The music genome project is an organization that analyzed data about people’s music preferences in order to provide Pandora the ability to offer songs that match the user’s preferences. The team listens to music across a variety of genres and years categorizes music with hundreds of attributes.

Data (songs, artists, genres a user listens to) is collected and through the algorithm created by the music genome project, other songs are recommended back to the user to listen to. Based on the attributes of the song, who makes it, and various other factors, new songs can be recommended back to the user.

For the artist, I picked The Weeknd. The songs given to me in order were: Earned it by The Weeknd, Unforgettable by French Montana ft. Swae Lee, Save Your Tears by The Weeknd & Ariana Grande, One of the Girls by The Weeknd, JENNIE, & Lily Rose Depp, and Party Monster by The Weeknd.

Categories being used to classify the songs are the genre - a lot of these were Pop, artist – 4/5 had The Weeknd, and time – all of these songs were between 2:30 – 3:30. There are definitely countless other factors that I did not notice.

These provide clues as to how the database is structured. It keeps track of a variety of fields but it definitely tracks the artist, genre, time of song, message, and themes.

I personally like the 5 songs recommended to me. I do prefer some more than others, but I enjoyed listening to all 5 of them and did not want to skip any. They did have slightly differing themes, but went well together as changes in song theme were not in adjacent songs, rather it took multiple songs to get there.

The database clearly is structured to recommend other songs from an artist when you ask for one as it is likely you like multiple songs from the same artist. This does make sense logically. I also noticed that the one song that did not have The Weeknd was made by artists who have collaborated with him in the past which makes sense stylistically so I am sure the database keeps track of collaborators on songs.