



Began: Sept. 24, 1992

First show: "Star Wars"

Subscribers at launch: About 10 million

Subscribers now: About 81 million

Rank among cable channels (prime time, 2003 to date): 16

Hours of programming

weekly: About 150

Hours of original programming

weekly: 8; more during miniseries

Hours of paid programming

weekly: 18-20

Highest rated program (single episode): "Steven Spielberg Presents 'Taken,'" episode 1, Dec. 2, 2002

Highest-rated program (season):

"Stargate SG-1," last season

Owned by: Vivendi Universal

Web site: scifi.com

SOURCES: Sci Fi Channel, Nielsen Media Research

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