**Course:** Data Science Practicum – MSDS 696

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**Week:** 3

**Project Title:** Spotify Recommendation Algorithm using Python

**Project Summary:** The purpose of this project will be to create a supervised machine learning model that will be able to take in data retrieved from the Spotify API on songs I like and dislike, then make predictions with test song sets on whether I will like them or not. There will be multiple types of models that will be trained and tested (i.e. K-nearest neighbors, decision tree/random forest, gradient boosting, etc.), with the highest performing model being the final. The project will also include exploratory data analysis and data visualizations for song traits to compare/contrast “like” versus “dislike” songs.

**Milestones:**

Project Proposal - DONE

Compiling “like” and “dislike” playlists – DONE

Creating code to pull data into Python - DONE

Exploratory data analysis - DONE

Data visualization - DONE

Initial model coding/training

Initial model evaluation

Additional training/tuning/testing

Final model evaluation

Project write-up/presentation preparation

**Proposed to Do from Last Week:** Last week’s focus was on creating the “like” and “dislike” playlists and training set(s) for training and testing the recommender models.

**This Week’s Progress:** I was able to perform exploratory data analysis on the “like” and “dislike” playlist data sets, as well as write code to create data visualizations.

**Issues and Discussion:** This week, there were no real issues to discuss.

**To Do:** I plan to begin writing code to create and train the initial set of models to be tested in the following week.