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## **Introduction:**

I am pleased to present the findings of our recent project aimed at understanding the factors driving the popularity of songs across different genres. In this report, I will summarize key insights gleaned from our analysis, which are useful in informing strategic decisions related to song selection, promotion, and distribution.

As SonicWave Productions looks to break into the music industry, it is important that we focus our resources on the artists and songs that will yield the best results overall. By efficiently allocating our resources, we can gain a competitive advantage over larger and less efficient production companies. Although the final model should not be used in isolation to predict song popularity, it does reveal key insights that can inform our partnership decision making.

## **Key Findings**

Our analysis revealed intriguing insights into the dynamics of song popularity. One notable observation was the significant disparity in popularity distributions between genres. Pop songs tended to enjoy higher popularity ratings compared to rock songs, which predominantly received lower ratings. This suggests that genre plays a crucial role in shaping the appeal and reception of a song among listeners. The track's genre appeared to be highly relevant across every model that was tried.

We also found that none of the created models had a particularly high accuracy. Our best model tended to predict popularity within 26 popularity points of the actual value. This, of course, means that it alone is not a reliable predictor of a song's popularity. However, this model was created with a relatively small amount of data. By investing into more data collection and by collecting more information, such as artist popularity, pre-save data, etc., we will be able to further improve the performance of our predictive model.

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## **Implications:**

These findings hold valuable implications for SonicWave Productions in our efforts gain groud in the music industry. Understanding the influence of genre on song popularity can inform strategic decisions regarding the selection and promotion of songs. By leveraging insights into genre preferences, SonicWave can tailor its marketing and distribution strategies to better resonate with target audiences. Specifically, it appears that SonicWave Productions should focus on partnering with pop artists to maximize the number of productions that become popular. We should also look to minimize the number of rock artists we work with as we strive to efficiently grow, as very few of the rock songs seemed to have a high popularity.

## **Conclusion:**

In conclusion, our analysis sheds light on the multifaceted factors driving the popularity of songs in today's music industry. In particular, the impact of genre and other key variables on listener preferences allow us to gain valuable insights to inform strategic decision-making and optimize our approach to song selection, promotion, and distribution. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this project, and I look forward to further collaboration in leveraging data-driven insights to drive success in the music industry.