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## Website Health Monitor with Multi-Channel Alerts (Django)

Reference: [HTTP semantics RFC 9110](#) (and [9112/9113/9114](#)), JSON [RFC 8259](#), ICMP RFC [792/4443](#), [TLS RFC 8446](#), SMTP RFC [5321/5322/6409/4954/3207/8314](#), [WebSocket RFC 6455](#), Web Push RFC [8030/8292](#); and W3C: Web Notifications, Push API, Service Workers, WebSocket API.

### Objective

Build a **Django web application** that monitors a target website's health by periodically pinging its URL. If the site remains **down for more than 2 minutes**, notify users via:

- **In-app notifications** (AJAX refresh; no full page reload)
- **Email** (SMTP)
- **SMS** (Twilio)

### Problem

Service downtime hurts reliability and user trust. Teams must implement a system that:

1. **Continuously monitors** a configurable target URL.
2. Detects when the site is **unavailable for > 2 minutes** and **raises a notification event**.
3. Delivers notifications to all registered users across three channels:
  - **In-App**: AJAX-driven notification dropdown.
  - **Email**: Django SMTP backend.
  - **SMS**: Twilio API (test credentials acceptable).

### Requirements

#### 1) Backend (Django)

- **Models**
  - User: username, email, mobile
  - Notification: title, message, status (read/unread), channel (in-app/email/sms), timestamps
- **Monitoring**
  - A ping/check function running **every 30 seconds** (e.g., Celery beat/CRON/thread) recording up/down state and timestamps
  - Logic to detect **continuous downtime  $\geq 120$  seconds** before triggering notifications



- **APIs**

- Endpoint(s) to **fetch unread notifications**
- Endpoint to **mark as read**

## 2) Frontend (HTML, Bootstrap, JS, AJAX)

- **Navbar notification dropdown** showing unread count + list
- **AJAX polling** (e.g., every 5–10s) to fetch new notifications without page reload
- **Mark-as-read** interaction (single or bulk)

## 3) Notification Channels

- In-App: Store Notification rows; expose via JSON; render in dropdown
- Email: Use Django's SMTP (send\_mail or EmailMessage)
- SMS: Use Twilio (twilio.rest.Client) with test credentials; handle failures gracefully

## Configuration & Security

- Target URL, polling interval, and alert threshold should be **configurable**
- Use **environment variables** for SMTP/Twilio secrets
- Basic **rate-limiting**/deduping to avoid alert storms (e.g., send once per outage until recovery)

## Bonus (Optional)

- **Recovery notifications** when site comes back up
- **Simple dashboard**: uptime %, last outage, MTTR
- **Webhooks** (Slack/Teams) as additional channels

## Evaluation Criteria

- **Ping check correctness** (30s cadence; state tracking)
- **Downtime threshold** (> 2 minutes) reliably triggers notifications
- **In-app UX** updates via AJAX (no full reload)
- **Email delivery** via SMTP
- **SMS delivery** via Twilio test creds
- **Code quality**: structure, comments, README with setup/run steps