

Is it maybe better to use cron job format for payment schedule since it's standard and provide flexibility?

But probably it's to granulated

PaymentSchedule

Each seller's payment schedule

UserId bigint

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DayOfWeek varchar(3)

WeekOfMonth varchar(3)

MonthOfYear varchar(3)

Payment schedule example:

- Every Friday : DayOfWeek 5, WeekOfMonth 0, MonthOfYear 0.
- Every 2nd Friday: DayOfWeek
 WeekOfMonth 2,
 MonthOfYear 0.
- Every 2 weeks on Friday: DayOfWeek 5,

I'm assuming that there's another table for user account details (username, password, email, etc)

User Contains user details (seller or buyer)

Id bigint
FullName varchar(50)
IsSeller bool(50)
Balance bigint(50)
LastPayment date(50)

Indexes:

Assuming that all primary and foreign keys are by default indexed

Purchase - Date, IsPaidOut

PurchaseReturn -DatePaidOut, IsPaidOut, IsRolledBack I'm assuming that there's another table that contains all user payment methods, with or without payment gateways (assuming that the company is PCI compliance and was permitted to save credit card details

Purchase

Contains all customer-seller purchase details

P	ld	bigint
	Date	date
	CustomerId	bigint
	SellerId	int
	PaymentId	int
	IsPaidOut	bool

PurchaseReturn

Contains all purchases that returned to the buyer

P	ld	bigint
	Purchaseld	bigint
	DateCreated	date
	DatePaidOut	date
	IsPaidOut	bool
	IsRolledBack	bool
	SellerId	bool

I'm assuming that it's possible to have a failed return of a purchase, hence the "DatePaidOut" field.

I also put the "SellerId" in here because I don't want to do join to "Purchase" table just to get the seller id

Assumed flow:

- A batch job to roll out sellers payments ran and it checks for seller's payment schedule and last payment date to determine whether or not to roll payment for that particular user. It will collect all sellers that it has to pay today.
- The job will collect all purchases up to 7 days before current date and has not been paid out ("IsPaidOut"). It will then do a sum and generate a temporary map of "plus" balance for each user, we'll call this "sellerBalanceMap". After that it will mark all the processed purchases as "IsPaidOut".
- Next it will process returns that has been paid out to the customer ("IsPaidOut") and not yet rolled back ("IsRolledBack"). For this there won't be any check to payment schedule because we want to process all returns regarding the corresponding seller's schedule.
- It will also only process returns that has been paid out up to 7 days before the current date (we don't want the returns to create 'negative' balance before the actual purchase has been processed)
- So the job will sum all the returns or 'negative' balance for each seller. After that it will update the "sellerBalanceMap". It will add to the map sellers that only have 'negative' balance and also reduce the 'plus' balance of other sellers that have both purchases and returns. It will then mark the purchases as "isRolledBack".
- After that, the job will use the "sellerBalanceMap" to update each seller's balance, whether it's adding or reducing the corresponding seller's balance.

Regarding the possible millions of data,

I think MySQL is not designed to handle big amount of data. I read that using ActiveRecord helps MySQL to handle 'big data' but I never use it.