

MARVEL CINEMATIC UNIVERSE

ENCYCLOPEDIA PART 1 - MEDIA

X-MEN (FOX)

MULTIVERSAL

- The X-Men series is set in multiple different realities and/or timelines, where Logan / Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) is the only constant, basically playing the same version of Wolverine in each of his appearances; Jackman's Wolverine also appears in the most feature films, more specifically in 10 out of 13 (Deadpool 2 uses stock footage)
- The X-Men saga is first superficially tied in to the MCU in *WandaVision*, when petty criminal Ralph Bohner (Evan Peters) is enchanted by Agatha Harkness (Kathryn Hahn), and introduces himself as a "recast" version of Wanda Maximoff's (Elizabeth Olsen) long-dead brother Pietro; Peters plays Pietro "Peter" Maximoff / Quicksilver in the X-Men series, starting with X-Men: Days of Future Past
- Different versions of Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart) and Hank McCoy (Kelsey Grammer) appear in the MCU films Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness and The Marvels, respectively
- Like his comic book counterpart, Deadpool (Ryan Reynolds) has absolutely no regard to any rules, timelines or realities, and is well aware of being a fictional character, making it easy for him to "invade" the Marvel Cinematic Universe; he is a huge fan of many Marvel characters, most of all Wolverine, but also bears deep hatred towards some, including his previous incarnation in the Fox universe (whom he shoots dead in the mid-credits scene of Deadpool 2, as well as Ryan Reynolds when he signs on to star in DC's Green Lantern)
- Hugh Jackman's Wolverine and Ryan Reynolds' Deadpool will return in *Deadpool & Wolverine*, where the characters presumably unleash vendetta on the Time Variance Authority, who have taken the liberty to prune all the Fox timelines out of existence; both characters are happy and fulfilled in the end of the official timeline (which apparently does not include Dark Phoenix, The New Mutants, or the stand-alone film Logan)

X-Men	2000	Film
X2	2003	Film
X-Men: The Last Stand	2006	Film
X-Men Origins: Wolverine	2009	Film
X-Men: First Class	2011	Film
The Wolverine	2013	Film
X-Men: Days of Future Past	2014	Film

Deadpool	2016	Film
X-Men: Apocalypse	2016	Film
Deadpool: No Good Deed	2017	Short film
Logan	2017	Film
Deadpool 2	2018	Film
Dark Phoenix	2019	Film
The New Mutants	2020	Film

SPIDER-MAN (SONY)

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- These three films starring Tobey Maguire as Peter Parker / Spider-Man were directed by Sam Raimi, who went on to direct Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness many years later; perhaps ironically, that film is a direct continuation of Spider-Man: No Way Home, which features Maguire in a prominent role
- In addition to Maguire's Spider-Man, Norman Osborn / Green Goblin (Willem Dafoe) and Otto Octavius / Doctor Octopus (Alfred Molina) serve as important supporting characters in Spider-Man: No Way Home; Flint Marko / Sandman (Thomas Haden Church) is also featured, but only voices the character while the only scene showing his real face is created using stock footage from Spider-Man 3
- The aforementioned characters are accidentally summoned to Earth-199999 when Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch) attempts to cast a spell which would make everyone in the world forget about Peter Parker's (Tom Holland) secret identity, and Parker interferes at a crucial moment
- Osborn and Octavius arrive just mere seconds before their deaths in their respective timelines, while it seems Marko is taken some time after his last meeting with Parker in Spider-Man 3

Spider-Man	2002	Film
Spider-Man 2	2004	Film
Spider-Man 3	2007	Film

DAREDEVIL & ELEKTRA (FOX)

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- The first full-length feature film to feature Matt Murdock / Daredevil (Ben Affleck) was a complete critical failure, but a box office success

- Affleck refused to do a sequel, so 20th Century Fox went on with the concept of having the film's female lead Elektra Natchios (Jennifer Garner) star in her own spin-off film
- Garner's Elektra will return in Deadpool & Wolverine, and is expected to serve as a laughing stock

Daredevil	2003	Film
Elektra	2005	Film

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**** THE INFINITY SAGA ****

- The Infinity Saga officially comprises of 23 full-length films and three "Phases"
- Phase 1 tells of the individual origins and birth of the ragtag superhero group to be known as the Avengers, as well as the origins of the Infinity Stones
- Phase 2 focuses on the aftermath of the Avengers' battle against Loki (Tom Hiddleston) and their inner trust issues after the fall of S.H.I.E.L.D., and sheds light on a severe threat targeting all life in the galaxy
- Phase 3 sees the fall of the Avengers, as the rivalry between co-leaders Steve Rogers (Chris Evans) and Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) escalates to all-out war; all the while, Thanos (Josh Brolin) prepares to build his Infinity Gauntlet and set his plan of galaxy-wide genocide in motion
- Although the Infinity story arc ends with Avengers: Endgame, Spider-Man: Far From Home is still considered the last film in the Infinity Saga; it's considered a bridge between the two overarching storylines as it contains elements from both

Iron Man	2008	Film
The Incredible Hulk	2008	Film
Iron Man 2	2010	Film
Thor	2011	Film
Captain America – The First Avenger	2011	Film
Marvel One-Shot: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way...	2011	Short film
Marvel One-Shot: The Consultant	2011	Short film
Marvel's Avengers	2012	Film

Marvel One-Shot: Item 47	2012	Short film
Iron Man 3	2013	Film
Marvel One-Shot: Agent Carter	2013	Short film
Thor: The Dark World	2013	Film
Marvel One-Shot: All Hail the King	2014	Short film
Captain America: The Winter Soldier	2014	Film
Guardians of the Galaxy	2014	Film
Avengers: Age of Ultron	2015	Film
Ant-Man	2015	Film
WHIH Newsfront (<i>Season 1</i>)	2015	Web series
Captain America: Civil War	2016	Film
WHIH Newsfront (<i>Season 2</i>)	2016	Web series
Team Thor	2016	Short film
Doctor Strange	2016	Film
Team Thor – Part 2	2017	Short film
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2	2017	Film
Spider-Man: Homecoming	2017	Film
Thor: Ragnarok	2017	Film
Black Panther	2018	Film
Team Darryl	2018	Short film
Avengers: Infinity War	2018	Film
Ant-Man and the Wasp	2018	Film
Captain Marvel	2019	Film
Avengers: Endgame	2019	Film
Spider-Man: Far From Home	2019	Film
Peter's To-Do List	2019	Short film
The Daily Bugle (<i>Season 1</i>)	2019	Web series

*** AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D. ***

- Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. was created by Joss Whedon – director of Marvel's Avengers – as inspired by the overwhelming response to the character of S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Phil Coulson (Clark Gregg) in all MCU media so far, and the Marvel fans' grief over the character's untimely death
- Just months following his death, Coulson is secretly resurrected by S.H.I.E.L.D. and put in charge of a group of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s finest; the mystery behind Coulson's sudden revival is one of the focus points of the first season
- The show mostly keeps up with mainline MCU events for the first few seasons (the fall of S.H.I.E.L.D., the Sokovian Accords etc.), but the continuity starts cracking towards the end; Season 6 falls through by completely ignoring the Blip, and probably because of this, (at least most of) Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. has been effectively cut from the Sacred Timeline
- The popularity of the show led to a few other shows that are considered spin-offs; out of these spin-offs, Agent Carter starring Hayley Atwell is the only one undisputedly considered canon to the MCU

Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (<i>Season 1</i>)	2013	TV Series
Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (<i>Season 2</i>)	2014	TV Series
Agent Carter (<i>Season 1</i>)	2015	TV Series
Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (<i>Season 3</i>)	2015	TV Series
Agent Carter (<i>Season 2</i>)	2016	TV Series
Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (<i>Season 4</i>)	2016	TV Series
Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.: Slingshot	2016	Web series
Marvel's Inhumans	2017	TV Series
Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (<i>Season 5</i>)	2017	TV Series
Marvel's Cloak & Dagger (<i>Season 1</i>)	2018	TV Series
Marvel's Cloak & Dagger (<i>Season 2</i>)	2019	TV Series
Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (<i>Season 6</i>)	2019	TV Series
Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (<i>Season 7</i>)	2020	TV Series

*** THE DEFENDERS ***

- The Defenders is kind of like a TV version of the MCU's Phase One, produced for Netflix, and focused on street-level heroes who come

together to fight a common threat, namely Matt Murdock (Charlie Cox), Jessica Jones (Krysten Ritter), Luke Cage (Mike Colter) and Danny Rand (Finn Jones)

- The whole saga – all three seasons of Daredevil in particular – is widely acclaimed for its dark tone, visceral action and high production values
- Frank Castle / The Punisher (Jon Bernthal) got his own spin-off after serving as an important supporting character in the second season of Daredevil; the show itself is barely connected to the Defenders story arc
- Marvel Studios ended their collaboration with Netflix in 2019, and all of these shows were erased from the official MCU timeline...
- ...However, in 2021, Vincent D'Onofrio made his return as Wilson Fisk in Hawkeye, and Charlie Cox appeared as Matt Murdock in Spider-Man: No Way Home; soon after, it was revealed that a continuation of the Daredevil series is on the way, and all of these shows were bought and provided by Disney+
- Marvel Studios have since announced that the Defenders saga is now a part of the Sacred Timeline, with both Cox and D'Onofrio appearing and Krysten Ritter's Jessica Jones vaguely mentioned in Echo, and Jon Bernthal slated to return as Frank Castle

Daredevil (<i>Season 1</i>)	2015	TV Series
Jessica Jones (<i>Season 1</i>)	2016	TV Series
Daredevil (<i>Season 2</i>)	2016	TV Series
Luke Cage (<i>Season 1</i>)	2016	TV Series
Iron Fist (<i>Season 1</i>)	2017	TV Series
The Defenders	2017	TV Miniseries
The Punisher (<i>Season 1</i>)	2017	TV Series
Jessica Jones (<i>Season 2</i>)	2018	TV Series
Luke Cage (<i>Season 2</i>)	2018	TV Series
Iron Fist (<i>Season 2</i>)	2018	TV Series
Daredevil (<i>Season 3</i>)	2018	TV Series
The Punisher (<i>Season 2</i>)	2019	TV Series
Jessica Jones (<i>Season 3</i>)	2019	TV Series

*** RUNAWAYS ***

- Based on the comic book team-up of the same name, created by Adrian Alphona and Brian K. Vaughan in 2003
- In Runaways, a ragtag group of teenagers runs away from home and unites against their superhuman parents, who are all executives of a criminal organization known as the Pride

- Runaways is a canonical part of the MCU, but meant to be enjoyed as a stand-alone show
- On an interesting note, the character of Tina Minoru appears in a significant role, played by Brittany Ishibashi; (a notably younger version of) the character previously appeared in a small cameo in the MCU film Doctor Strange, in which she was played by Linda Louise Duan

Marvel's Runaways (<i>Season 1</i>)	2017	TV Series
Marvel's Runaways (<i>Season 2</i>)	2018	TV Series
Marvel's Runaways (<i>Season 3</i>)	2019	TV Series

*** ADVENTURE INTO FEAR ***

- Following the cancellation of the Defenders on Netflix, and inspired by the popularity of Robbie Reyes / Ghost Rider (Gabriel Luna) on Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., Hulu ordered a series of Marvel shows based on horror-themed characters and settings, collectively titled Adventure Into Fear
- Helstrom was the first and last show released under the Adventure Into Fear label; it was despised by critics and fans alike, even Marvel Studios themselves, so it was immediately cut from the MCU

Helstrom	2020	TV Series
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*** THE MULTIVERSE SAGA ***

- Unlike the clear-cut Infinity Saga, the ongoing Multiverse saga contains all types of visual media, including the first TV shows produced specifically as part of the ongoing Marvel Cinematic Universe
- Some films and shows seem to completely ignore the MCU story arc, which has confused a great amount of fans, especially since the Multiverse Saga is still divided into Phases just like the previous series
- Phase 4 mostly deals with the surviving Avengers coping with the passing of their teammates and life after Thanos; new heroes emerge, including the Eternals, a group of artificial, immortal superhumans who has lived among mankind in secret since the dawn of the world, and the possibilities of the multiverse are explored (mostly in Loki, What If...?, Spider-Man: No Way Home and Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness)
- Phase 5 continues to press on the multiversal subject matter a bit more, properly introducing the character of Kang the Conqueror (Jonathan Majors) and bringing characters from other cinematic universes into the mix, including the X-Men
- Phase 5 will end with Captain America: Brave New World, in which Sam Wilson (Anthony Mackie), previously known as the Falcon, will officially take on the mantle of Steve Rogers as the new Captain America, as shown in the final episode of The Falcon and the Winter Soldier
- Planned films include: Thunderbolts, The Fantastic Four, Blade, Avengers 5, Avengers: Secret Wars
- Planned TV shows include: Agatha: Darkhold Diaries, Eyes of Wakanda, Your Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man, Marvel Zombies, Daredevil:

WandaVision	2021	TV Miniseries
The Falcon and the Winter Soldier	2021	TV Miniseries
Loki <i>(Season 1)</i>	2021	TV Series
Black Widow	2021	Film
Deadpool and Korg React to Free Guy	2021	Short film
What If...? <i>(Season 1)</i>	2021	Animated TV Series
Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings	2021	Film
Eternals	2021	Film
Hawkeye	2021	TV Miniseries
The Daily Bugle <i>(Season 2)</i>	2021	Web series
Spider-Man: No Way Home	2021	Film
Moon Knight	2022	TV Miniseries
Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness	2022	Film
Ms. Marvel	2022	TV Miniseries
Thor: Love and Thunder	2022	Film
I Am Groot <i>(Season 1)</i>	2022	Animated TV Series
She-Hulk – Attorney at Law	2022	TV Miniseries
Werewolf by Night	2022	TV Special
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever	2022	Film
The Guardians of the Galaxy Holiday Special	2022	TV Special
Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania	2023	Film
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3	2023	Film
Secret Invasion	2023	TV Miniseries
I Am Groot <i>(Season 2)</i>	2023	Animated TV Series
Loki <i>(Season 2)</i>	2023	TV Series

The Marvels	2023	Film
What If...? (Season 2)	2023	Animated TV Series
Echo	2024	TV Miniseries
Deadpool & Wolverine	2024	Film

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN (SONY)

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- These three films starring Andrew Garfield as Peter Parker / Spider-Man were directed by Marc Webb; due to negative reception to the second film, a third one was never made
- Andrew Garfield reprises his role in Spider-Man: No Way Home
- In addition to Garfield's Spider-Man, Max Dillon / Electro (Jamie Foxx) serves as an important supporting character in Spider-Man: No Way Home; Curt Connors / Lizard (Rhys Ifans) is also featured, but only voices the character while the only scene showing his real face is created using stock footage from The Amazing Spider-Man
- The aforementioned characters are accidentally summoned to Earth-199999 when Stephen Strange attempts to cast a spell which would make everyone in the world forget about Peter Parker's secret identity, and Parker interferes at a crucial moment

The Amazing Spider-Man	2012	Film
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The Amazing Spider-Man 2	2014	Film
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SONY'S SPIDER-MAN UNIVERSE

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- Sony's series of films which co-exists in canon alongside the MCU, and focuses on supporting characters most known from Spider-Man comic books
- The SSU's first direct tie-in to the MCU is the post-credit scene of Venom: Let There Be Carnage, where Eddie Brock (Tom Hardy) is transferred to another universe just in time to witness Peter Parker's public exposure as the vigilante Spider-Man in the end of Spider-Man: Far From Home; Brock later appears, in turn, in the post-credit scene of Spider-Man: No Way Home, where he is whisked away back to his own universe, but inadvertently leaves a piece of his alien symbiote behind
- Adrian Toomes / Vulture (Michael Keaton) from Spider-Man: Homecoming appears in the post-credit scene in Morbius, having been sucked into the universe (as a result of Doctor Strange's botched spell) and released from prison as a John Doe
- Critical reception to all films released in the SSU thus far has been overwhelmingly negative, save for Tom Hardy's performance as Eddie

Brock

- Planned films include: Kraven the Hunter, Venom 3

Venom	2018	Film
Venom: Let There Be Carnage	2021	Film
Morbius	2022	Film
The Daily Bugle (<i>Season 3</i>)	2022	Web series
Madame Web	2024	Film

SPIDER-VERSE (SONY)

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- Series of animated films which, alike to the MCU, deals with the multiverse, but in this case, an endless universe of Spider-Men – known as the Spider-Verse
- The central character of the series is mild and meek teenager Miles Morales (voiced by Shameik Moore), who reluctantly becomes the new Spider-Man after Peter Parker (voiced by Chris Pine) is killed by Wilson Fisk (voiced by Liev Schreiber); he soon gains a mentor in an older and less heroic Peter Parker from another universe (voiced by Jake Johnson)
- Another central character is Gwen Stacy / Spider-Woman (voiced by Hailee Steinfeld), who is a wanted fugitive in her own universe, and so she seeks refuge at the Spider-Society, a collective of Spider-People from across the multiverse, led by Miguel O'Hara (voiced by Oscar Isaac); on an interesting note, Steinfeld plays Kate Bishop / Hawkeye and Isaac plays Marc Spector / Moon Knight in the MCU continuity
- The first film shares no connections with the MCU, but the second one contains a direct reference to Peter Parker and Stephen Strange's actions in Spider-Man: No Way Home, as well as a live-action cameo by Aaron Davis (Donald Glover), who previously appeared in Spider-Man: Homecoming

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse	2018	Animated film
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse	2023	Animated film