Unleash Spotify's Potential

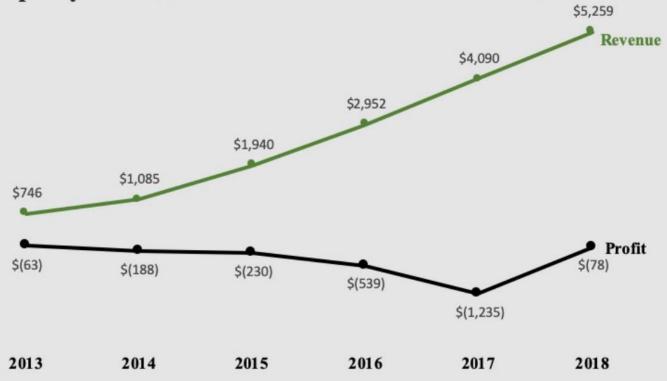
Recommendations for Spotify to win in the heated race for U.S. subscribers

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AGENDA

- Spotify's Business Performance Overview
- Issue and Solution
- Recommendations
- Conclusions

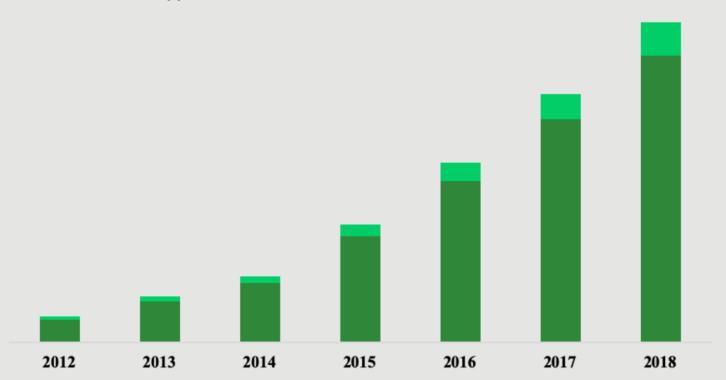
Spotify Has Not Once Reached the Break-even Point



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Spotify's Revenue Depends More on Subscribers

■ Premium ■ Ad-Supported



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Apple Music Overtakes Spotify in Paid U.S. Subscribers

Growth Rate of Premium Subscribers



1.5-2%



2.6-3%

Spotify needs to...

- Sustain current user base
- Attract new users and potential subscribers

Recommendation 1

New Features

What's new?

To increase interactions between artists and users...

- Different levels of premium accounts
 - Four levels from \$4.99 to \$24.99
 - Behind the scene videos
 - Ticket lottery opportunities
- Reward system
 - Allow users to show support to artists of their choices
 - Board of the top contributors for songs
 - Beneficial to both Spotify and the artists

Similarities between **Spotify** and **Twitch**

More Male Users Identical Age Distribution Monthly Active Users Average Users per Day

A Glance at Twitch's Strategy

Cheers gains

\$14 million

after the launch on June 2016

Premium fees:

\$4.99 / mo

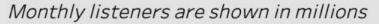
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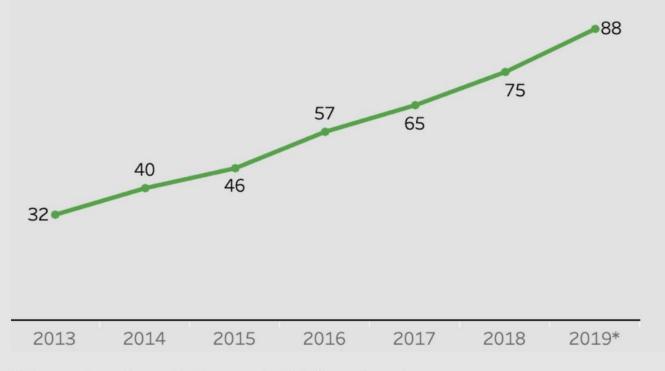
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Recommendation 2

Podcast

Podcast market has a great potential in the U.S.





^{*} The number of monthly listeners in 2019 is projected.

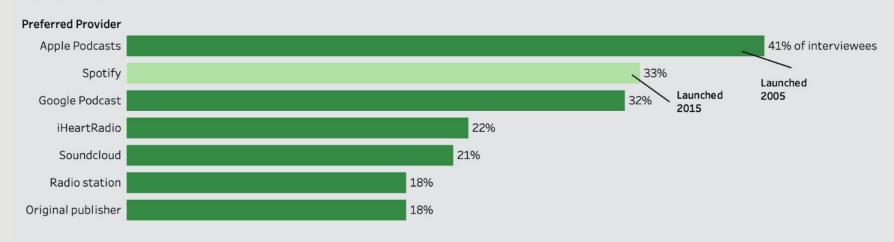
Growth rate of Podcast hours on Spotify in 2019

178%

Podcast has encouraged both user engagement and premium user conversion

Spotify is the second favorable podcast provider in the United States

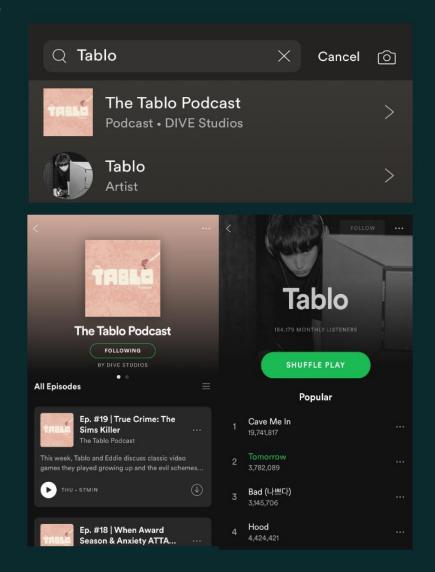
As of March 2019



What's next?

To better embrace **Podcast**...

- Integration between artists and their podcast programs
- More original and exclusive Podcast contents produced by artists



What's next? (cont.)

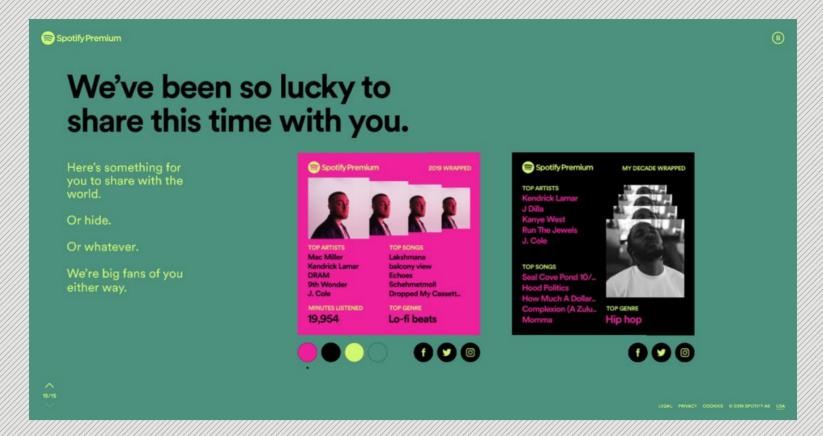
- Create a separate tab for Podcast
- Put in more advertising efforts on Podcast



Recommendation 3

Personalization

or even better, hyper-personalization



This holiday season, first wrap then unwrap!

Spotify's Download Blitz in three days after Wrapped Dropped

2018

2019

1.5 million

2.3 million

(a 53.3% surge)

Beyond Wrapped...

A peep into Spotify's Current Personalized Touches



30% of streams are "algotorial"

So far, these personalized touches have led to *increases* in crucial indicators.

in Repeats Listens of Songs Found in "Discover Weekly"

in Number of Times People Have Saved Tracks

in Number of Discovered Songs

What's next?

Taking users' content experiences to the next level...

- Improve the Discover feature
 - Uniqueness
 - Frequency
 - Adaptiveness
- Automated playlist organization
- Integration and collaboration with other platforms
 - Social media
 - Media-services providers

CONCLUSION

- Problem: Poor profit performance
- Fact: Revenue is largely dependent on premium fees from subscribers
- Solution: Sustain current user base, and attract potential users
- Recommendations
 - (1) New features
 - (2) Podcast
 - (3) Personalization

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