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### Blockbuster (retailer)

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Blockbuster or Blockbuster Video is an American multimedia brand which was founded by David Cook in 1985 as a single home video rental shop, but later became a public store chain featuring video game rentals, DVD-by-mail, streaming, video on demand, and cinema theater. The company expanded internationally throughout the 1990s. At its peak in 2004, Blockbuster employed 84,300 people worldwide and operated 9,094 stores.

Poor leadership and the impact of the Great Recession were major factors leading to Blockbuster's decline, as was the growing competition from Netflix's mail-order service, video on demand (including the Netflix streaming service), and Redbox automated kiosks. Significant loss of revenue occurred during the late 2000s, and the company filed for bankruptcy protection in 2010. The next year, its remaining 1,700 stores were bought by satellite television provider Dish Network; by 2014, the last 300 company-owned stores were closed.

Although corporate support for the brand ended, Dish retained a small number of franchise agreements, enabling some privately owned franchises to remain open. Following a series of further closures in 2019, only one franchised store remains open, located in Bend, Oregon. As of 2025, the company remains in existence under the name BB Liquidating, Inc., which gained notoriety in the GameStop short squeeze in 2021.

### Blockbuster (entertainment)

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A blockbuster is a work of entertainment—typically used to describe a feature film produced by a major film studio, but also other media—that is highly popular and financially successful. The term has also come to refer to any large-budget production intended for "blockbuster" status, aimed at mass markets with associated merchandising, sometimes on a scale that meant the financial fortunes of a film studio or a distributor could depend on it.

### Blockbuster (Bend, Oregon)

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Blockbuster, colloquially known as the Last Blockbuster, is a video rental store in Bend, Oregon. In 2018, it became the last Blockbuster store in the United States; in 2019, it became the world's last remaining retail store using the Blockbuster brand.

## Blockbuster (TV series)

*Blockbuster is an American workplace comedy television series created by Vanessa Ramos, who also served as showrunner and is executive producer. Based*

Blockbuster is an American workplace comedy television series created by Vanessa Ramos, who also served as showrunner and is executive producer. Based upon the Blockbuster brand, the series stars Randall Park as Timmy, the manager in a fictionalized version of the last Blockbuster Video store, set in Grandville, Michigan. The series premiered on Netflix on November 3, 2022 to negative reviews. In December 2022, the series was canceled after one season.

## Rocky Marciano

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Rocco Francis Marchegiano (September 1, 1923 – August 31, 1969; Italian pronunciation: [markeˈdʒaˈno]), better known as Rocky Marciano (, Italian: [marˈtʃaˈno]), was an American professional boxer who competed from 1947 to 1955. He held the world heavyweight championship from 1952 to 1956, and remains the only heavyweight champion to finish his career undefeated. His six title defenses were against Jersey Joe Walcott (from whom he had taken the title), Roland La Starza, Ezzard Charles (twice), Don Cockell and Archie Moore.

Known for his relentless fighting style, formidable punching power, stamina, and exceptionally durable chin, Marciano is considered one of the greatest heavyweight boxers of all time. Marciano remains the only fighter to have stopped every opponent he ever faced for the world heavyweight title, and holds the highest knockout-to-win percentage in world heavyweight title fights at 85.71%. His career knockout-to-win percentage of 87.8% remains one of the highest in heavyweight boxing history. Marciano is ranked #14 in The Ring magazine's list of the 100 greatest punchers of all time.

## Blockbuster (DC Comics)

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Blockbuster is the name of four supervillains and a criminal organization appearing in American comic books published by DC Comics. The first iteration was an adversary of Batman and Robin, while the second served as one of Nightwing's greatest enemies. The third debuted in 52 as a member of Lex Luthor's Infinity, Inc.

Blockbuster has appeared in various media outside comics, including television series and films. Kevin Michael Richardson, Dee Bradley Baker, René Auberjonois, and Dave Fennoy have voiced the character in animation.

## Blockbuster bomb

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A blockbuster bomb or cookie was one of several of the largest conventional bombs used in World War II by the Royal Air Force (RAF). The term blockbuster was originally a name coined by the press and referred to a bomb which had enough explosive power to destroy an entire street or large building through the effects of blast in conjunction with incendiary bombs.

## Blockbuster Entertainment Awards

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## Free Blockbuster

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Free Blockbuster is an initiative that promotes neighborhood movie exchanges. The initiative was started in 2019 by film enthusiasts in Los Angeles, including Brian Morrison, a former Blockbuster employee who opened the first site outside of a grocery store in Los Feliz, Los Angeles. Free Blockbuster stands were later installed on the east coast of the United States the following year starting with Richmond, Virginia. Further adoption occurred in the Philadelphia region, with the site in Fishtown becoming the eighteenth Free Blockbuster box installed in the country by November 2020. There are over 200 Free Blockbuster Boxes across the United States as of 2024.

Typically, Free Blockbuster boxes are made by upcycling abandoned newspaper distribution boxes. They use the brand name Blockbuster on the kiosks which feature a Blockbuster logo downloadable from the Free BlockBuster website. Some inspiration was taken from Little Free Library in developing the initiative.

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