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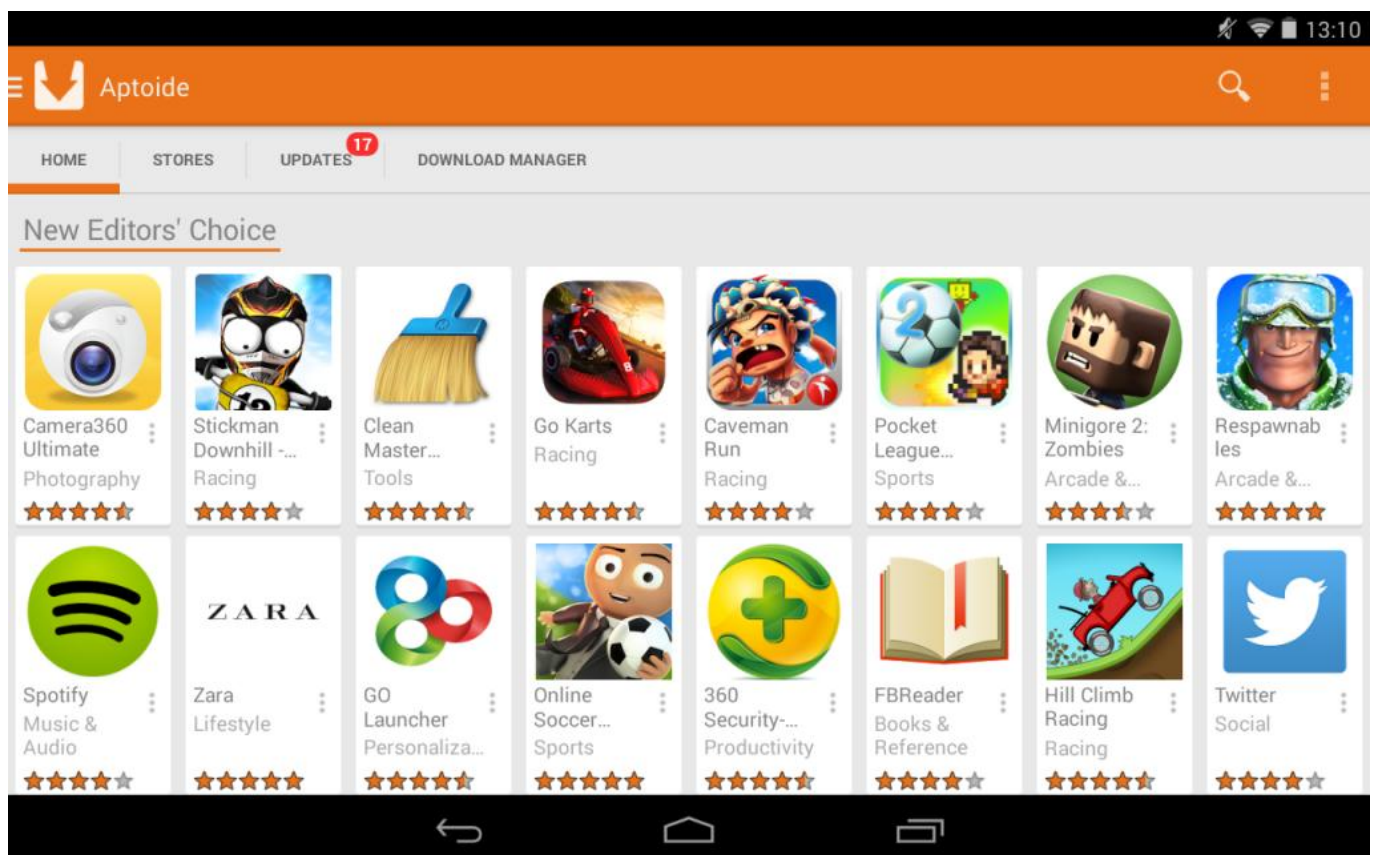
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The largest independent Android app store which allows to setup and manage your own Android Market.

Calling all app fans! Thanks to Portuguese startup [Aptoide](#) [1], app users no longer need to keep all their Android apps on a single, centralised store...each user can dig into as many appstores as he/she wants to create and manage their own database.



5.8 million app enthusiasts already use Aptoide today and its founders, [Paulo Trezentos](#) [2] and [Alvaro](#)

[Pinto](#) [3] hope to see that number rise to an incredible 100 million users within 3 years. In the complex world of app development, being able to share and develop knowledge and experience through European research projects is just as important as funding.

Aptoide's participation in 2 such projects, [MANCOOSI](#) [4] and its predecessor EDOS, were vital in helping them overcome the challenges of open source software. According to Pinto, *"this support was critical for our success. Sharing knowledge and practices with European partners made our teams set more ambitious goals."*

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