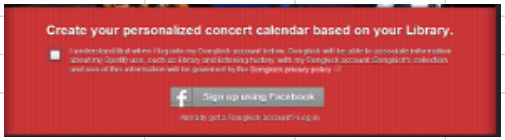
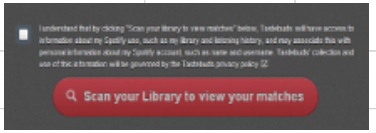
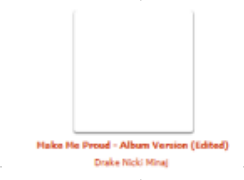
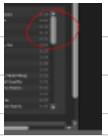
Issue Type	Description	Comments	PASS/FAIL				
					Pass=GREEN		
Manifest Check	**The following tags need to be in the manifest file and they need to have content:**				Fail=RED		
AppDescription	A dictionary with localized short descriptions (max 60 chars) of the application. Must be localized. All languages listed needs to have the appropriate IETF tags. Currently these are: de, en, es, fr and nl.						
AppIcon	Check that all three image sizes are present: * 36x18 (18x18 will work, but then point 5.2 below will fail) * 64x64 * 128x128 No images should be smaller than 18x18.	Cover arts should be displayed in standard sizes: 256x256, 200x200, 150x150, 128x128, 64x64, 54x52 and 40x40 pixels.					
AppName	A dictionary with localized user-displayable names for your application, e.g. My Application. Must be localized. All languages listed needs to have the appropriate IETF tags. Currently these are: de, en, es, fr and nl.						
BundleIdentifier	Must be in lower case and be an exact match to that of the app folder name. The characters allowed in the manifest are a-z, 0–9 and '-'.						
BundleType	Must be "Application".						
BundleVersion	Should now follow semantic versioning format (MAJOR.MINOR.BUGFIX). e.g. 1.0.0 and be updated increasingly for each version. See http://semver.org/ for reference.						
SupportedLanguages	A list of languages that the application is localized in. All languages listed needs to have the appropriate IETF tags. Currently these are: de, en, es, fr and nl.						
RequiredInterface	Must always contain the value 1. Should not be in quotation, then the 1 is parsed as a string.						
VendorIdentifier	Requires a reverse format. e.g. com.spotify (not spotify.com)						
Dependencies	Temporary check - for now please declare dependencies in the manifest.	See this page for more information: https://developer.spotify.com/blog/2012/07/31/versioning-the-spotify-apps-api/					
Basics							
App folder name	The folder name of the app should be an exact match to that of the BundleIdentifier. It should be in lower case and not contain any other letters than those in the BundleIdentifier..	i.e. if the BundleIdentifier is "jam" then the app folder name should be "jam", and not "jam app 1.0.2" for example.					
The app name	Our partners should not choose an app name that ends in "-ify".	(This answer for the developer is for the transitional phase. Noter that in the future we will not allow this): We are introducing an update to the guidelines that will strongly discourage any -ify suffix in the app name. This will take effect within soon. In the future we could propose to transition to a new name that follow our guidelines to partners that currently have an -ify suffix.					
Does the app start?	No crashes, no eternal loading?						
Main purpose of the app	Does the main purpose feature work at all?	For example, in "Hot or Not" where you can vote if you like the song or not. So in that case, does the voting work at all?					
Offline Mode	How does the app handle being in Offline Mode/disconnected? No content of the app should be accessible during Offline Mode or in disconnected state. The app should restore its last state after being reloaded (Scroll position and current content.						
Indexing	If the app has a feature that enables the user to add and remove tracks to a playlist, make sure that you can only add as many tracks as intended. And if you remove tracks, make sure that the track numbers update correctly.						
Memory leakage	Check for memory leakage. Should not exceed 500 000 K. There should be no sudden increase in CPU usage when the app is passive.						
License agreement	Licence agreement checkboxes may not be checked by default and must have the correct legal text.	See examples in screenshots -->					
Legal check	When information is extracted from a user, i.e. if a Facebook (etc.) login is needed: Check that there is a proper disclaimer with an agreement checkbox.	For Facebook login, use Songkick Concerts as example. If library is scanned without Facebook login, use Tastebuds as example. See screenshots, same as for the above.,					
Sp.core calls	Search for "sp.core" within the app folder. There should be no sp.core calls in the app.	Future client versions will not use sp. core calls, so these need to be removed.					





Loading times	Loading times should be reasonably fast compared to other apps and the rest of the Spotify client.						
Content loading	The app's own graphics are shown properly (logos, backgrounds, images etc. should load).						
Quality	Does the app have high Spotify quality? Does it add something new to the Spotify experience?						
Security							
Input tests	Try entering HTML into any and all input fields (search-boxes etc.) § If entering "<!--this-->that" only shows you "that" means the string is parsed as HTML = bad § If entering "<script>alert(0);</script>" shows you a popup containing "0" the string is parsed as HTML = bad	If fail on this part: Tell partner to: Please use html-escaping for the name and description for music stories instead of using strip_tags() for security reasons".					
RequiredPermissions	IF this is declared, it cannot contain wildcard domains WITHOUT A DOT after the asterisk: "*.soundrop.com" is OK. "*soundrop.com" is NOT OK. UNSPECIFIED WILDCARD domains is also not allowed, e.g. "http://*.*"						
Playing and pausing							
Album Image Play Button	When you click on play, is the correct track played? Can tracks be played/paused correctly from the album image play button? The button should play and pause the track/album, not restart it. The user should never be taken out of Spotify by pressing "play" or an album.						
Space bar play/pause	The space bar should play/pause a track.						
Links to tracks	The track link opens the corresponding native track page in Spotify: the single or the album. No track should start playing. The track link is underlined on link hover, not image hover.	See screenshot from Domino app, for how it should look when a track link is hovered with the cursor and for when it is not hovered.					
Links to albums	The album link opens the corresponding native album in Spotify. No track should start playing. The album link is underlined on link hover, not image hover.						
Links to artists	The artist link (e.g. in the track listings) opens the corresponding native artist page in Spotify. No track should start playing. The artist link is underlined on link hover, not image hover.						
Play context	The app should not steal play context (the user must be able to leave the app and play music outside of it in the Spotify client as well).						
Track listings	Our standardized way should be used when listing tracks.						
Images							
Image loading	· Do all images load? · Are there any missing images? · If artist/album images are missing, suggest a fallback solution to a Native Spotify Album image.						
Sidebar app icon	The sidebar app icon should have one normal and one inverted state.						
Draggable images	Images/icons that are not connected to any playlists or that can't be used for a search, should not be draggable. If an album/track/artist URI is draggable, that's fine, BUT the album/track/artist image that goes with it should NOT be draggable. What is "caught" by the cursor should only be the URI in itself.	See screenshot for how it looks when the dragging is ok (from Tiesto app; "Basto - I rave you"), and how it looks like when the whole image is dragged, which is not ok (example of a draggable Twitter icon).					
Cover art	Cover arts larger than 40x40 should include a play button in the lower right corner if it's hovered.						
Buttons	Whenever possible, use the Spotify standard buttons such as "+ Subscribe", "Show all tracks" buttons.						
Navigation and mouse cursor							
Album- or Artist images	When clicking on an Album or Artist image, the image should take you to the corresponding Native Album/Artist page in Spotify.						
Spotify Back / Forward-buttons	Buttons should work properly with the app. · Does clicking the Spotify "back" button take you to the point where you were before? · Does the content load the way it was or does it change? · Do you come back to the top of the page when you should be able to continue browsing from where you left off? (Regard this from case to case. In some apps this is more critical than othres, depending on design and amount of content).						
External links	· Do they work? · Do they point to the correct page? · Are they correctly displayed with external link icons?	External links should not be used excessively, only when necessary.					

Play button on album images	· When hovering a paused button image, it should change to the play icon. The Pause icon should not be visible when NOT hovering the image. · When playing, the button image should be a speaker with the volume bar present. · When hovering a playing button, it should change to the pause icon.						
Mouse cursor on album images	Mouse cursor on album images should be a pointing hand when hovering the album art, and an arrow cursor when hovering the play button.						
Mailto links	Mailto: links work and have the external link icon next to them						
Tabs	If tabs are used, it's the standard Spotify tabs (defaultTabs).						
Header	The "header" shouldn't be higher than 60 pixels and if used as a link it should point at the app root rather than to a website.						
Logout feature	If a logout button exists, it shouldn't be put in the logo header or navigation bar, instead place it close to profile information or in the footer.						
Content							
Amount of content	The app should not look empty.When applicable, there should be at least 15 playlists, articles, reviews etc.						
Missing content	Is there any missing content (missing text, cropped text etc)?						
Social media sharing	· Does sharing to social media work? · How is shared content displayed on social media?						
Unavailable content	All music available in or through the app should be playable to the user.						
Client resizing	The app handles client resizing (elements align and overlap appropriately, functionality isn't compromised). The app handles small screen resolutions.						
Add App to Sidebar-button	There should be no self made buttons for adding the app to the sidebar						
Colors	The chosen colors of the app gives a pleasant viewing experience.						
Fonts	Text with font size up to 18px should one of the fonts: Lucida Grande, Helvetica or Georgia.						
Tracks and playlists							
Now Playing	When you play a track, is it highlighted in the playlist?	There is a potential bug within the Spotify API that does not always sync this between views. But this of course needs to be checked nevertheless in the app.					
Starring	Does starring and unstarring work?						
Adding/removing playlist	Does adding playlists work? And removing them?						
Multiple playlist adding	It should not be possible to add the same playlist multiple times.						
Adding or subscribing	There should only be one option of either "Add as playlist" or "Subscribe". Not both, since they are different types of actions. Subscribe button disappears after it's been pressed, then re-appears if the playlist is unscubscribed.						
Large Scale Testing	Test for a lot of data being loaded into the app. Add large playlists (~500 tracks) and see how the app handles this. Run the app with an account that has hundreds or even thousands of friends.						
Search functions	**If the app has a search function, verify that it works as it should:**						
Albums/tracks/artists	Albums/tracks/artists that are represented in the app should also be able to find using the native search function.						
Draggable URI:s	When dragging Spotify URI:s into search fields - can you use them in any logical manner, ie can you listen to the track? Do you get a valid search result? If not, then they should not be draggable.						
Drop-down menus	Drop-down menus should disappear when clicking anywhere outside it.						
Unavailable tracks	If a track is unavailable in the user's region but still showing as a "placeholder" (i.e. disturbing your user experience, because you want to click on the album image or track etc, but you can't because the error message says it's unavailable in your country). Here's what you do and tell the partner: 1.) Check if the track is available somewhere else on Spotify, i.e. on some other album. If this is the case, link the track there instead. 2.) If the track/album isn't available somewhere else on Spotify, it should be hidden and the next playable track should be played instead.	See screenshot for example of a "placeholder" for unavailable tracks.					
Additional tests							
Tutorial POP-UP	If a tutorial POP-UP is shown on start-up (i.e. information on how to use the app), it should only be shown once and not every time you start the app.						

Removed user's playlists	When applicable, check what happens with the playlist ID if the user who created it is removed. The app should not crash or end up in eternal loading when trying to click the list.	As reference, add a playlist made by the user thecompletecollection, i.e. "Donna Summer: The Complete Collection" as a playlist and try to open it in all possible ways that the app offers.					
User generated content and saving	Any user generated content should be prompted to be saved. The user should not lose any content that they create, i.e. if they can create a playlist and the playlist disappears when they log in to for example, Facebook.						
Scrollbars	Continuous scrolling (showing more content when reaching the bottom) should, when possible, be used instead of using “Show more” buttons. However, we don't want nested scroll bars, generally, if it is not 100% needed for the app function.	See screenshot of a nested scrollbar.					
Special character encoding	Does characters and symbols (Öö & ´,' '"\%;日本国, عَرَبِيْ ‘) Å äÄ å üÜ) appear correctly when sharing to social media, saving as playlists and other dynamic content?						
Sticky footers	No sticky footer, unless it is absolutely 100% needed for the app function. For example, for Sharemyplaylists it is ok to use sticky footer.						
Adjustment to ads	The app adjusts to ads: Bottom and side banner will re-size the app. Seeking or skipping tracks will be unavailable during vocal ads.						
Throbber	Spotify native throbber should be used to indicate when something is loading.						
Errors on inspector and console	No HTML/JS land errors should be displayed in the web inspector (right-click and select show inspector to invoke it). App should not violate the sandbox, exceptions are thrown etc. should not be displayed in the Spotify application’s console. Can be viewed by Console.app on Mac OS X, and using Spotify’s internal console on Windows (press Ctrl+Alt+Home when Spotify is in focus to invoke it)						
Operation systems	Works on both PC and Mac.						
Accounts	When applicable, logging in with another Facebook/Twitter (etc) account should work.						
Spotify ads	Testing your app for free-tier: Your app should work for free users as well as it does for premium. To ensure that the app works, please use the following URI to invoke our ad format: Commercial track ad: spotify:ad:9ca1a889f34945d59fc521759dd177a7						
User Generated Content (UGC): Legal checks							
User generated content	A general rule is that UGC is a no and needs to be approved case by case. Does the app contain any form of UGC? e.g. user uploaded; audio, video, photos, lyrics, text, chat rooms, reviews, links to blogs, Wikipedia extractions or Twitter or Facebook feeds?						
Mainly UGC	Is the proposed app mainly made up of UGC (i.e. no other content)?	If this is the case, the app will not be approved in its current form					
Blogs	Spotify's stance on blogs: * General Rule: direct links to blogs are a no as we can't control the content. * An individual's blog will not be approved. * Larger blogs may be e.g. Pitchfork, newspapers. Spotify will need to approve each of these and allow you a defined list only.						
External links with music	If the app provides an external link to a page or service that contains any music video or music players, we require that the page or service also provides a link of equal prominence to the Spotify music service. Preferrably, it should be a link back to your Spotify app or an embedded Spotify Play Button that plays the related music.						
External links	If the app contains external links, the party with control of the Spotify app must have a takedown policy and mechanism to promptly remove any links reported as inappropriate from the app.						
Audio, video or Reviews	Is the proposed UGC audio, video or user-generated reviews within the app?	If this is the case, the app will not be approved in its current form.					