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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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Question: What is the difference between a Director and a Producer in regards to the film industry?

Response:

According to careersinfilm.com, a blog about the movie business, each has a unique role. In a nutshell, the Producer handles the business side of things and the Director handles the creative side of things. However, many decisions are made together.

The responsibilities of the **Producer** include:

- Finding and Developing Material
- Securing the Funds
- Budgeting and Scheduling
- Putting the Team Together
- The Producer is also involved with casting, which is, again, in consultation with the Director.
- Managing Pre-Production and Production
- Overseeing Post-Production
- Marketing

The responsibilities of the **Director** include:

- Interpreting the Script
- Establishing the Look and Feel of the Film
- Signing Off on Department Heads and Schedules
- Working with Department Heads
- Casting
- Working with Actors to get the Right Performance
- Working with the Post-Production Team
- After this period the Director is once again in a position to consult with the Producer until the final cut of the film.
- Once the picture is locked, the Director will see the film to the end, working with the Composer, the post sound team and Colorist.