

Detailed Workflow: Adding Subscriptions

➤ User Authentication:

- Users must be signed in to access subscription features. Utilize the existing signup/sign-in mechanism to identify the `userId`.

➤ Razorpay Account:

- Create a Razorpay account.
- Set up subscription plans (e.g., monthly, yearly).
- Generate `key_id` and `key_secret` for API integration.

➤ Database Setup:

- Create a subscriptions table to store subscription details:
 - **Table Structure:**
 - `id`: Unique identifier for each subscription (Primary Key).
 - `subscription_id`: Unique ID from Razorpay.
 - `user_id`: ID of the user (Foreign Key).
 - `plan_id`: ID of the selected plan.
 - `status`: Current status of the subscription (e.g., pending, active, cancelled).
 - `start_date`: Date when the subscription starts.
 - `end_date`: Date when the subscription ends.

Workflow Steps

➤ Frontend: Fetch and Display Plans

- **Route:** `/api/subscription/plans`
- Fetch available subscription plans from Razorpay using the API.
- Render these plans on the frontend UI, including pricing and descriptions.

➤ User Selection

- When the user selects a plan, collect the `planId`.

➤ Backend: Create Subscription

- **Route:** `/api/subscription/create`
- **Input:**
 - `planId` (from Razorpay)
 - `userId` (from authentication token/session)

➤ **Process:**

- Call Razorpay's subscriptions.create API to create a new subscription.
- Save the following details to the subscriptions table:
 - subscription_id (from Razorpay)
 - user_id
 - plan_id
 - Set initial status as 'pending'.

➤ **Frontend:** Razorpay Checkout for Payment

- Once the subscription is created, launch Razorpay Checkout.
- Pass the subscription_id to Razorpay Checkout to handle payment.

➤ **Post Payment**

- Razorpay returns payment_id, subscription_id, and a signature.
- Send these details to your backend for validation.

➤ **Backend:** Validate Payment

- **Route:** /api/subscription/validate
- **Validation Process:**
 - Validate the Razorpay signature using the received payment_id and subscription_id.
- **If Valid:**
 - Update the subscription status to 'active' in the database.
 - Save start_date and end_date based on the selected plan.

➤ **Webhook:** Razorpay Subscription Events

- Razorpay sends events (e.g., subscription.charged) to your webhook.
- **Route:** /api/subscription/webhook
- **Process:**
 - Validate the webhook signature.
 - Update the subscriptions table based on events received (e.g., update status to 'active' or 'cancelled').

➤ **Frontend:** Display Subscription Status

- Call /api/subscription/status to check the subscription status for the logged-in user.
- **Display Messages Based on Status:**
 - If status is 'active': "You have an active subscription."

- If status is 'pending': "Payment pending."
- If status is 'cancelled': "Subscription cancelled."

➤ **Protect Premium Features**

- Implement middleware to verify user subscription status before accessing premium routes.