

Organizing (solution)

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The puzzles lists the names actors (split into two groups of 14 and 129), and the footnote on using IMDB hints that solvers need to first find the common movies that these actors have starred in. The Venn diagram has 14 overlapping circles suggesting there are 14 movies to be identified. This also matches the number of actors in the first group, and thus the aha is that these actors belong to the overlapping sections, which means that these actors have starred in exactly two of the 14 movies (unlike the others which starred in exactly one). So this first group could be a helpful starting point to identify or confirm the movies, as well as which circles they correspond to. The second group of actors also contain a good number who could be recognized together as cast members of popular movies. Although the second aha is that the 14 movies are all part of movie franchises, so the exact movie within the franchise needs to be identified using specific actors who appeared in addition to the recurring cast members. The given letters for each actor in each movie (in alphabetical order of their names), form a word or phrase that matches the given enumeration in its matching circle. After matching all the movies to circles, the given indices of the overlapping circles can be used to extract a letter from the name of the actor who starred in the two matching overlapping movies. The tables below summarize the movies (clockwise order from top-middle in Venn diagram), actors (the first two in each table in blue are the ones from the first group who straddle two movies, and have an extracted letter using the index in the matching overlapping section), their character/s portrayed (for info), and the words/phrases formed by the given letters for these actors in alphabetical order of their names:

Movie 1: [Star Trek Beyond](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Zoe Saldana (4)	Lieutenant Uhura	S
Simon Pegg (2)	Montgomery 'Scotty' Scott	I
Anton Yelchin	Chekov	N
Chris Pine	Captain James T. Kirk	U
Idris Elba	Krall	C
Joe Taslim	Manas	Y
John Cho	Sulu	G
Sofia Boutella	Jaylah	N
Zachary Quinto	Commander Spock	I

Movie 2: [Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Simon Pegg (2)	Benji Dunn	I
Jeremy Renner (9)	William Brandt	N
Alec Baldwin	Alan Hunley	T
Rebecca Ferguson	Ilsa Faust	O
Sean Harris	Lane	P
Tom Cruise	Ethan Hunt	A
Ving Rhames	Luther Stickell	Z

Movie 3: [The Bourne Legacy](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Jeremy Renner (9)	Aaron Cross	N
Rachel Weisz (5)	Dr. Marta Shearing	E
Albert Finney	Dr. Albert Hirsch	D
Corey Stoll	Zev Vendel	A
David Strathairn	Noah Vosen	N
Dennis Boutsikaris	Terrence Ward	I
Donna Murphy	Dita Mandy	E
Edward Norton	Col Eric Byer, USAF, Ret.	L
Joan Allen	Pam Landy	C
Michael Chernus	Arthur Ingram	R
Oscar Isaac	Outcome #3	A
Scott Glenn	Ezra Krame	I
Stacy Keach	Adm Mark Turso USN Ret.	G

Movie 4: [The Mummy](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Rachel Weisz (5)	Evelyn Carnahan	E
Oded Fehr (3)	Ardeth Bay	E
Abderrahim El Aadili	Camel Trader	D
Aharon Ipale	Pharaoh Seti I	E
Bernard Fox	Captain Winston Havelock	A
Brendan Fraser	Rick O'Connell	T
Carl Chase	Hook	H
Erick Avari	Dr. Terrence Bey	O
Jake Arnott	Mummy	F
John Hannah	Jonathan	F
Jonathan Hyde	Dr. Allen Chamberlain	I
Kevin J. O'Connor	Beni Gabor	R
Mason Ball	Mummy	S
Mohammed Afifi	Hangman	T
Patricia Velasquez	Meela / Anck-Su-Namun	S
Stephen Dunham	Mr. Henderson	O
Tuc Watkins	Mr. Burns	N

Movie 5: [Resident Evil: Retribution](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Oded Fehr (3)	Todd / Carlos	E
Michelle Rodriguez (11)	Rain	D
Boris Kodjoe	Luther West	C
Johann Urb	Leon S. Kennedy	H
Kevin Durand	Barry Burton	E
Li Bingbing	Ada Wong	R
Megan Charpentier	Red Queen	U
Milla Jovovich	Alice	B

Shawn Roberts	Albert Wesker	I
Sienna Guillory	Jill Valentine	M

Movie 6: [Fast & Furious 9: The Fast Saga](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Michelle Rodriguez (11)	Letty	D
Tyrese Gibson (1)	Roman	T
Charlize Theron	Cipher	J
Helen Mirren	Queenie	O
John Cena	Jakob	S
Jordana Brewster	Mia	E
Kurt Russell	Mr. Nobody	P
Lucas Black	Sean	H
Ludacris	Tej	S
Michael Rooker	Buddy	W
Nathalie Emmanuel	Ramsey	E
Shad Moss	Twinkie	E
Shea Whigham	Stasiak	N
Sung Kang	Han	E
Vin Diesel	Dominic Toretto	Y

Movie 7: [Transformers: Dark of the Moon](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Tyrese Gibson (1)	Epps	T
Hugo Weaving (5)	Megatron	W
Alan Tudyk (1)	Dutch	E
Frances McDormand (2)	Mearing	D
Glenn Morshower (12)	General Morshower	M
John Malkovich (4)	Bruce Brazos	I
John Turturro (2)	Simmons	T
Josh Duhamel (1)	Lennox	C
Ken Jeong (2)	Jerry Wang	H
Kevin Dunn (6)	Ron Witwicky	E
Patrick Dempsey (3)	Dylan	L
Shia LaBeouf (3)	Sam Witwicky	L

Movie 8: [The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Hugo Weaving (5)	Elrond	W
Orlando Bloom (1)	Legolas	O
Cate Blanchett	Galadriel	P
Christopher Lee	Saruman	I
Ian Holm	Bilbo	P
John Rhys-Davies	Gimli	E
Miranda Otto	Eowyn	R

Sean Bean (6)	Boromir	S
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Movie 9: [Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Orlando Bloom (1)	Will Turner	O
Jonathan Pryce (2)	Governor Weatherby Swann	O
Bill Nighy	Davy Jones	H
Chow Yun-Fat	Captain Sao Feng	M
David Bailie	Cotton	S
Geoffrey Rush	Captain Hector Barbossa	V
Jack Davenport	Norrington	I
Johnny Depp	Jack Sparrow	G
Keira Knightley	Elizabeth Swann	I
Kevin McNally	Gibbs	L
Mackenzie Crook	Ragetti	A
Naomie Harris	Tia Dalma	N
Stellan Skarsgård	Bootstrap Bill	T

Movie 10: [G.I. Joe: Retaliation](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Jonathan Pryce (2)	President	O
Bruce Willis (2)	General Joe Colton	R
Channing Tatum	Duke	C
D.J. Cotrona	Flint	O
Elodie Yung	Jinx	R
Lee Byung-hun	Storm Shadow	P
Luke Bracey	Cobra Commander	O
Ray Park	Snake Eyes	R
Ray Stevenson	Firefly	A
Walton Goggins	Warden Nigel James	L

Movie 11: [The Expendables](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Bruce Willis (2)	Mr Church (uncredited)	R
Arnold Schwarzenegger (6)	Trench (uncredited)	D
Dolph Lundgren	Gunner Jensen	K
Eric Roberts	James Munroe	A
Jet Li	Yin Yang	K
Mickey Rourke	Tool	U
Sylvester Stallone	Barney Ross	N
Terry Crews	Hale Caesar	A

Movie 12: [The Terminator](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Arnold Schwarzenegger (6)	The Terminator	D
Michael Biehn (6)	Kyle Reese	E

Bess Motta	Ginger	C
Brian Thompson	Punk	A
Dick Miller	Pawn Shop Clerk	R
Earl Boen	Silberman	R
Franco Columbu	Future Terminator	I
Joe Farago	TV Anchorman	E
Linda Hamilton	Sarah Connor	K
Marianne Muellerleile	Wrong Sarah	E
Paul Winfield	Traxler	A
Rick Rossovich	Matt	G
Shawn Schepps	Nancy	A
Webster Williams	Reporter	N

Movie 13: [Aliens](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Michael Biehn (6)	Corporal Hicks	E
Sigourney Weaver (6)	Ripley	R
Al Matthews	Sergeant Apone	A
Carrie Henn	Newt	T
Colette Hiller	Corporal Ferro	L
Daniel Kash	Private Spunkmeyer	A
Jenette Goldstein	Private Vasquez	N
Mark Rolston	Private Drake	T
Ricco Ross	Private Frost	I
William Hope	Lieutenant Gorman	S

Movie 14: [Avatar: The Way of Water](#)

Actor	Character	Indexed / Given letter
Sigourney Weaver (6)	Kiri	R
Zoe Saldana (4)	Neytiri	S
Brendan Cowell	Scoresby	M
CCH Pounder	Mo'at	A
Cliff Curtis	Tonowari	G
Edie Falco	General Ardmore	N
Giovanni Ribisi	Selfridge	E
Joel David Moore	Norm	S
Kate Winslet	Ronal	I
Sam Worthington	Jake	U
Stephen Lang	Quaritch	M

Note the given enumeration for each circle also clues the total number of actors that matches that movie (excluding the two from the first group that match to two movies each).

For the extraction step, the flavor text hints that order is important, and the extracted clue phrase from the first group of actors, in clockwise order of the Venn diagram (starting from top-middle) reads **I NEED TWO ORDERS**. As each of the movies is part of a movie franchise

series, the chronological order of release of each movie in that series is the first order you need, that can be used as an index to extract a letter from its corresponding answer. These extracted letters will still need to be reordered though.

Each of the answers is similarly an element of an ordered series, which is also indirectly related to the movie's title or theme (as a way of confirmation). The order of the answer element within this series is the second order you need, that can be used as the reordering for the extracted letters to give the answer for this puzzle **CUSTOMIZED PACK**. The table below summarizes the extraction and reordering steps:

Movie	Order of movie in its series	Extracted answer	Indexed letter	Indirectly related ordered series containing answer	Order of answer in its series
The Terminator	1	CARRIE KEAGAN	C	Celebrities terminated by Schwarzenegger in The Celebrity Apprentice	1
Resident Evil: Retribution	5	CHERUBIM	U	Angelic Hierarchy	2
Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End	3	HMS VIGILANT	S	Vanguard class submarines in the Royal Navy Submarine Service	3
Aliens	2	ATLANTIS	T	NASA space shuttle orbiters	4
G.I. Joe: Retaliation	2	CORPORAL	O	US Army ranks	5
Transformers: Dark of the Moon	3	ED MITCHELL	M	Astronauts to walk on the moon	6
The Bourne Legacy	4	DANIEL CRAIG	I	Actors who portrayed James Bond in (Eon/non-Eon) films	7
Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation	5	TOPAZ	Z	Reference minerals in Mohs (hardness) scale	8
Fast & Furious 9: The Fast Saga	9	JOSEPH SWEENEY	E	Actors who portrayed jury members in original 12 Angry Men film	9
The Mummy	1	DEATH OF FIRST SON	U	Ten Plagues of Egypt	10
The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King	3	PIPERS	P	Gifts in The Twelve Days of Christmas song	11
Avatar: The Way of Water	2	MAGNESIUM	A	Chemical elements	12
Star Trek Beyond	3	NU CYGNI	C	Stars in Cygni constellation	13
The Expendables	1	KAKUNA	K	Pokemons	14

Constructor's notes:

Since this is a puzzle themed around an organizing task, the idea was for it to involve identifying and sorting elements into sets, and intentionally in relatively large quantities so as to really make it closer to the feel of the theme/task. But an ISIS puzzle of a large scale may require too much online research and grunt work. So I picked a pop culture topic that is widely-known to most solvers, and also used popular movie series that many should be familiar with, and can recognize the names of the main cast. This should allow the majority of the team to have fun by participating in the solving and contributing insights, while without the need for excessive online research. The identification of the movies and ordered sets also became interesting solving steps and variety beyond the ISIS component. The selection of the movies were quite constraining, as I wanted to introduce the Venn diagram aspect of actors who appeared in two different movies (to help in their identification). So these actors and movies had to form a closed loop. I also omitted the use of the most expected MCU series, given the potential ambiguities in which order to use and the different sub-series for the different characters. The choice of the ordered sets was also very constraining, as the single given element needed to be clear enough to clue the intended set. To make this approach more viable, and help in the identification, I decided to pick ordered sets which were indirectly related to the movie title or theme (which would also be more elegant). While these indirect references are tangential in various degrees, I was quite satisfied that they were reasonable and the majority may also give an unexpected fun surprise to solvers when they figure out the connection.