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# THE TREBLE MAKERS!

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## Introduction



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In our capstone project, we worked to build a recommender system using the music dataset. Recommender systems play a vital role in helping users navigate through vast options, enhancing user engagement and satisfaction in various digital platforms. This presentation will explore how we can utilize data from over 92,834 user-artist listening interactions, coupled with tagging and social networking information from 1,892 users, to craft personalized music recommendations.



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Data Exploration



# Tools Used



- Python  
(PyCharm & Google Colab)



- SQL  
(DBeaver)



# Data Overview



## Artists

- ArtistID, Name, URL, PictureURL

## Tags

- TagID, TagValue

## User\_friends

- UserID, friendID

## UserArtist

- UserID, ArtistID, Weight

## UserTaggedArtist

- UserID, ArtistID, TagID, Day, Month, Year





We started off by cleaning the data to complete a thorough exploration of the data. This is necessary To ensure consistency and facilitate accurate data comparison. The purpose was to:



## Correct Data Errors and Inconsistencies

3:15



ABC Name

Sara Tavares

CÃ©line Dion



## Standardize Formats

3:20



ABC Name

MALICE MIZER

Diary of Dreams



## Check and Remove Duplicates

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ABC Name

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Collaborative-Based





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## UserArtistTable

- UserID is a number that represents the user
- ArtistID represents a specific artist
- Weight is how much the user listened to a specific artist
- This is the main table that is used for collaborative based filter

	123 UserID ▾	123 ArtistID ▾	123 Weight ▾
1	2	51	13,883
2	2	52	11,690
3	2	53	11,351
4	2	54	10,300
5	2	55	8,983
6	2	56	6,152
7	2	57	5,955
8	2	58	4,616





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To begin the collaborative filtering we used the min-max scaling for each user so each user will have a max scaling weight of 1.

	123 UserID ▼	123 ArtistID ▼	123 scaled_weight ▼
49	2	99	0.0011935073
50	2	100	0
51	3	101	1
52	3	102	0.0455342842





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We made a similarity matrix by finding the Euclidean distance between all of the different user's scaled listening weights.

UserID	2	3	4	...	2097	2099	2100
UserID				...			
2	0.000000	2.242183	2.218897	...	2.274518	2.833143	2.907011
3	2.242183	0.000000	1.528234	...	1.543416	2.238771	2.331558
4	2.218897	1.528234	0.000000	...	0.811267	2.309721	2.399755





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- We then use that similarity matrix to find the most similar user by find the user that has the minimum value within our chosen user's column.
- We can then use the user that is most similar to find the artist we are recommending by finding their most listened to artists.

```
>>> print(id_name_map)
{55: 'Kylie Minogue', 229: 'The Killers', 289: 'Britney Spears', 292: 'Christina Aguilera', 455: 'Backstreet Boys'}
```





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Content-Based



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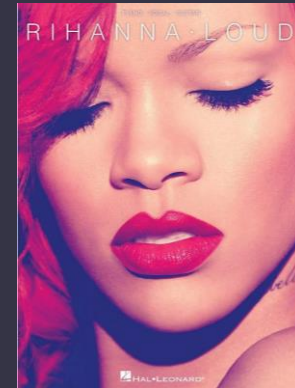
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## TagsTable

- TagID is a number that represents the tag
- TagValue is posts users made
- Category represents the refined music genres

## ArtistsCategoriesTable

- Created Table that has Artist ID, Artist Name, Tag Value & Category for the convenience





For the content-based filtering, we did some data cleaning to emphasize music-related hashtags. This involved eliminating irrelevant hashtags and grouping similar ones.

123 TagID ▾	ABC TagValue ▾
200	hot
201	guilty pleasures
202	electro pop
203	disco
204	fierce

223	umtalented
224	bad
225	money
226	california
227	comedy
228	catchy

The images are examples of the hashtags in the tag value column that we wanted to clean to give more relevance and refinement to our search.



The list was refined using machine learning techniques. We created a terms versus frequency graph for bigrams and unigrams to find the top 10 values that match in both the graphs and further modify the database.

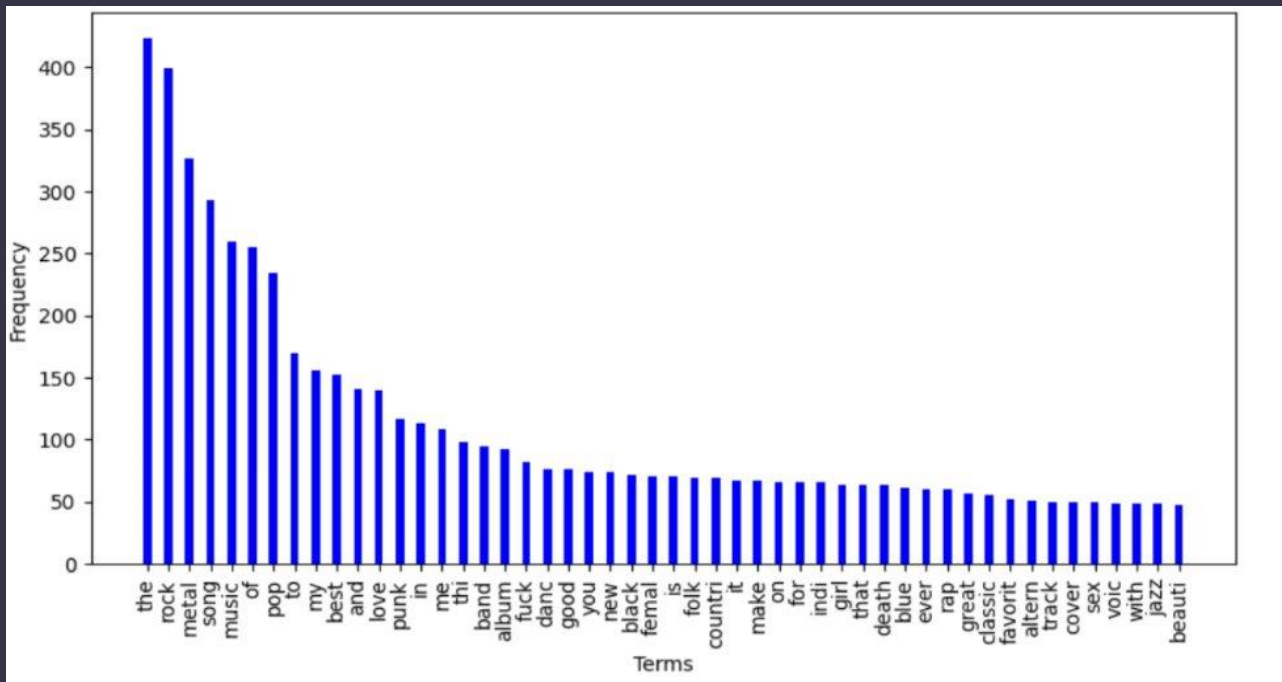
### Followed Pre-Processing Steps:

- make everything lowercase
- remove numbers
- remove punctuation
- remove extra spaces
- remove stopwords

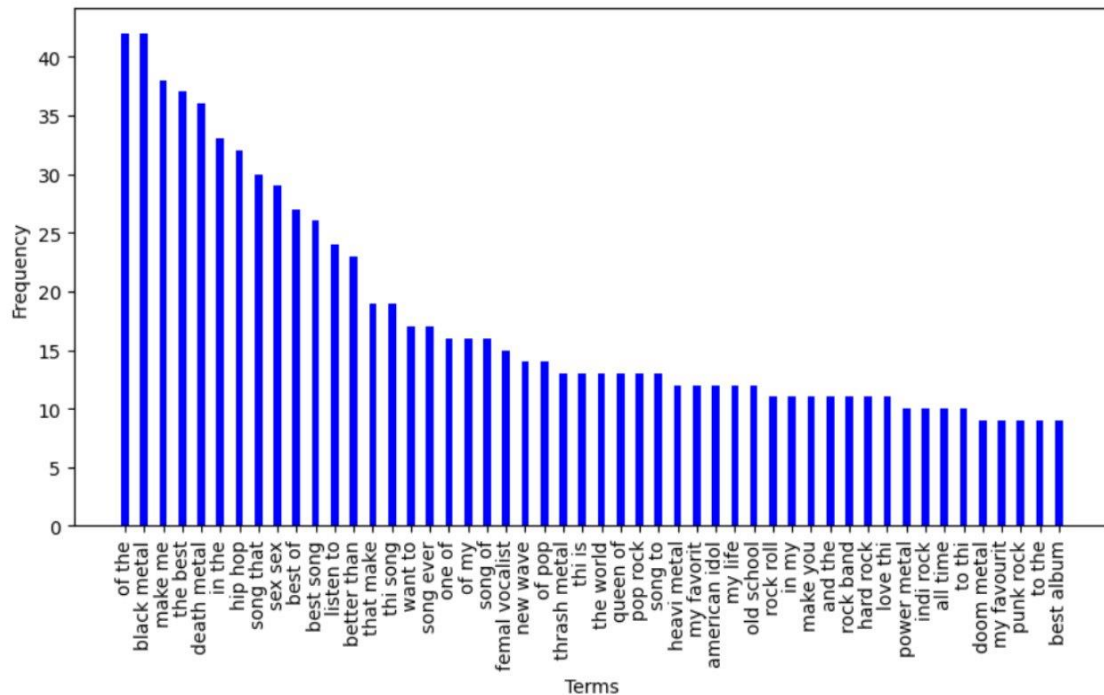




# UNIGRAMS



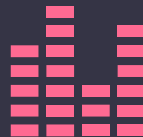
# BIGRAMS





To help improve the accuracy and relevance of our music recommendations system we grouped the hashtags into categories. A new column was created, and we identified key terms that are indicative of the specific genre.

3	goth rock	Rock
4	black metal	Metal
5	death metal	Metal
6	industrial metal	Metal
7	gothic metal	Metal
8	terror ebm	Electronic
9	electro-industrial	Electronic



Other examples of these categories were 'Hip Hop and R&B', 'Pop', 'Classical', 'Decades' and 'Foreign Music' to name a few.



Then, we created a table called 'ArtistsCategories' where we have Artist ID, Artist's Name, Tag Value related to them and which Category they belong to. The following is an example of Coldplay:

	123 ID ▼	ABC Name ▼	ABC TagValue ▼	ABC Category ▼
1447	65	COLDPLAY	rock	Rock
1448	65	COLDPLAY	alternative rock	Rock
1449	65	COLDPLAY	alternative	Other
1450	65	COLDPLAY	indie	Rock
1451	65	COLDPLAY	indie rock	Rock



We tried filtering by Category, User ID and Artist Name --> Unfortunately, we got thousands of results for the recommendations



- One hot encoding
- Similarity Matrix
- Recommending additional artists for specific users who listened to an artist "X"



## Part of our huge one hot encoding table:



ABC Name ▼	123 ID ▼	123 is_Metal ▼	123 is_Electronic ▼	123 is_Rock ▼
ALMAMEGRETTA	18,432	0	0	1
ALMORA	9,063	1	0	0
ALOHA	12,202	0	0	1
ALOHA FROM HELL	2,435	0	0	1
ALPH LYLA	7,901	0	0	0
ALPHA	9,355	0	1	0
ALPHA BLONDY	16,103	0	0	0
ALPHA BOY SCHOOL	7,538	0	0	0
ALPHA QUADRANT	1,250	0	1	0



Created a table specifically for the artist "RIHANNA":



ABC Name ▼	123 ID ▼	123 is_Metal ▼	123 is_Electronic ▼	123 is_Rock ▼	123 is_HipHop_and_RnB ▼
RIHANNA	288	1	1	1	1



## Part of our similarity score table:



ABC Name ▼	123 ID ▼	123 SimilarityScore ▼
BEFORE THE DAWN	10,956	0
BEFORE THEIR EYES	2,618	1
BEFORU	9,103	1
BEFOUR	9,232	1
BEHEMOTH	12	1
BEHERIT	8,341	0
BEHIND CRIMSON EYES	15,610	1
BEHOLD... THE ARCTOPUS	9,453	1
BEIRUT	196	2
BEKKI WILLIAMS	12,744	1
BEL CANTO	11,897	4
BELA B.	12,538	1





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We then chose a specific User ID to generate recommendations for Rihanna:

ABC Name ▼	123 SimilarityScore ▼
AVRIL LAVIGNE	7
CORPORE	7
ELVIS PRESLEY	7
LADY GAGA	7
MADONNA	7





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Hybrid Filtering



## Checked recommendation for a specific user:



Based on what similar users have listened to:



Jonas Brothers



Chris Brown



Justin Bieber



Selena Gomez  
and the Scene



Bruno Mars

# COLLABORATIVE



## Checked recommendation for a specific user:



Since you listened to this artist, here are 5 others we think you would like!



Avril Lavigne



Corpore



Elvis Presley



Madonna



MONO

# CONTENT

# Conclusion

Our GOAL as The Treble Makers is to make the BEST hybrid music recommendation system

Clean and preprocess the data to make sure we can use it

## Collaborative Based Filtering

- Min-Max scaled the listening weights for each user
- Created similarity matrix
- Found recommendations from similarity matrix

## Content-Based Filtering

- Created categories for each tag
- Hot-encoded each artist to each category
- Used dot product to find most similar artist to give recommendations

Used both filtering methods to create hybrid recommendations



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# "Thank you for listening!"

Do you have any questions?

—The Treble Makers

