

PROJECT TITLE

Automated Job Vacancy Scraper and Email Notification System



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Objective:

Automatically scrape a job vacancy website, detect new vacancies, and send email alerts daily, scheduled via a cron job on a Linux machine.

Tools Used in the Project:

1. Python Programming Language

- **Purpose:** Writing the core logic for scraping, data processing, and email automation.

2. Python Libraries:

- **requests**
 - **Purpose:** Fetching HTML content from job websites via HTTP requests.
- **BeautifulSoup (from bs4)**
 - **Purpose:** Parsing and extracting specific data from the HTML content.
- **pandas**
 - **Purpose:** Handling job data and comparing listings using Excel files.
- **smtplib**
 - **Purpose:** Sending email notifications via Gmail SMTP server.

- **email.mime**

- **Purpose:** Creating email messages with attachments (Excel files).

3. Excel (Spreadsheet)

- **Purpose:** Storing and comparing previous and current job listings.

4. Gmail (SMTP Server)

- **Purpose:** Sending automated email alerts with job vacancies.

5. Kali Linux (Operating System)

- **Purpose:** Developing and running the script, and scheduling it with **cron jobs**.

6. Cron Jobs (Linux)

- **Purpose:** Scheduling the Python script to run daily at a specific time.

7. Text Editor / IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

- **Purpose:** Writing and developing the Python code.

- Examples: **Visual Studio Code, Sublime Text, PyCharm.**

Steps Followed:

1. Web Scraping

- Used **Python** and **BeautifulSoup** to scrape job vacancy listings from the target website.
- Extracted vacancy titles, descriptions, and links.

```
import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

url = 'https://example.com/jobs'
response = requests.get(url)
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, 'html.parser')

jobs = soup.find_all('div', class_='job-post')
for job in jobs:
    title = job.find('h2').text
    link = job.find('a')['href']
    print(title, link)
```

2. Detecting New Vacancies

- Stored previous job posts in a **local JSON** or **text file**.
- Compared current vacancies with previous ones to find **newly published** jobs.

```
import json

with open('previous_jobs.json', 'r') as f:
    old_jobs = json.load(f)

# Compare and find new ones
new_jobs = [job for job in scraped_jobs if job not in old_jobs]
```

3. Sending Email Alerts

- I used **smtplib** to email my personal Gmail account when new vacancies were found.

```
import smtplib
from email.mime.text import MIMEText

sender = "your_email@gmail.com"
receiver = "your_email@gmail.com"
password = "your_app_password"

message = MIMEText('New job posted: ' + job_link)
message['Subject'] = 'New Job Alert'
message['From'] = sender
message['To'] = receiver

with smtplib.SMTP_SSL('smtp.gmail.com', 465) as server:
    server.login(sender, password)
    server.sendmail(sender, receiver, message.as_string())
```

4. Scheduling with Cron

- Scheduled the Python script to run every day at 11:00 AM.

Crontab Setup:

```
crontab -e
```

Entry:

```
0 10 * * * /usr/bin/python3 /path/to/job_scraper.py
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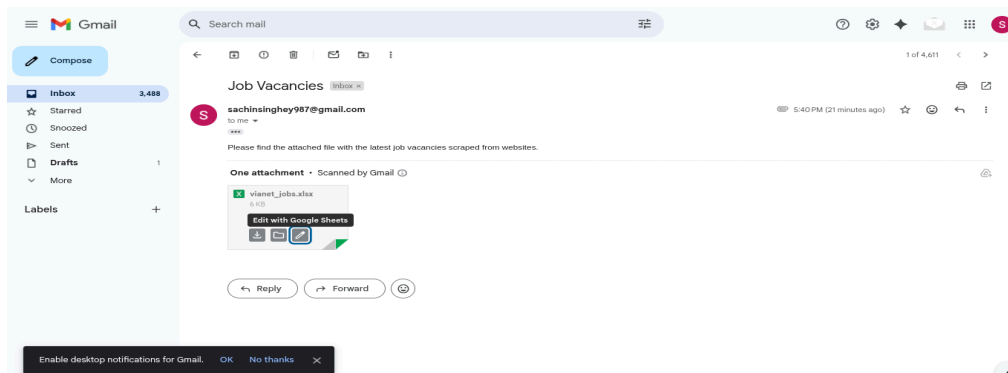


Screenshot: Running Python Script Successfully

```
(venv)-(blink@kali)-[~/Downloads/python]
$ python websites.py

Starting the script...
Attempting to scrape data...
Successfully fetched the page! Response code: 200
✅ Scraped 9 jobs and saved to 'vianet_jobs.xlsx'
Attempting to send email with subject: Vianet Job Vacancies
Attaching file: vianet_jobs.xlsx
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5. Email Notification Example



6. Excel Sheet Screenshot

