

# SPOTIFY-ED: MUSIC RECOMMENDATION AND DISCOVERY IN SPOTIFY

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## ABSTRACT

There is an uncountable number of music streaming services that let the users play music, save their collection, create playlists and much more. Some services focus on creation and/or generation of playlists (8tracks [1]), others try to expand their music catalogue even further (Spotify [5], Rdio [3]), while others focus more on personalized music recommendations (Pandora [2]).

Spotify presents music recommendations to the user with a list or a grid of suggestions, for example. However, lists do not provide the user enough information about the relation between the results [10]. A possible solution to this problem is to graphically represent the artist's similarities as a network of interconnected artists in a graph, where a node is a music artist, and each edge between them represents a connection. This is the concept that RAMA (Relational Artist MAPs)<sup>1</sup>, a project developed at INESC Porto, uses [7] [11] [8] [9]. Spotify provides a way to build applications (plugin-like) that run *inside* Spotify's Desktop Client [4]. A Spotify App is proposed in order to improve Spotify's presentation of recommendations by means of visual tools.

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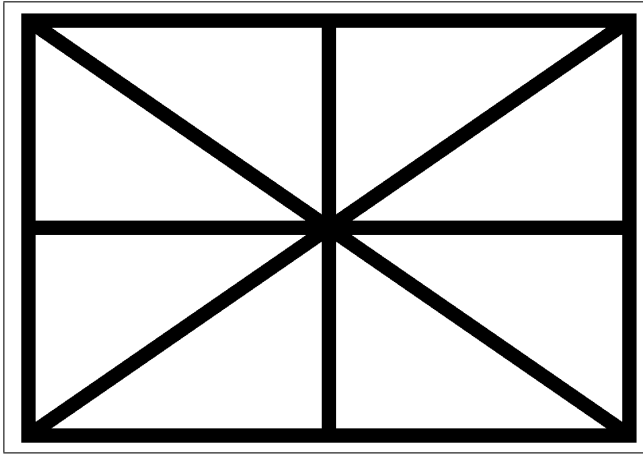
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