is not the same title as the movie.  
 (book) = The writer is the author of the book on which the screenplay was based.  
 (article) = The writer is the author of the article on which the

- screenplay was based.
- (operetta) = The writer is the author of the operetta on which the screenplay was based.
- (also XXX) = The writer was involved in some other aspect than just writing the screenplay. They may have authored the novel the screenplay was based on, or developed the story, etc.
- (A:AA) = Academy Award for Best Adaptation
- (A:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Adaptation
- (DS:AA) = Academy Award for Best Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen
- (DS:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen
- (MPS:AA) = Academy Award for Best Motion Picture Story
- (MPS:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Motion Picture Story
- (S:AA) = Academy Award for Best Screenplay
- (S:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Screenplay
- (SA:AA) = Academy Award for Best Screenplay - Adapted
- (SA:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Screenplay - Adapted
- (SAM:AA) = Academy Award for Best Screenplay - based on Another Medium
- (SAM:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Screenplay - based on another medium
- (SAO:AA) = Academy Award for Best Screenplay Adapted from Other Material
- (SAO:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Screenplay Adapted from other material
- (SO:AA) = Academy Award for Best Screenplay - Original
- (SO:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Screenplay - Original
- (SS:AA) = Academy Award for Best Story and Screenplay
- (SS:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Story and Screenplay
- (SSF:AA) = Academy Award for Best Story and Screenplay - based on factual material or material not previously published or produced
- (SSF:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Story and Screenplay - based on factual material or material not prev. published or produced
- (SSS:AA) = Academy Award for Best Story and Screenplay - written directly for the Screen
- (SSS:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Story and Screenplay - written directly for the Screen
- (StO:AA) = Academy Award for Best Story - Original
- (StO:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Best Story - Original
- (T:AA) = Academy Award for Title Writing
- (T:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Title Writing
- (WA:AA) = Academy Award for Writing Achievement
- (WA:AAN) = Academy Award Nomination for Writing Achievement

## Examples

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## WRITER

Hecht, Ben|Notorious (1946)|  
 McDonell, Gordon|Shadow of a Doubt (1943)|(story)  
 Buchan, John|39 Steps, The (1935)|(novel)  
 Hamilton, Patrick|Rope (1948)|(play)  
 Crichton, Michael|Jurassic Park (1993)|(also novel)



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## COMPOSERS DATABASE

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Keyword

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COMPOSER

Format

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&lt;name&gt;|&lt;title&gt;|&lt;attributes&gt;

where:

<name> is the composers name in <surname>, <firstname> order. Please note the space after the comma as in: "Herrmann, Bernard".

<title> is the title of the movie or TV-series on which the composer worked. Please include the year of release as part of the title (see examples below).

<attributes> records any award nominations or wins. Example attributes include:

(A:AA)	=	Academy Award for best score adapted from another musical source
(A:AAN)	=	Academy Award Nomination for best score adapted from another musical source
(AA)	=	Academy Award
(AAA)	=	Australian Academy Award
(AAN)	=	Academy Award Nomination
(BFA)	=	British Academy Award ( = British Film Award )
(Cesar)	=	French Academy Award
(D:AA)	=	Academy Award for best score in a drama or a comedy
(D:AAN)	=	Academy Award Nomination for best score in a drama or a comedy
(David)	=	Italian Academy Award
(Felix)	=	European Academy Award ( = European Film Award )
(GG)	=	Golden Globe
(GGN)	=	Golden Globe Nomination
(M:AA)	=	Academy Award for best score in a musical
(M:AAN)	=	Academy Award Nomination for best score in a musical
(O:AA)	=	Academy Award for best original score
(O:AAN)	=	Academy Award Nomination for best original score

Examples

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COMPOSER

Herrmann, Bernard|Vertigo (1958)|

Herrmann, Bernard|Trouble with Harry, The (1955)|

Herrmann, Bernard|Obsession (1976)|(O:AAN)

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## CINEMATOGRAPHERS DATABASE

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Keyword

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CINE

Format

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&lt;name&gt;|&lt;title&gt;|&lt;attributes&gt;

where:

<name> is the cinematographers name in <surname>, <firstname> order. Please note the space after the comma as in: "Zsigmond, Vilmos".

<title> is the title of the movie or TV-series on which the person worked. Please include the year of release as part of the title (see examples below).

<attributes> records any award nominations or wins. Example attributes include:

(AA)	=	Academy Award for best cinematography
(AAN)	=	Academy Award Nomination for best cinematography
(AAA)	=	Australian Academy Award for best cinematography
(BFA)	=	British Academy Award for best cinematography
(Cesar)	=	French Academy Award for best cinematography
(David)	=	Italian Academy Award for best cinematography
(Felix)	=	European Academy Award for best cinematography
(GG)	=	Golden Globe for best cinematography
(GGN)	=	Golden Globe Nomination for best cinematography

Examples

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CINEM

Burks, Robert|Vertigo (1958)|

Burks, Robert|Strangers on a Train (1951)|(AAN)

Burks, Robert|Dial M for Murder (1954)|

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## EDITORS DATABASE

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Keyword

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EDITOR

## Format

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<name>|<title>|<attributes>

## where:

<name> is the editors name in <surname>, <firstname> order. Please note the space after the comma as in: "Tomasini, George".

<title> is the title of the movie or TV-series on which the person worked. Please include the year of release as part of the title (see examples below).

<attributes> records any award nominations or wins. Example attributes include:

(AA) = academy award winner (editing)  
 (AAN) = academy award nominee (editing)  
 (GG) = golden globe winner (editing)  
 (GGN) = golden globe nominee (editing)

## Examples

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EDITOR  
 Tomasini, George|Psycho (1960)|  
 Tomasini, George|Birds, The (1963)|  
 Schoonmaker, Thelma|GoodFellas (1990)|(AAN)  
 Warth, Theron|Notorious (1946)|

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## PRODUCTION DESIGNERS DATABASE

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## Keyword

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DESIGN

## Format

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<name>|<title>|<attributes>

## where:

<name> is the production designers name in <surname>, <firstname> order. Please note the space after the comma as in: "Boyle, Robert F.".

<title> is the title of the movie or TV-series on which the person worked. Please include the year of release as part of the title (see examples below).

<attributes> records any award nominations or wins. Example attributes include:

(AA) = academy award winner (best production design)  
 (AAN) = academy award nominee (best production design)  
 (GG) = golden globe winner (best production design)  
 (GGN) = golden globe nominee (best production design)

#### Examples

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#### DESIGN

Riva, J. Michael|Color Purple, The(1985)|(AAN)  
 Riva, J. Michael|Dave (1993)|  
 Riva, J. Michael|Few Good Men, A (1992)|  
 Riva, J. Michael|Golden Child, The (1986)|

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### COSTUME DESIGNERS DATABASE

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#### Keyword

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#### COSTUME

#### Format

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<name>|<title>|<attributes>

#### where:

<name> is the costume designers name in <surname>, <firstname> order.  
 Please note the space after the comma as in: "Head, Edith".

<title> is the title of the movie or TV-series on which the person worked.  
 Please include the year of release as part of the title (see examples below).

<attributes> records any award nominations or wins. Example attributes include:

(AA) = academy award winner (best costume design)  
 (AAN) = academy award nominee (best costume design)  
 (GG) = golden globe winner (best costume design)  
 (GGN) = golden globe nominee (best costume design)

#### Examples

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#### COSTUME

Head, Edith|Double Indemnity (1944)|

Head, Edith|Notorious (1946)|  
 Head, Edith|Place in the Sun, A (1951)|(AA)  
 Head, Edith|Vertigo (1958)|

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### PRODUCERS DATABASE

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Keyword

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PRODU

Format

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<name>|<title>|<attributes>

where:

<name> is the producers name in <surname>, <firstname> order.  
 Please note the space after the comma as in: "Thalberg, Irving".

<title> is the title of the movie or TV-series on which the person worked.  
 Please include the year of release as part of the title (see examples below).

<attributes> records the type of contribution. Valid attributes are:

(executive)	=	executive producer
(associate)	=	associate producer
(line)	=	line producer
(co-producer)	=	co-producer

Examples

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PRODU  
 Broccoli, Albert|Goldfinger (1964)|  
 Broccoli, Albert|Licence to Kill (1989)|  
 Broccoli, Albert|Living Daylights, The (1987)|  
 Broccoli, Albert|Man with the Golden Gun, The (1974)|  
 Broccoli, Albert|Moonraker (1979)|

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### MISCELLANEOUS CREW DATABASE

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The miscellaneous crew database records filmographies for anyone not covered by the other filmography sections.

## Keyword

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MISC

## Format

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&lt;name&gt;|&lt;title&gt;|&lt;attributes&gt;

## where:

<name> is the name in <surname>, <firstname> order. Please note the space after the comma as in: "Bass, Saul".

<title> is the title of the movie or TV-series on which the person worked. Please include the year of release as part of the title (see examples below).

<attributes> is used to record the type of contribution the person made to the movie. It must always be included in ()'s. This field must be filled in or the data cannot be accepted. Examples include:

(art director)	(assistant director)	(hair styles)
(make-up)	(music supervisor)	(foley editor)
(recording director)	(script supervisor)	(set decoration)
(sound effects editing)	(sound)	(special effects)
(technical advisor)	(title design)	

## Notes

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- The attribute field records the occupation of the person concerned and *\*must\** be present on each line you submit for this section.
- The occupation attributes should consist of only lowercase characters.
- All types of producers: executive, associate, co-producer and line are stored in the producers database, *\*not\** the miscellaneous section.
- Please submit credits for individuals only. No company names.

## Examples

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MISC

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Bass, Saul|Vertigo (1958)|(title design)
Bumstead, Henry|Vertigo (1958)|(art direction)
Comer, Sam|Vertigo (1958)|(set decoration)
Fulton, John P.|Vertigo (1958)|(special effects)
Leverett, Winston|Vertigo (1958)|(sound)
Lewis, Harold|Vertigo (1958)|(sound)
Westmore, Wally|Vertigo (1958)|(make-up)
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## TITLES DATABASE

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Keyword

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TITLE

Format

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&lt;title&gt;|&lt;year&gt;|&lt;attributes&gt;

where:

<title> is either the original title of a non English movie (if an English title is not available ) or the English title of an English or non-English movie. Original titles of non-English movies become alternative titles as soon as English titles are made known to us.

<year> is the year of the first public screening

<attributes> records any award nominations or wins. Example attributes include:

(AA)	=	Academy Award
(AAN)	=	Academy Award Nomination
(AFI)	=	Australian Academy Award
(BFA)	=	British Academy Award ( = British Film Award )
(C)	=	Golden Palm Cannes
(Cesar)	=	French Academy Award for best film
(C:GGN)	=	Golden Globe Nomination for best comedy/musical
(C:GG)	=	Golden Globe for best comedy/musical
(David)	=	Italian Academy Award for best film
(D:GGN)	=	Golden Globe Nomination for best drama
(D:GG)	=	Golden Globe for best drama
(Felix)	=	European Academy Award for best film
(FL:AAN)	=	Academy Award Nomination for best foreign movie
(FL:AA)	=	Academy Award for best foreign movie
(FL:GGN)	=	Golden Globe Nomination for best foreign language movie
(FL:GG)	=	Golden Globe for best foreign language movie
(GBB)	=	Golden Bear Berlin
(SBB)	=	Silver Bear Berlin
(GG)	=	Golden Globe
(GGN)	=	Golden Globe Nomination
(Guldbagge)	=	Swedish Academy Award
(GuldbaggeN)	=	Swedish Academy Award Nomination
(Ven)	=	Golden Lion, Venice

Examples

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TITLE

Aliens (1986)|1986|

Aliens Are Coming, The (1980) (TV)|1980|  
Breakfast of Aliens (1993)|1993|  
Cape Fear (1962)|1962|  
Cape Fear (1991)|1991|

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### ALTERNATIVE TITLES DATABASE

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Keyword

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AKA

Format

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<primary title>|<aka-title>

Description

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Movies are sometimes known under several different titles. To submit one or more alternative titles for a movie use the AKA keyword. Only English original titles, English titles of non-English movies and original non-English titles are accepted.

Examples

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AKA

Abbott and Costello Go to Mars (1953)|On to Mars (1953)  
Abbott and Costello Go to Mars (1953)|Rocket and Roll (1953)  
Shoot to Kill (1988)|Deadly Pursuit (1988)  
400 Blows, The (1959)|Quatre Cents Coups, Les (1959)

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### ALTERNATIVE NAMES DATABASE

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Keyword

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NAKA

Format

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<primary name>|<aka-name>



## Description

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People are sometimes billed under several different names during their careers. The NAKA keyword is used to submit this kind of information.

## Examples

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NAKA  
Whalley-Kilmer, Joanne|Whalley, Joanne|  
Bradbury, Robert N.|Bradbury, Robert North|

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## RUNNING TIMES DATABASE

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## Keyword

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TIMES

## Format

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<title>|<country>|<running-time>|<attributes>

## Description

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This section records the running times of movies in the database on a country by country basis.

The <country> field is self explanatory. Currently supported countries are:

UK - United Kingdom            USA - United States

For other countries include full name.

If you omit the <country> field it will signify that the time you have submitted is for the country the movie was released in.

The <running-time> field is used to record the duration of the movie. It includes the film and the credits, but excludes theatrical trailers and, if from a TV broadcast, adverts.

Please note:

- 1). Silent movies may be shown at slightly different speeds because at that time there was no exact standard of speed (running times for silent films were usually given in feet, but we won't go into such details here), so different people might get different times.
- 2). The European (PAL/SECAM) tv/video running times may be shorter by

about 4% due to the fact that film runs at 24 frames, but European video runs at 25 (North American (NTSC) video actually runs at 30, but the transfer takes the 24/30 difference into account).

The <attributes> field allows you to specify any special characteristics regarding the movie you are submitting. Without an <attributes> field, the entry will default to the theatrical release. Please only include other media versions if they differ from the theatrical release.

Valid attributes are:

(VV)	- Video Version
(TVV)	- TV Version
(LD)	- Laser Disc Version
(CD-i)	- CD-i Version
(O)	- Other media, can add explicit code if enough entries
(Video Premiere)	- Movie never released theatrically
(Director's Cut)	- Director's Cut
(Special Edition)	- Special Edition
(Re-release)	- Rereleased, probably after a ban or cut

Examples

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TIMES
Speed (1994) |UK|111|
Dune (1984) |US|190| (TVV)
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CERTIFICATES DATABASE

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Keyword

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CERT

Format

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<title>|<country>|<cert>|<attributes>

Description

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The certificates list records the classification/ratings certificates of movies in the database on a country by country basis.

The <country> field is self explanatory. Currently supported countries are:

UK - United Kingdom      USA - United States

For other countries supply the full name.

If you omit the <country> field it will default to the UK.

The <cert> field is used to record the Certificate awarded the movie. Different countries have different Certificates, please ensure that the entry you give is valid for the country you have specified. The table below lists the valid entries.

Australia:

- G - General
- PG - Parental Guidance for under 15
- M - 15+ Recommended
- MA - 15+ Restricted (Under 15 only with an adult)
- R - Passed only for persons 18 and over
- X - Sexually Explicit, 18s and over (Possibly only videos)

Finland:

- S - Suitable for all
- K-8 - Passed only for persons 8 and over
- K-8/K-5 - Passed only for persons 8 and over  
(of 5 and over with an adult)
- K-10/K-7 - Passed only for persons 10 and over  
(or 7 and over with an adult)
- K-10 - Passed only for persons 10 and over
- K-12 - Passed only for persons 12 and over
- K-12/K-9 - Passed only for persons 12 and over  
(or 9 and over with an adult)
- K-13 - Passed only for persons 13 and over
- K-14 - Passed only for persons 14 and over
- K-16 - Passed only for persons 16 and over
- K-18 - Passed only for persons 18 and over

France:

- 12 - Passed only for persons 12 and over
- 16 - Passed only for persons 16 and over
- X - For pornographic movies

Germany:

- 6 - Passed only for persons 7 and over
- 12 - Passed only for persons 12 and over
- 16 - Passed only for persons 16 and over
- 18 - Passed only for persons 18 and over
- U - Unrated

Norway:

- 7 - Passed only for persons 7 and over (4 with adult)
- 11 - Passed only for persons 11 and over (7 with adult)
- 15 - Passed only for persons 15 and over (12 with adult)
- 18 - Passed only for persons 18 and over

New Zealand:

- G - Universal. suitable for all
  - GY - More suitable for 13+
  - GA - More suitable for adults
  - RP13 - Entrance below 13 only with parent or guardian
  - RP16 - Entrance below 16 only with parent or guardian
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RP18 - Entrance below 18 only with parent or guardian  
R13 - Passed only for persons 13 and over  
R16 - Passed only for persons 16 and over  
R18 - Passed only for persons 18 and over

## Sweden:

Bt1 - Universal. Suitable for all  
7 - Entrance below 7 only with an adult.  
11 - Passed only for persons 11 and over (7 with adult)  
15 - Passed only for persons 15 and over

## UK:

E - Exempt from classification  
U - Universal, suitable for all  
PG - Parental Guidance, some scenes may be unsuitable for kids  
12 - Passed only for persons 12 and over  
15 - Passed only for persons 15 and over  
18 - Passed only for persons 18 and over

## US:

G - For all audiences  
PG - Parental Guidance Suggested (mainly for under 10's)  
PG-13 - Parental Guidance Suggested for children under 13  
R - Under 17 not admitted without parent or guardian  
NC-17 - Under 17 not admitted

As well as the country specific certificates, there is also a special global certificate - Banned. Use this to denote any movie that has been banned from general release.

The <attributes> field allows you to specify any special characteristics for the movie you are submitting. Without an <attributes> field, the entry will default to the theatrical release. Please only include other media versions if they differ from the theatrical release.

Valid attributes are:

(VV) - Video Version  
(VP) - Video Premiere - Movie had no prior theatrical release  
(TVV) - TV Version  
(LD) - Laser Disc Version  
(CD-i) - CD-i Version  
(O) - Other media, can add explicit code if enough entries  
  
(DC) - Director's Cut  
(SE) - Special Edition  
(RR) - Rereleased, probably after a ban or cut  
(CUT) - Movie Cut/Dubbed for release on this media

## Examples

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CERT  
Dangerous Game (1990)|UK|18|  
Little Buddha (1993)|UK|18|

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Reservoir Dogs (1992) |UK|Banned| (VV)

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RELEASE DATES DATABASE

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Keyword

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RELEASE

Format

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<title>|<country>|<release-date>|<attributes>

Description

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The release dates list records the when movies were released on a country by country basis.

The <country> field is self explanatory. Currently supported countries are:

UK - United Kingdom            USA - United States

For other countries include full name.

If you omit the <country> field it will default to the movie's country of origin.

The <release-date> field is used to record the date the movie was released in the specified country. The date should follow the form

<day> <full month> <full year>

e.g.,

2 December 1968

The <attributes> field allows you to specify any special characteristics regarding the movie you are submitting. Without an <attributes> field, the entry will default to the theatrical release. Please only include other media versions if they differ from the theatrical release.

Valid attributes are:

(Premiere - <location>) - Location of movie premiere

\* Only use this if the premiere is an earlier date than the general release date.

(Video Premiere)                - Movie never released theatrically  
(Director's Cut)                - Director's Cut

(Special Edition)           - Special Edition  
 (Re-Release)               - Rereleased, probably after a ban or cut

#### Examples

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RELEASE  
 Speed (1994)|USA|10 June 1994  
 Lion King, The (1994)|USA|18 November 1994|(Re-Release)

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### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN DATABASE

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#### Keyword

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COUNTRY

#### Format

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<title>|<country>|<order>

#### Description

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The countries section records the country of origin of movies in the database. Currently supported countries are:

UK - United Kingdom           USA - United States

For other countries, supply the full name.

If the title is a multi-country production, use the <order> field to specify the order in which the countries should be listed. The countries will then be displayed in ascending numerical order. E.g, if a film was predominantly English but also co-produced in the USA you would format it thus:

Example (1994)|UK|1  
 Example (1994)|USA|2

This would then be displayed as:

Country of Production:  
 UK / USA

You only need to specify an <order> for multi-country productions.

#### Examples

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COUNTRY  
 Citizen Kane (1940)|USA  
 Room with a View, A (1986)|UK  
 Diabolique, Les (1954)|France  
 Boat, The (1981)|Germany

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### COLOR INFORMATION DATABASE

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Keyword

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COLOR

Format

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<title>|<color>|<attribute>

Description

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This section records whether movies in the database have been shot in color, black and white, or have been colorized. Currently supported values for the <color> field are:

Black and White  
 Colorized (Films that were originally Black and White)  
 Color

The <attribute> field covers recording formats such as Technicolor, Eastmancolor etc . . . feel free to submit any information you can about these formats

Examples

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COLOR  
 Gone with the Wind (1939)|Color  
 Casablanca (1942)|Black and White

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### SOUND MIX DATABASE

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Keyword

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MIX

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## Format

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&lt;title&gt;|&lt;sound&gt;

## Description

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This section records the type of sound mix used for movies in the database. The values currently supported for the <sound> field are:

- \* Silent - Silent Movie.
- \* Mono - Single Channel sound.
- \* Stereo - Two channels of sound. Earliest form of stereo.
- \* Fantasound - Experimental Multi Channel, Used on Disney's Fantasia.
- \* Sensurround - Another experimental system that delivered thunderous low-frequency rumbles. Only used in three releases.
- \* Dolby Stereo - Multi Channel surround sound. Nearly all modern movie soundtracks use Dolby Stereo or a similar process.
- \* Dolby Stereo SR - Dolby Stereo Spectral Recording. Uses more advanced noise reduction and provides wider dynamic range than Dolby Stereo.
- \* Dolby Stereo Digital - The best quality Dolby can provide. Combines Dolby Stereo Digital and Dolby Stereo SR.
- \* CDS - Cinema Digital Sound. One of the earliest digital delivery systems. Now defunct.
- \* DTS - Digital Theater Sound. Information stored on a CD-Rom and synced to the print.
- \* SDDS - Sony Dynamic Digital Sound. Another digital sound system that stores discrete information for all available channels.

## Examples

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## MIX

Intolerance (1916)|Silent

Psycho (1960)|Mono

Jurassic Park (1993)|Dolby Stereo



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## GENRES DATABASE

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Keyword

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GENRE

Format

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&lt;title&gt;|&lt;genre&gt;

Description

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This section records the genres and keywords appropriate for movies in the database. There are a fixed number of main genres:

Action	Adventure	Animation	Comedy
Documentary	Drama	Film-Noir	Horror
Musical	Sci-Fi	Thriller	Western

and an unlimited number of keywords which can be used to classify a movie anyway you think would be interesting to users of the database.

Note that all the main genres begin with a Capital letter. All the keywords on the other hand are completely in lowercase. Also - no genre or keyword includes whitespace. Please replace spaces with hyphens as in "serial-killer".

Example keywords include:

adult-humor	aids	aliens	amnesia
android	animals	anime	antisemitism
archaeology	army-life	art	arctic-expedition
assassination	aviation	bandit	base-jumping
baseball	based	basketball	bawdy
bayou	beach	beach-party	biker
biographical	biography	black	black-comedy
black-magic	blackmail	bond	boxing
brainwash	caper	car	cartoon
chase	children's	chinese	christmas
classic	climbing	cold-war	college
comic	concert	corruption	courtroom
crime	cult	cycling	dance
deaf	delinquent	desert	detective
disaster	ealing	egyptology	environmental
epic	erotic	escape	espionage
exercise	exploitation	family	farce
female	female-prison	fertility	fictional-biography
film-in-film	firefighting	flashbacks	football
fraud	futuristic	gang	gangs
gangster	gay	gay-rights	genocide

germany	ghetto	ghost	gothic
grief	gypsy	hacker	halloween
harem	heist	highjack	hispanic
historical	hitman	hockey	hollywood
holmes	hongkong	horses	hostage
hotel	humor	incest	intrigue
junkie	kidnap	kungfu	laboratory
legend	mafia	magic	manic
martial-arts	marvel	marx-brothers	medical
melodrama	mob	mobster	monologue
morality	mostery	motorbiking	movie-making
movies	murder	music	mystical-realism
mystery	mythological	nazi	neorealism
new-wave	newspaper	nuclear	nuclear-war
occult	opera	parody	part-animated
period	pi	planes	part-live-action
police	political	politics	part-stop-motion
ost-war	prison	psychoanalysis	private-detective
psychological	python	quiz-show	puppet-animation
race	racial	racism	railroad
recovery	relationship	religion	revenge
revolt	road	role-reversal	romance
rural	russian-rock	sailing	santa
satire	school	science	screwball
scuba-diving	sea	serial-killer	semi-auto-biography
sex	sexual	shakespeare	short
siege	silent	sitcom	skateboard
skydiving	slapstick	sleaze	soap
space	spooft	sports	spy
stand-up	stop-motion	subculture	supernatural
surfing	surreal	suspense	talk-show
teaching	tear-jerker	teen	teenagers
terrorism	time-loop	time-travel	tragedy
tragi-comedy	train	transvestitism	true-love
ufo	undercover	vampire	violence
virtual-reality	voodoo	war	white-water-rafting
women	wwii	zombie	1950s
1960s	3-D	diary	

A movie can obviously conform to several genres so please try to list them in order of significance with the primary genre first.

Some examples of genres you shouldn't add:

Incorrect genres	Correct genres
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Science Fiction	Sci-Fi
Serial Killer	serial-killer
Short Documentary	Documentary
	+ short
Historical Drama	Drama
	+ historical
Action, Thriller	Action
	+ Thriller
COMEDY	Comedy

Also bear in mind that a movie is not necessarily a "Comedy" just

because there are a few quick remarks or funny jokes in it. It happens too often that movies are registered with incorrect genres. It's not a disaster, but it is annoying for the person renting "Schindler's List" to watch a good "Horror" movie.

#### Examples

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##### GENRE

Point Break (1991) | Action  
 Point Break (1991) | heist  
 Point Break (1991) | surfing  
 Point Break (1991) | police  
 Point Break (1991) | skydiving  
 Speed (1994) | Action  
 Speed (1994) | Thriller  
 Speed (1994) | chase  
 Speed (1994) | police

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### PRODUCTION COMPANIES DATABASE

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#### Keyword

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##### PRODCO

#### Format

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<title> | <production company>

#### Description

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This section records the production companies of movies in the database.

#### Examples

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##### PRODCO

Extreme Justice (1993) | Trimark Pictures  
 Extremities (1986) | Atlantic  
 Eye of the Needle (1981) | United Artists

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### LOCATIONS DATABASE

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Keyword

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LOCATION

Format

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<title>|<location>

Description

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This section records the actual locations where movies were actually filmed. Note this is not necessarily the location portrayed in the movie. Please give as much info as you can regarding the state and or country. Please don't abbreviate US states. Abbreviate countries e.g. UK, USA, if that is widely accepted. Don't abbreviate e.g. France to FRA.

Examples

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LOCATION

Escape from Alcatraz (1979)|San Francisco, California, USA  
 Hercules in the Maze of the Minotaur (1994) (TV)|New Zealand  
 Restoration (1994)|Caerphilly Castle, Wales, UK  
 Jurassic Park (1993)|Hawaiian Islands, USA

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MOVIE LINKS DATABASE

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Keyword

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MOVIELINK

Format

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<title>|<link type>|<title>

Description

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The movie links list records (often trivial) connections between movies in the Internet Movie Database, the best example being sequel information. The currently supported links are:

Link	Notes
followed by	the movie has a sequel or in some way is followed by a future movie

follows	the movie is a sequel or in some way follows on from a previous movie
remade as	the movie was subsequently remade
remake of	the movie is a remake of a previous movie
referenced in	the movie is referenced or a homage paid to it in a subsequent movie
references	the movie references or pays homage to a previous movie
spoofed in	a joke reference to the movie is made in a subsequent movie
spoofs	the movie makes a joke reference to a previous movie
featured in	extracts from the movie are featured in a subsequent movie, for example, on TV or characters attend a cinema screening during the movie
features	extracts from a previous movie are featured

For example:

Alien (1979)  
 (followed by Aliens)

Alien 3  
 (follows Aliens)

Aliens  
 (followed by Alien 3)  
 (follows Alien (1979))

The currently supported links are summarized:

followed by	follows
remade as	remake of
referenced in	references
spoofed in	spoofs
featured in	features

As you can see, each forward link (lefthand column) has an equivalent backward link (righthand column). To simplify the additions process you only need to specify one of the directions and the processing software will generate the opposite link automatically. For example:

MOVIELINK  
 Alien (1979)|followed by|Aliens

the processing software will generate the additional line:

Aliens|follows|Alien (1979)

automatically when the data is incorporated into the database.

## Examples

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MOVIELINK
Raiders of the Lost Ark|followed by|Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom
Hot Shots! (1991)|spoofs|Top Gun (1986)
When Harry Met Sally|features|Casablanca
Vertigo|referenced in|A Kiss Before Dying (1991)

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## TECHNICAL DATABASE

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## Keywords

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METRES    = Length of a film in metres; if necessary add (FORMAT, COUNTRY
           SPECS)

NEGATIVE  = Film negative format in MM or width of the video master in INCHES;
           for originally produced video entries add (RESOLUTION, TV_STANDARD)

PRINTS    = Printed film format(s) in MM, one format entry per line. Add
           (COUNTRY_SPECS), (PROCESS) or other attributes if necessary.

RATIO     = Aspect Ratio information (.___ : 1)
           If necessary add (FORMAT, COUNTRY_SPECS), (PROCESS) or
           "(Ratio OFM)" or "(Intended Ratio)" as attributes.

           "Ratio OFM"      = Aspect Ratio of the original negative
           "Intended Ratio" = Aspect Ratio originally intended by the
                           cinematographer or director

PROCESS   = Cinematographic process (lens and camera only) or video system
           *NOT* color-process (-> color.list)
           *NOT* sound-process (-> sound-mix.list)

LAB       = Laboratory; Syntax: LABNAME, LOCATION, COUNTRY

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## Format

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<keyword>
<title>|<data>|<attributes>

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## Description

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This section records technical information about movies in the database.

## Examples

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## LAB

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) |Technicolor USA/England|

## METRES

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) |4064 m| (35MM, German length)

## NEGATIVE

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) |65 mm|

## PROCESS

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) |Super Panavision 70|

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) |Todd-AO|

## PRINTS

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) |16 mm|

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) |35 mm|

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) |70 mm|

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) |70mm-Cinerama|

## RATIO

2001: A Space Odyssey (1968) |2.2 : 1| (Ratio OFM)

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## PLOT SUMMARIES DATABASE

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## Keyword

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## PLOTS

## Rules

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1. Try to avoid any spoilers. Some very small spoilers will be allowed, and are often necessary, but any biggies will annoy other readers when they find out the Butler didn't do it !
  2. Any analysis of the film should be left out of the plot summary. e.g. "This film is one of Hitchcocks finest". It is up to the viewer to decide if he/she likes it. This includes performances by actors and actresses.
  3. Where possible, try not to use any actor or actress names in the plot outline. This is already taken care of in the movie database. If possible, use the character names from the movie.
  4. All copyrighted material is excluded from the plot outlines database. This includes Movie Guides, Newspapers, and even the blurb on the back of the video case.
  5. You must stick to the pre-arranged format given below. The plot summaries will be read in by a program, and will automatically be added to the list. Any non-conformant outlines may be discarded.
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6. Try and keep it reasonably short. Less than 10 lines for the description if possible.
7. Any queries about plots or the submitting of plots must have "PLOT QUERY" in the subject line.
8. Please try and spell check any summaries you submit.
9. Try and keep your BY: line consistent if you write more than one summary. You will never make it into the top 10 if you have 5 variations of your name/mail address.

#### Format

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First an example:

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MV: Vertigo
PL: San Francisco police detective (Scottie Fergusson) develops a fear of
PL: heights and is forced to retire when a colleague falls to his death during
PL: a chase. An old college friend (Gavin Elster) hires Scottie to watch his
PL: wife (Madeleine) who has become obsessed with the past. Scottie follows her
PL: around San Francisco and is drawn into a complex plot.
BY: Colin Needham <cn@ibmpcug.co.uk>
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The format is:

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MV: <title>
PL: <text>
BY: <Real Name> followed by mail name, or enter anonymous if you wish
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where:

"MV:" indicates the title of the movie, please follow the form as used on the lists. If you are in doubt check the movie database for a definitive answer.

"PL:" upto 76 characters per line of description. The description may span several PL lines.

"BY:" author of description. Enter your name (or pseudonym) here. You may enter anonymous if you wish.

The PL and BY lines are treated as belonging to the last MV line encountered by the software.

#### Examples

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MV: Alien (1979)
PL: The crew of the deep space mining ship Nostromo are awoken from hypersleep
PL: to investigate a strange signal from a nearby planet. While investigating
PL: the signal, they discover it was intended as a warning, and not an SOS.
PL: What follows are some grisly and inventive special effects based on the
PL: work of H.R.Giger
BY: Colin Tinto <colint@spider.co.uk>
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MV: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade  
PL: Renowned archeologist and expert in the occult, Dr. Indiana Jones, returns  
PL: for the 3rd and final Indy film. Teaming up with his father, Indiana  
PL: sets out to try and find the Holy Grail. Once again, the Nazis are after  
PL: the same prize, and try to foil Indianas plans.  
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### BIOGRAPHIES DATABASE

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#### Keywords

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BIOGR

#### Description

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This is a guide to submitting biographies to the movie database. The biographies database is used to record personal trivia such as real name, date of birth, date of death, mini-biography about the person's life, agent's address etc. It does *\*not\** include the list of movies the person was involved with - these are held separately in the filmography databases.

#### Rules

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- (1) All copyrighted material is *\*excluded\** from the BIOGRAPHY database. This includes Movie Guides, Newspapers, Biographies etc.
- (2) You must stick to the pre-arranged format given below. The biographies will be read in by a program, and will automatically be added to the list. Any non-conformant entries will be discarded.
- (3) Try and keep biographies reasonably concise.
- (4) The list compiler has the right to choose which information to use. Information from a number of sources may be combined to provide a single biography.
- (5) If possible, run your mini-bio through a spell checker.
- (6) Any libelious or slanderous entries will, unfortunately, have to be discarded :)
- (7) When submitting Trivia, if appropriate, try and include a date so that some form of chronology can be formed.

#### Format

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The format for submitting entries is described below, but first, here is one

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we prepared earlier . . .

NM: Hamilton, Linda

DB: 26th September 1956

BG: Born in Salisbury, Maryland, USA, following high school Linda  
BG: studied for two years at Washington College in Chestertown,  
BG: Maryland, before moving on to acting studies in New York.  
BG: In New York she attended acting workshops given by Lee Strasberg.  
BG: Her first parts were small parts in TV series, with her biggest  
BG: break coming with her role in The Terminator (qv).  
BG: Most known to public at large from her part in the TV series  
BG: Beauty and the Beast (qv) (before Terminator 2 (qv), at  
BG: least).

BY: Steinar Bang <steinarb@falch.no>

SP: 'Bruce Abbott' (qv) (19th December 1982 - 1989)

TR: \* Won the "Best Female Performance" and "Most Attractive Female"  
TR: awards for her appearance in Terminator 2 (qv) at the 1992 MTV  
TR: movie awards  
TR:  
TR: \* Mother of Dalton Abbott, born 4th October 1989.  
TR:  
TR: \* Recently, she's been living with director 'James Cameron' (qv), who is  
TR: the father of her second child.  
TR:  
TR: \* Linda is an LA Dodgers fan.  
TR:  
TR: \* Has an identical twin sister Leslie.

AG: Linda Hamilton  
AG: c/o ICM  
AG: 8899 Beverly Blvd.  
AG: Los Angeles, CA 90048, USA  
AG: (agent: Mr. R. Shapiro)

The fields available for submitting information are:

NM: <Person's Industry Name>  
RN: <Person's Real Name>  
DB: <Date of Birth> - <Place of Birth>  
DD: <Date of Death> - <Cause of death>  
HT: <Height of Person>  
BG: <Mini-Biography>  
BY: <Real Name> followed by mail name, or enter anonymous if you wish  
BO: <Available Biographies>  
BT: <Title of Biographical Films about the person>  
OW: <Other Works>  
GA: <Guest Appearances>  
TR: <General Trivia>  
QU: <Personal Quotes>  
AG: <Agent's Address>  
SP: <Spouse Entry>

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Where:

- "NM:" This is the personalities industry name, i.e. the name we all know for the person. The name should be in Lastname, Firstname format.
- "RN:" This is the name given to the person at birth. Use Lastname, Firstname format for this entry and \*only\* include if it's different from NM: above.
- "DB:" Date of birth. Please use full date e.g. 10th September 1945. This can be followed by the place of birth if known.
- "DD:" Date of death, if known. Again, please state full date. The cause of death, if known should follow the date.
- "HT:" Height of person.
- "BG:" A mini biography. Each line may contain up to 76 characters. There can be any number of BG: lines.
- "BY:" author(s) of description. Enter your name (or pseudonym) here. You may enter anonymous if you wish.
- "BO:" Biographies of / books about this person. This line contains the book title, author and possibly ISBN numbers. Start each new entry with a bullet (\*).
- "BT:" Biographical films about this person. This line contains the title of any movies of a biographical nature regarding this person.
- "OW:" Other works. This section describes works, other than movies attributed to the person, e.g. Books, plays, albums etc. Start each new entry with a bullet (\*).
- "GA:" Guest Appearances. Bit parts in TV shows, sit-coms, adverts - including voice-overs. The format is as follows:
- GA: \* "<title>", as <character>, (date of appearance)
- "TR:" Trivia. Each line should be bulleted (see example) and contain no more than 76 chars per line. There may be more than one TR: line. Start each new entry with a bullet (\*).
- "QU:" Quotes made by that person. Each quote should be enclosed by quotation marks and contain no more than 76 characters per line. There may be more than one QU: line.
- "AG:" Agent's address. A contact address for information on the person.
- "SP:" Spouses name, followed by start and end of marriage. The name should be inside single quotes and in Firstname Lastname format. Follow the name with (qv) and then the dates of the marriage. If either date is unknown, replace with a ? (see example above.)
- \*NB\* The NM: field is required, all other fields are optional. The
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\*smallest\* detail will get added to the database.

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LITERATURE DATABASE

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Keyword

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LITERATURE

Format

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MOVI: indicates the title of the movie, please follow the form as used on the other lists.

SCRIP: Bibliographical information of the original screenplay/teleplay (only if published) also original film text

NOVL: Bibliographical information of the original novel  
-> original novel, theatre play, short story

ADPT: Bibliographical information of the adaption of the literaric source (only if published)  
-> adaption of novel, play, short story

BOOK: Monographic book related to this film production

PROT: Protocol of production process of this film -> "on location"-literature

IVIW: Interviews of cast and crew of this film production and related to this specific film production

CRIT: Critics of this specific film production in printed media (in newspapers, magazines, non-monographic books)

ESSY: Essays related specially to this particular film production (in newspapers, magazines, non-monographic books)

OTHR: Bibliographical information of other literature of this film production

You may have up to 76 characters per line of description. Every entry description may span several lines. Each line has to start with the format-string.

Notes

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It is absolutely necessary to use the international scientific bibliographic standards:

"AUTHOR\_LAST\_NAME, AUTHOR\_FIRST\_NAME. TITLE/SOURCE. LOCATION: PUBLISHER, YEAR/DATE. PAGES."

You may add the International Standard Book Number (ISBN).

If necessary, add the categorical information

(NP) -> Newspaper

(WNP) -> Weekly Newspaper

(MG) -> Magazine

(BK) -> Book

at the end of an data entry.

Be careful with the date-format.

Use either the mid-european TT.MM.JJJJ-format

or use the anglo-american MM/DD/YYYY-format.

Example

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LITERATURE

MOVI: 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)

NOVL: Clarke, Arthur C.. The Sentinel (1950).

NOVL: New York City, 1951.

ADPT: Clarke, Arthur C.. 2001: A Space Odyssey.

ADPT: New York: New American Library; London: Hutchinson, 1968.

BOOK: Agel, Jerome (Ed.). The Making of Kubrick's 2001.

BOOK: New York City: New American Library, 1970.

OTHR: Trumbull, Douglas. Creating Special Effects for 2001.

OTHR: In: American Cinematographer. Vol. 49. No. 6. June 1968. (MG)

IVIW: Bernstein, Jeremy. Beyond the Stars. In: The New Yorker. 04/24/1965. (MG)

CRIT: Sahl, Hans. In: Die Welt. (Hamburg) 27.04.1968. (NP)

CRIT: Spiegel, Der. (Hamburg) No. 21/1968. 20.05.1968. (MG)

ESSY: Hoch, David G.. Mythic Patterns in 2001: A Space Odyssey.

ESSY: In: Journal of Popular Culture. Vol. 4. No. 4. Spring 1971.

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TRIVIA DATABASE

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Keyword

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TRIVIA

Acceptable Trivia

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Please ensure that what you submit is trivia, and not a ``goof``. Also, we

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will only include trivia that has a direct bearing on the film it is classified under.

What kind of things go into the list?

- In-jokes
- (Backwards) references to other movies
- Behind the scenes information
- Interesting connections
- Cameos, Director's Cameos, Director's Trademarks, Actor's Trademarks,

What kind of things DON'T go into the list?

- Movie goofs, mistakes, boom-mikes, and/or anachronisms.
- Gossip and most rumours
- National Enquirer scandal
- Shooting dates/locations (there is a list specifically for this)
- Sequel/remake information (there is a list specifically for this)
- Opinions, reviews, flames, or plot summaries
- Forward references. Links between films should be stored under the later film. See `_Trading Places_` (qv) and `_Coming to America_` (qv).

You can also use the following tags:

#### CAMEOS:

A ``cameo'' is a small, unbilled role. If their name appears in the credits, it's NOT a cameo. A cameo is NOT defined a famous person with a small role, despite the fact that this may be interesting. If they are billed, then please don't send it in as a ``cameo'', but decide if it's significant enough to be included in the trivia section.

#### SMITHEE

The DGA contracts that directors operate under require that a name be given for the director of a film. If the actual director of the film wishes to disown the film, he or she typically uses the name ``Alan Smithee'' (An anagram for ``The alias men'').

#### BOOTH

Writers who refuse to have their name appear in the credits typically use the the standard pseudonym ``Judas Booth'' (derived from ``Judas'' and ``John Wilkes Booth'').

#### Format

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#### TRIVIA

# Movie Name, The

- 'Firstname Lastname' (qv) also appeared in `_The Other Movie_` (qv), which is why in this film he cracks the joke ``They're the wrong trousers! And they've gone wrong!''.
- CAMEO(Name Name): blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah
- DIRTRADE(Name Name): blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah
- DIRTRADE(Name Name): [cream]: The lead character eats whipped cream
- DIRCAMEO(Name Name): Getting onto a bus.
- SMITHEE(Name Name): Disowned the director's cut.
- BOOTH(Name Name): Disowned the studio cut.
- URL(<URL>|Description)

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# Second Movie, A (1900) (TV)
- blah blah blah
- blah blah blah blah blah
```

There is a separate list for technical and plot errors in movies. Please use the keyword "GOOF" when submitting goofs.

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GOOFS DATABASE
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Keyword
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GOOF
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Format
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# Movie Title
- TAG: blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah
  blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah
- TAG: blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah
  blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah
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where TAG is:

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BOOM: interesting "boom mikes"
CREW: people/props seen in shot but shouldn't be.
FACT: Contradictions of basic facts or science
CONT: continuity problems
PLOT: plot holes
DATE: anachronisms
FAKE: Obvious fake items, mocked up for the movie
SYNC: sound/image does not match.
MISC: Miscellaneous
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Notes
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- \* visible boom mikes aren't really goofs unless they appear in some unexpected way (eg reflection, hit actor on the head).
  - \* please make the goof report as short and specific as possible.
  - \* please use the appropriate tag!
  - \* some movies are filmed in the same aspect ratio as a television screen with 'safe areas' masked off which are not intended to be seen in the cinema. When shown on video, the safe area is opened up which accounts for boom mikes, wires and scaffolding seen in some movies. These 'safe area' goofs will be listed, but noted as such.
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- \* please remember that this is the movie goofs list and not the movie gripes list so don't submit opinions on what should have happened in terms of plot development etc.

Example

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GOOF
# Aliens
- CREW: When Bishop is skewered by the mother alien, you can see the string
  pulling the stinger through his body.
- CONT: The yellow caution light on the loaded when the mother alien pulls
  it into the pit.
- CREW: Bishop's ('Lance Henriksen' (qv)'s) body as he stops Newt being
  sucked out of the airlock.
```

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QUOTES DATABASE

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Keyword

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QUOTE

Format

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```
# <title>
<quotes>
```

Description

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- \* Include which movie the quotes are taken from. The movie title must be consistent with the movie database, including the year of release. Avoid AKA-titles.
- \* Write in a script-like way (see the list below) and include both the actors' real names and the character names. Both is needed to create hypertext links on the WWW browser at Cardiff. Preferred format is:
 

```
{Surname, First Name@Character Name}: The quote.
```
- \* Keep narration brief, but do narrate if necessary.
- \* Don't submit any quote. Please try to avoid spoilers, and only submit quotes which have a certain point to them. It doesn't need to be a funny quote (but they most often will be), but it should be memorable (like Roy's last words in 'Blade Runner').
- \* Keep the QUALITY UP and the QUANTITY DOWN.
- \* The quotes should be correct. Correct spelling and written exactly as



it's said in the movie. When this is not the case, I'm not necessarily the one to blame, but I am the one you should notify.

Example

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QUOTE

# Blues Brothers, The (1980)

Elwood Blues: It's a 106 miles to Chicago, we've got a full tank of gas,  
half a pack of cigarettes, it's dark and we're wearing sunglasses.

Jake Blues: Hit it!

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CRAZY CREDITS DATABASE

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Keyword

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CRAZY

Format

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# <Movie Title>

- <Text> Each entry should start with a hyphen, followed by a space and then the text (no more than 65 characters per line). If subsequent lines refer to the same entry then no hyphen is required. See the list below for more examples. Please try and keep movie titles consistent with those found in the database itself.

Description

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The crazy credits section contains a list of unusual things shown during a movie's credits. Sometimes these are extra scenes, more usually they are funny messages hidden in the credits themselves.

Example

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# Buffy the Vampire Slayer (1992)

- TV interviews with people who were at the dance attacked by vampires.  
- Amilyn (Paul Reubens) revives to go through some more death throes.

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SOUNDTRACKS DATABASE

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## Keyword

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SOUND

## Format

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```
# <movie title as listed in the movie database>
- Music: <Composer, usually listed in the beginning of the movie>
- "<title of song>"
  Written by <person(s)/group>
  Performed by <person(s)/group>
- "<title of next song>"
```

## Notes

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- \* Include which movie the soundtrack information is taken from. I would appreciate it if the movie title is consistent with the movie database, including the optional year of release. Please avoid AKA-titles.
- \* Please follow the format shown below.
- \* The information should be correct. Correct spelling, etc., exactly as it's shown in the movie.
- \* Only include the information on soundtracks from the movie itself, not soundtrack LP's/CD's/etc...
  - + The reason to include only the soundtrack information listed in the movie and not soundtrack information as it appears on soundtrack LP/CD releases is as follows:
    - 1) Many times a movie soundtrack is not released on LP/CD.
    - 2) The music released on an LP/CD many times does not match the music in the movie.
    - 3) Sometimes, many different soundtrack LP's/CD's are released, each one with different music on them.
  - + These are several of the reasons for only listing the music as it is listed in the movie credits.

## Example

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```
SOUND
# Back to the Future Part III (1990)
- "DOUBLEBACK"
  Written and Performed by ZZ Top
  Courtesy of Warner Bros. Records
  Available on Warner Bros. Records
- "POWER OF LOVE"
  Written by Huey Lewis, Johnny Colla, Chris Hayes
  Performed by Huey Lewis And The News
  Courtesy of Chrysalis Records, Inc.
```

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## TAG LINES DATABASE

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## Keyword

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TAG

## Format

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```
# movie title
[tab] blah blah blah blah
blah blah blah blah
```

## Description

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This section records the advertising taglines for movies in the database.

## Example

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TAG
# True Lies (1994)
    When he said I do, he didn't say what he did
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## EXTERNAL URLs DATABASE

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This section allows links to external movie resources to be added to the WWW interface to the database.

## Keywords

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URLTITLE = URL to title resource
URLNAME  = URL to name resource
```

## Format

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```
<name>|<type>|<URL>|<description(size)>
<title>|<type>|<URL>|<description(size)>
```

where <type> is one of:

```
IMG = image
SND = sound
MOV = movie
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REV = review(TEXT) #=rec.arts.movies.reviews number  
 n.b. reviews are added to the list automatically using the published index  
 OFF = official movie information i.e. from the studio.  
 COM = printed COMMENTS e.g. in online newspapers.  
 FAQ = Frequently Asked Questions list.  
 MSC = miscellaneous e.g. a URL for a dedicated server for "Star Wars"

## Notes

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- Please try out the links before you send them to me.
- The description should contain the format and size of the file if it is an image, sound or movie. e.g. (15k jpeg)
- No URLs to nude photos please !

## Examples

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## URLTITLE

Blues Brothers, The (1980) |SND|ftp://athena.sdsu.edu/.1/movies/blues\_brothers/106 ↔  
 \_miles.au|106miles(133k)  
 Eastwood, Clint |IMG|ftp://ee.lbl.gov/poskbitmaps/c/clint.gif|face(83k)  
 Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) |SND|ftp://athena.sdsu.edu/.1/movies/ferris\_bueller ↔  
 /bueller.au|bueller(74k)

## URLNAME

Jackson, Michael |MOV|ftp://daneel.rdt.monash.edu.au/pub/images/mpeg/mjackson.mpg| ↔  
 Black or White video(724k mpeg)

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## MARKING THE END OF YOUR DATA

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Finally, to finish off a message put the word END on a new line.

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## SUBMITTING CORRECTIONS, DELETIONS AND COMMENTS

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The keyword interface can also be used to submit corrections to existing entries, to remove erroneous entries and to make general comments about the movie database or the information it contains. Again, you should set the subject of your mail to the single word:

ADD

and send the message to <movie@ibmpcug.co.uk>.

Corrections and comments may be included in the same mail message as the addition mail outlined in the previous sections.

#### Deleting and Correcting Specific Entries

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To delete an existing erroneous entry in the database use the appropriate keyword as described in the previous sections, but mark the start of the line with a '!' character. For example, the database recently had an incorrect entry for Geena Davis appearing in "The Grifters", to remove this you could have used:

```
ACTRESS
!Davis, Geena|Grifters, The (1990)|
```

This facility can be used to correct specific errors in the database too. For example, the actors list recently had an incorrect entry for Alan Hale appearing in "Hang 'em High", when in fact it was Alan Hale Jr., to make this correction you could have used:

```
ACTOR
!Hale, Alan|Hang 'em High (1967)|
Hale Jr., Alan|Hang 'em High (1967)|
```

The first line deletes the erroneous entry and the second adds the correct one.

#### Correcting Names Across the Whole Database

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If you spot a spelling error in a name in the database, use the keyword

```
NAMECORRECT
```

and the format:

```
<current name>|<correct name>
```

For example:

```
NAMECORRECT
Bogart, Humphry|Bogart, Humphrey
```

#### Correcting Titles Across the Whole Database

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If you spot a spelling error in a title in the database, use the keyword

```
TITLECORRECT
```

and the format:

```
<current title>|<correct title>
```

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For example:

```
TITLECORRECT
Flight of the Phoenix, The (1965)|Flight of the Phoenix (1965)
Jurassic Park (1995)|Jurassic Park (1993)
```

General Comments and Corrections  
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Keywords

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COMMENT = general comments/explanations on the data you've submitted
CORRECT = corrections for the database
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Description

There is no format for either of these so just write in plain English. Please note that the processing software splits your mail into separate files by keyword, so make sure any comments/corrections make sense on their own and do not depend on something you added under another keyword in order to be understood.

Moving People Between the Actors and Actresses List  
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We often have to guess the gender of people submitted via the CAST keyword and sometimes entries end up in the wrong list.

To move an actor from the actresses list to the actors list, use:

```
MALE
<name>
```

To move an actress from the actors list to the actresses list, use:

```
FEMALE
<name>
```

Example:

```
FEMALE
Novak, Kim
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COMPLETE KEYWORD EXAMPLE  
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This section includes a complete keyword entry for "Vertigo" to illustrate the formats. Note: in reality you can of course submit data for more than one title in the same message.

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To: movie@ibmpcug.co.uk  
Subject: ADD

## TITLE

Vertigo (1958)|1958|

## PRODCO

Vertigo (1958)|Paramount Pictures

## COUNTRY

Vertigo (1958)|USA

## CERTS

Vertigo (1958)|Germany|16|

## TIME

Vertigo (1958)||128|

## COLOR

Vertigo (1958)|Color|

## MIX

Vertigo (1958)|Mono

## PROCESS

Vertigo (1958)|VistaVision|

## RELEASE

Vertigo (1958)|Germany|3 February 1959|

## LOCATION

Vertigo (1958)|San Francisco, California, USA

## PLOTS

MV: Vertigo (1958)

PL: San Francisco police detective Scottie Fergusson develops a fear of heights and is forced to retire when a colleague falls to his death during a chase. An old college friend (Gavin Elster) hires Scottie to watch his wife Madeleine who has become obsessed with the past. Scottie follows her around San Francisco and is drawn into a complex plot.

BY: Col Needham <cn@ibmpcug.co.uk>

## GENRE

Vertigo (1958)|Thriller

Vertigo (1958)|mystery

## PRODU

Coleman, Herbert|Vertigo (1958)|(associate)

Hitchcock, Alfred|Vertigo (1958)|

## DIRCT

Hitchcock, Alfred|Vertigo (1958)|

## WRITER

Coppel, Alec|Vertigo (1958)|

Taylor, Samuel A.|Vertigo (1958)|

## COMPO

Herrmann, Bernard|Vertigo (1958)|

## CINEM

Burks, Robert|Vertigo (1958)|

## EDITO

Tomasini, George|Vertigo (1958)|

## COSTU

Head, Edith|Vertigo (1958)|

## MISC

Bass, Saul|Vertigo (1958)|(title design)

Bumstead, Henry|Vertigo (1958)|(art director)

Comer, Sam|Vertigo (1958)|(set decorator)

Edouart, Farciot|Vertigo (1958)|(process photography)

Ferren, John|Vertigo (1958)|(special sequence)

Fulton, John P.|Vertigo (1958)|(special effects)  
 Kelley, Wallace|Vertigo (1958)|(process photography)  
 Leverett, Winston|Vertigo (1958)|(sound)  
 Lewis, Harold|Vertigo (1958)|(sound)  
 Manley, Nellie|Vertigo (1958)|(hair styles)  
 Mathieson, Muir|Vertigo (1958)|(musical conductor)  
 McCauley, Daniel|Vertigo (1958)|(assistant director)  
 McKelvy, Frank|Vertigo (1958)|(set decorator)  
 Mueller, Richard|Vertigo (1958)|(technicolor consultant)  
 Pereira, Hal|Vertigo (1958)|(art director)  
 Westmore, Wally|Vertigo (1958)|(make-up)  
 CASTCOM  
 Vertigo (1958)|Col Needham <cn@ibmpcug.co.uk>  
 CAST  
 Stewart, James|Vertigo (1958)||John 'Scottie' Ferguson|1  
 Novak, Kim|Vertigo (1958)||Madeleine Elster/Judy Barton|2  
 Bel Geddes, Barbara|Vertigo (1958)||Marjorie 'Midge' Wood|3  
 Helmore, Tom|Vertigo (1958)||Gavin Elster|4  
 Jones, Henry|Vertigo (1958)||Coroner|5  
 Corby, Ellen|Vertigo (1958)||Manageress of McKittrick Hotel|6  
 Bailey, Raymond|Vertigo (1958)||Scottie's Doctor|7  
 Patrick, Lee|Vertigo (1958)||Older Mistaken Identification|8  
 Shayne, Konstantin|Vertigo (1958)||Pop Leibel|9  
 Bryar, Paul|Vertigo (1958)||Captain Hansen|10  
 Ano, Jack|Vertigo (1958)||Extra|  
 Benson, John|Vertigo (1958)||Salesman|  
 Brayton, Margaret|Vertigo (1958)||Ransohoff's Saleslady|  
 Delman, Roxann|Vertigo (1958)||Ransohoff's Model|  
 Dodd, Mollie|Vertigo (1958)||Beautician|  
 Dotto, Carlo|Vertigo (1958)||Ernie's Bartender|  
 Genthon, Joanne|Vertigo (1958)||Carlotta Valdez|  
 Giovanni, Don|Vertigo (1958)||Salesman|  
 Got, Roland|Vertigo (1958)||Maitre d' at Ernies|  
 Graham, Fred|Vertigo (1958)||Death Fall Officer|  
 Harrington, Buck|Vertigo (1958)||Elster's Gateman|  
 Jocelyn, June|Vertigo (1958)||Miss Woods|  
 Milo, Miliza|Vertigo (1958)||Saleswoman|  
 Petruzzzi, Julian|Vertigo (1958)||San Francisco Flower Seller|  
 Remick, William|Vertigo (1958)||Jury Foreman|  
 Richardson, Jack|Vertigo (1958)||Escort|  
 Santana, Bruno|Vertigo (1958)||Waiter at Ernies|  
 Shipman, Nina|Vertigo (1958)||Younger Mistaken Identification|  
 Simmons, Dori|Vertigo (1958)||Middle-Aged Mistaken Identity|  
 Stevlingson, Ed|Vertigo (1958)||Inquest Attorney|  
 Taft, Sara|Vertigo (1958)||Nun|  
 MOVIELINK  
 Vertigo (1958)|referenced in|Jules and Jim (1961)  
 Vertigo (1958)|referenced in|Mississippi Mermaid (1969)  
 Vertigo (1958)|referenced in|Obsession (1976)  
 Vertigo (1958)|referenced in|Body Double (1984)  
 Vertigo (1958)|referenced in|Batman (1989)  
 Vertigo (1958)|referenced in|Kiss Before Dying, A (1991)  
 Vertigo (1958)|referenced in|Final Analysis (1992)  
 Vertigo (1958)|referenced in|Basic Instinct (1992)  
 Vertigo (1958)|spoofed in|High Anxiety (1977)  
 Vertigo (1958)|spoofed in|Foul Play (1978)  
 Vertigo (1958)|featured in|Kiss Before Dying, A (1991)



## TRIVI

# Vertigo (1958)

- DIRCAMEO(Alfred Hitchcock): about 11 minutes in wearing a gray suit walking past Gavin Elster's shipyard.
- The film is based upon the novel ``D'Entre les Morts'' which was written specifically for Hitchcock after the authors heard that he tried to buy the rights to their previous novel ``Diabolique''.
- San Juan Batista, the Spanish mission which features in key scenes in the movie doesn't actually have a bell tower - it was added with trick photography. The mission originally had a steeple but it was demolished following a fire.
- The screenplay is credited to 'Alec Coppel' (qv) and 'Samuel Taylor' (qv), but Coppel didn't write a word of the final draft. He is credited for contractual reasons only. Taylor read neither Coppel's script nor the original novel, he worked solely from Hitchcock's outline of the story.
- Hitchcock reportedly spent a week filming a brief scene where Madeleine stares at a portrait in the Palace of the Legion of Honor just to get the lighting right.
- Hitchcock invented the famous combination of forward zoom and reverse tracking shot to convey the sense of vertigo to the audience. The view down the mission stair well cost \$19,000 for just a couple of seconds of screen time.
- Hitchcock originally wanted 'Vera Miles' (qv) to play Madeleine, but she became pregnant and was therefore unavailable.
- The film was unavailable for decades because its rights (together with four other pictures of the same periods') were bought back by Hitchcock and left as part of his legacy to his daughter. They've been known for long as the infamous ``5 lost Hitchcocks'' amongst film buffs, and were re-released in theaters around 1984 after a 30-years absence. They are \_Rear Window (1954)\_ (qv), \_The Trouble with Harry (1955)\_ (qv), \_Rope (1948)\_ (qv), \_Vertigo (1958)\_ (qv) and \_The Man Who Knew Too Much (1956)\_ (qv).
- DIRTRADE(Alfred Hitchcock): [bathroom] Madeline emerges from the bathroom, ready for lovemaking.
- DIRTRADE(Alfred Hitchcock): [hair] Carlotta and Madeline have spiral hairstyles, and Judy's hair color is significant.

## QUOTE

# Vertigo (1958)

[First Line]

Cop: Give me your hand. Give me your hand.

John 'Scottie' Ferguson: You shouldn't keep souvenirs of a killing. You shouldn't have been that sentimental.

John 'Scottie' Ferguson: Midge, who do you know that's an authority on San Francisco history?

Marjorie 'Midge' Wood: That's the kind of greeting a girl likes! Not this 'Hello-you-look-wonderful'-stuff, just a good straight 'Who do you know that's an authority on San Francisco his...' [interrupted]

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