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Subject :- Submission of Intern Assignment for Backend developers.

Problem statement: Newsletter Service

You are expected to make an app or a service which will send pre-decided content to a specific set of users[subscriber] at specified intervals/time.

This assignment is designed to test development and system design skills. We expect you to write a server-side app with proper setup documentation and send it across to us by uploading it to a public github repo.

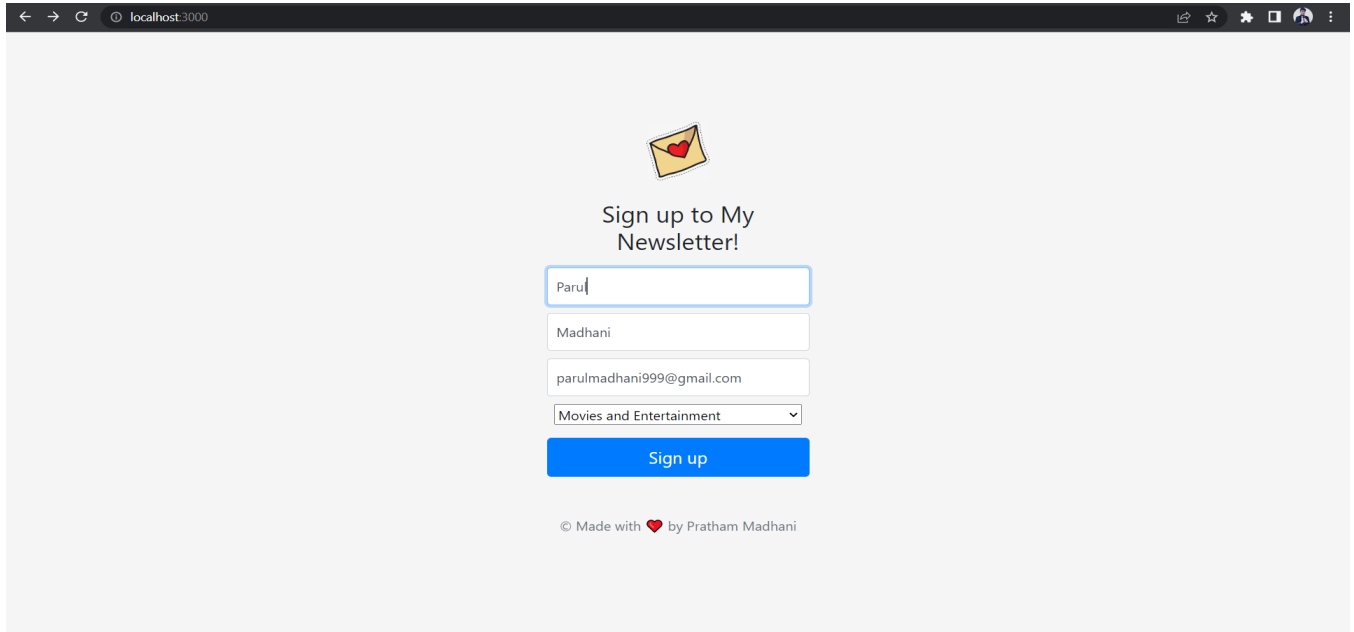
Do mention the improvements and pitfalls of your solution. We'll reach out to you shortly post that. You can use any language, library or framework of your choosing. We are looking for the thought process and technical decision making abilities. You can use google or copy-paste any code from stackoverflow as long as you cite where you got the code from.

You are expected to regularly commit the code with proper commit messages.

TechStack to complete the Intern backend assignment:

- 1. HTML.**
- 2. CSS and Bootstrap.**
- 3. Node.js**
- 4. MySQL (For Database).**

So this is the user interface for the user to sign up to Newsletter.



A screenshot of a web browser window displaying a newsletter sign-up form. The browser's address bar shows 'localhost:3000'. The form is centered on a light gray background and features a yellow envelope icon with a red heart. The title 'Sign up to My Newsletter!' is displayed above the input fields. The form includes four input fields: a first name field containing 'Parul', a last name field containing 'Madhani', an email field containing 'parulmadhani999@gmail.com', and a dropdown menu currently set to 'Movies and Entertainment'. A blue 'Sign up' button is positioned below the dropdown. At the bottom of the form, a small copyright notice reads '© Made with ❤️ by Pratham Madhani'.

Sign up to My Newsletter!

Parul

Madhani

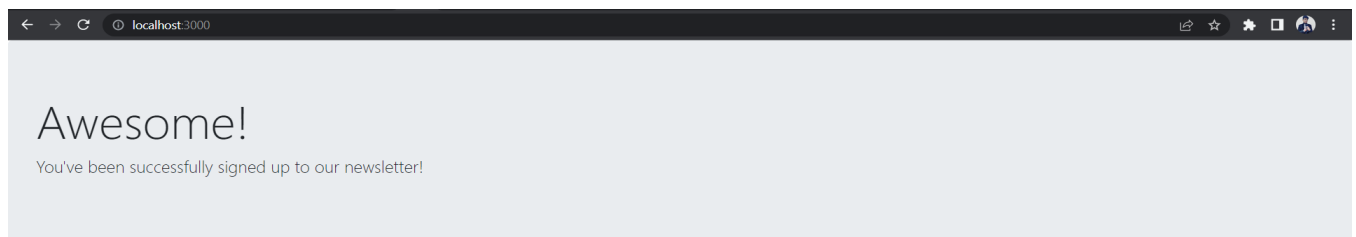
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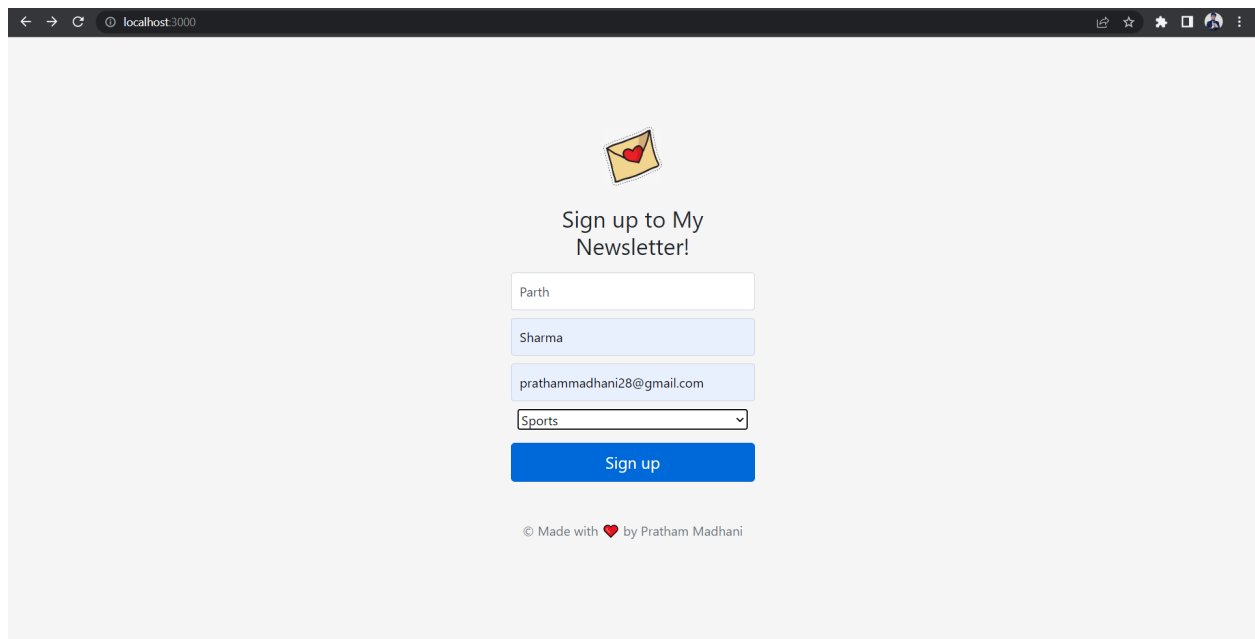
Sign up

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This is a success page once user is successfully subscribed to our newsletter service.



This is how a user can fill his/her information to get subscribed to our newsletter service and can happily enjoy their content thereafter.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "localhost:3000". The page has a light gray background and features a newsletter sign-up form centered on the screen. At the top of the form is a yellow envelope icon with a red heart inside. Below the icon, the text "Sign up to My Newsletter!" is displayed. The form consists of five input fields: a text field for the first name (containing "Parth"), a text field for the last name (containing "Sharma"), a text field for the email address (containing "prathammadhani28@gmail.com"), a dropdown menu for selecting a category (currently showing "Sports"), and a blue "Sign up" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a small copyright notice: "© Made with ❤️ by Pratham Madhani".

localhost:3000

Sign up to My Newsletter!

Parth

Sharma

prathammadhani28@gmail.com

Sports

Sign up

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Database Usage Explanation :-

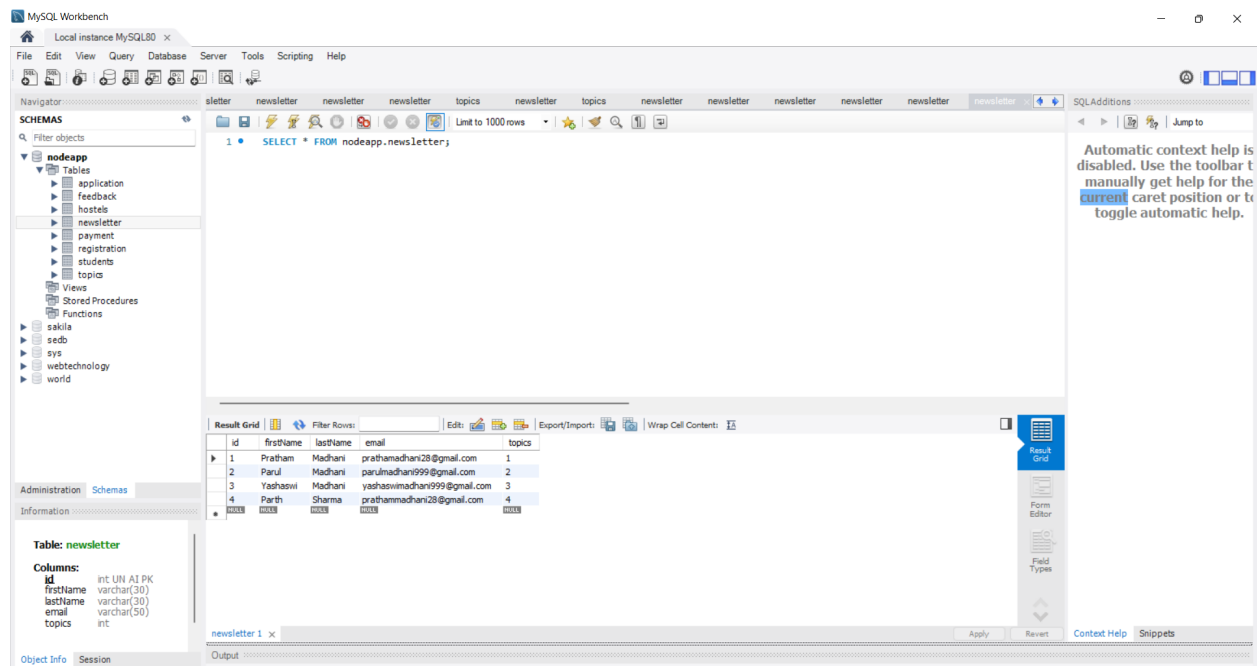
The name of the database that I have created for this project is '**nodeapp**'. I have created two tables for data storing purposes. Newsletter table will store the data of the subscribed user of the newsletter and topics table consist of predefined data that is to be sent to the user according to his interest in specific time interval.

Database Name :- nodeapp.

Table Name :- newsletter.

Query to create table :-

```
CREATE TABLE `nodeapp`.`newsletter` (  
  `firstName` varchar(30) NOT NULL,  
  `lastName` varchar(30) NOT NULL,  
  `email` varchar(50) NOT NULL,  
  `topics` int(10)  
);
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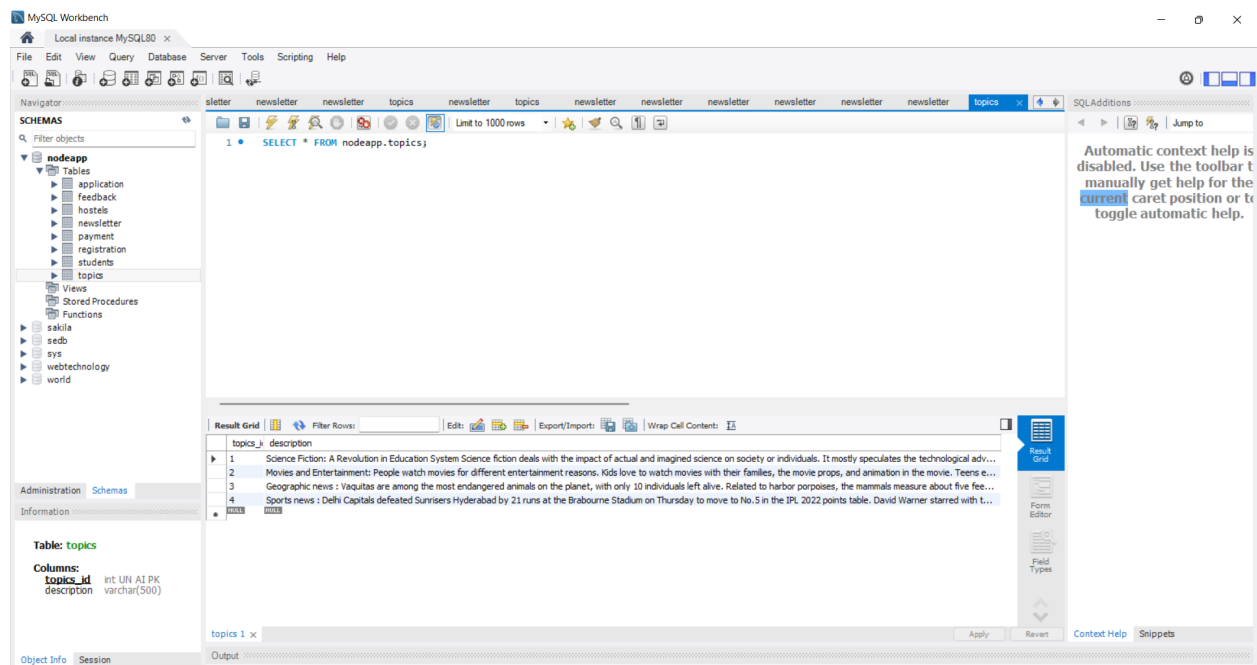
Database Name :- nodeapp.

Table Name :- topics.

Query to create table :-

```
CREATE TABLE `nodeapp`.`topics` (  
  `topics_id` int(10) UNSIGNED PRIMARY KEY NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
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```
`description` varchar(500)
);
```



As we can see from the table's newsletter and topics, Pratham Madhani (Email id :- prathamadhani28@gmail.com) has selected Science and Fiction as its interest so will send him that content only after specific time intervals. Similarly, Parth Sharma (Email id:- prathammadhani@gmail.com) has selected Sports as field of interest, so will send him sport news content after specific time intervals.

Implementation Discussion :-

As previously mentioned in techstack, I have used HTML, CSS and BootStrap for FrontEnd, Nodejs for BackEnd and MySQL for Database.

The system will take FirstName, LastName, Email and the area of interest of the user to view the content related to their interest in future. These are the inputs taken from the user once the user subscribes to the newsletter service he/she will receive mail in a specific time interval. In my case, I have kept the time interval as one minute for testing purposes. But we can also make like one day, or after specific days, months, etc according to our requirement. I have used the '**nodemailer**' node module to send the mail to the subscribed user. Nodemailer is a module for Node.js applications to allow easy as cake email sending. And for the specific time intervals I have used the '**node-cron**' node module. The node-cron module is a tiny task

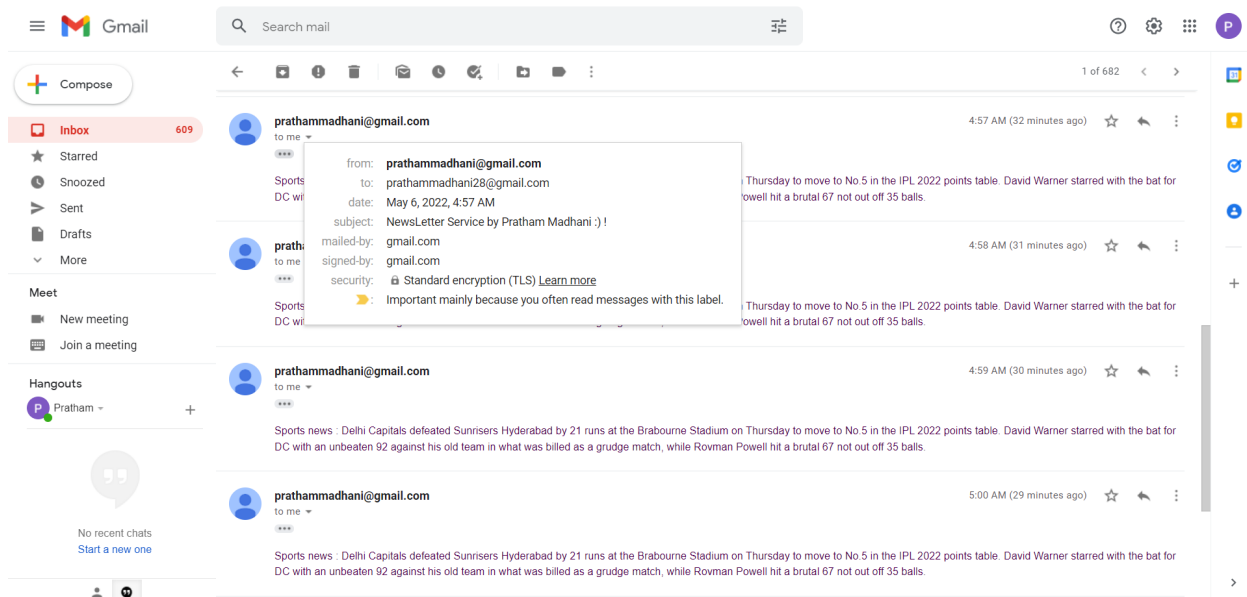
scheduler in pure JavaScript for node.js based on GNU-crontab. This module allows you to schedule tasks in node.js using full crontab syntax.

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56
57 //Function to send the mail to the subscriber after every single min.
58 cron.schedule('* * * * *', () => {
59   var sql2='SELECT * FROM newsletter';
60   db.query(sql2,function (err, data, fields) {
61     if(err) throw err
62     else{
63       for(var i = 0;i<data.length;i++){
64         let email = data[i].email;
65         var sql3 ='SELECT * FROM topics where topics_id =?'
66         db.query(sql3, data[i].topics,function (err, result, fields) {
67           if(err) throw err
68           else{
69             let mailOptions = {
70               from: 'prathammadhani@gmail.com',
71               to: email,
72
73               subject: 'NewsLetter Service by Pratham Madhani :) !',
74               text: result[0].description
75             };
76             transporter.sendMail(mailOptions, function(error, info){
77               if (error) {
78                 console.log(error);
79               } else {
80                 console.log('Email sent: ' + info.response);
81               }
82             });
83           }
84         });
85       }
86     });
87   });
88 });
89
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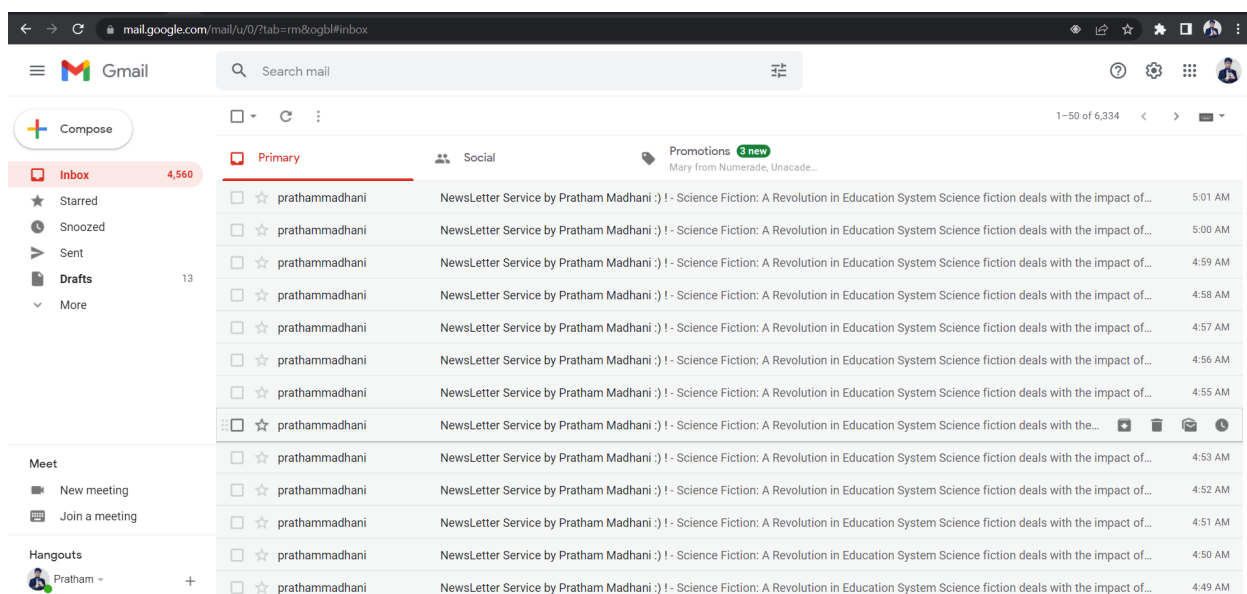
This is the main function in app.js which will send the mail to the subscribed user in a given interval of time and will also send the only content in the domain which they were interested in and they have subscribed to.

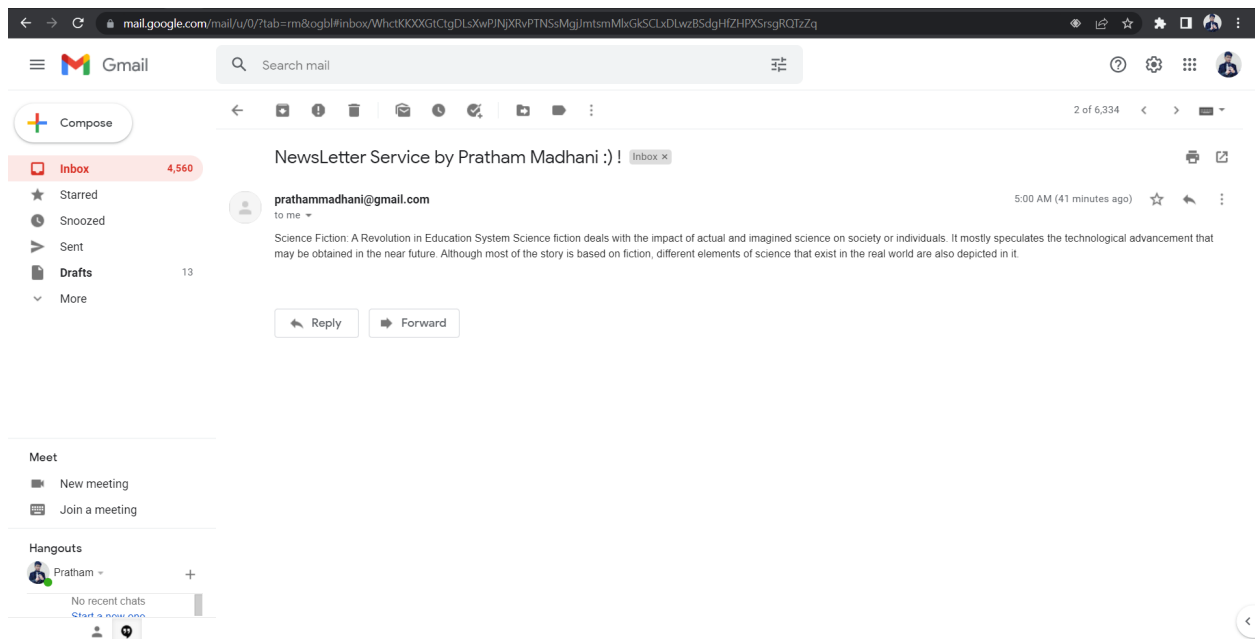
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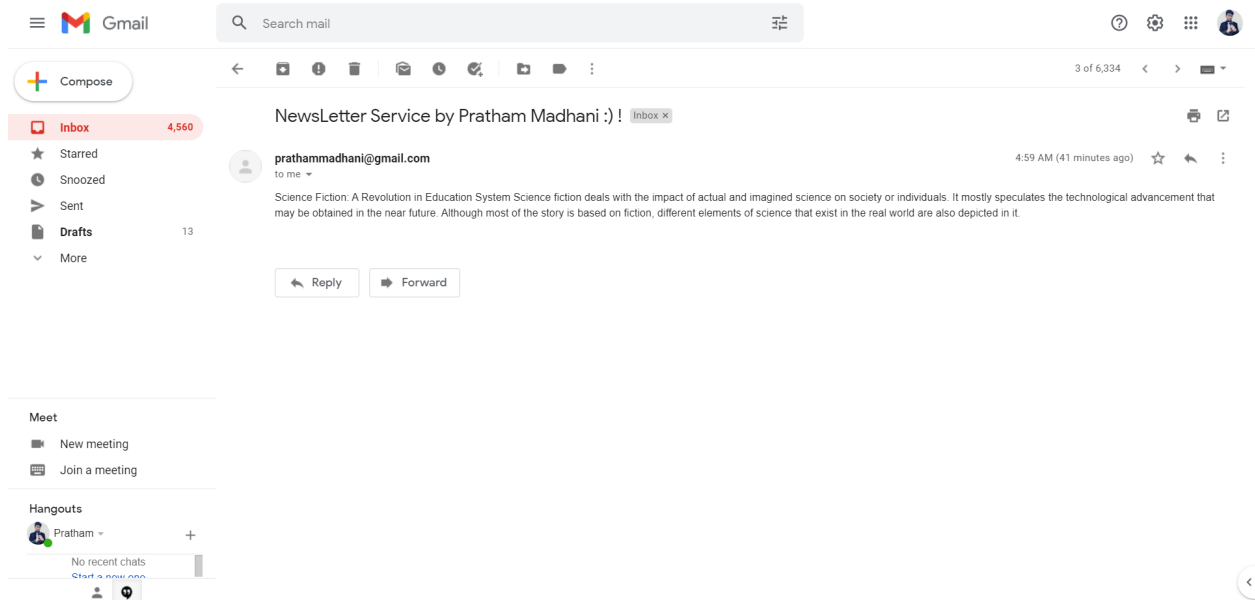
I have used prathammadhani@gmail.com gmail ID as newsletter service mail. Parth Sharma (prathammadhani28@gmail.com) subscribed to the sports as domain of interest, so our newsletter service has sent him the pre-defined sport news after every one minute (specific time interval).



Pratham Madhani(prathammadhani28@gmail.com) subscribed to Science and Fiction as domain of interest, so our newsletter service has sent him the pre-defined information related to science and fiction after every one minute (specific time interval).







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