WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method comprising:

receiving transaction data associated with a plurality of transactions conducted during a time interval;

determining, by a server computer, that the received transaction data meets a threshold;

determining whether a previous indication that the threshold has been met was provided to a payment processing entity, the previous indication being associated with a plurality of previous transactions conducted during a previous time interval; and

if the previous indication was not provided, providing an indication that the threshold has been met to the payment processing entity, the indication including information regarding a performance parameter of the payment processing entity.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the time interval is a first time interval, and wherein the method further comprises:

after providing the indication, receiving transaction data associated with a plurality of subsequent transactions conducted during a second time interval;

determining, by the server computer, that the received transaction data for the plurality of subsequent transactions does not meet the threshold; and

providing an indication that the threshold has not been met to the payment processing entity, the indication including information regarding the performance parameter of the payment processing entity.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the payment processing entity comprises a merchant, a payment processor, an acquirer, or an issuer.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the performance parameter is associated with approved transactions, declined transactions, rejected transactions, transaction processing time, or transaction processing communication errors.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the time interval is a predetermined increment of time.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the threshold is a predetermined value or a dynamic value.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein providing the indication includes providing an alert message to the payment processing entity.

8. A server computer comprising:

a processor; and

a computer readable medium coupled to the processor, wherein the computer readable medium comprises code executable by a processor for implementing a method comprising:

receiving transaction data associated with a plurality of transactions conducted during a time interval;

determining, by a server computer, that the received transaction data meets a threshold;

determining whether a previous indication that the threshold has been met was provided to a payment processing entity, the previous indication being associated with a plurality of previous transactions conducted during a previous time interval; and

if the previous indication was not provided, providing an indication that the threshold has been met to the payment processing entity, the indication including information regarding a performance parameter of the payment processing entity.

9. The server computer of claim 8, wherein the time interval is a first time interval, and wherein the computer readable medium further comprises code executable by the processor for implementing a method comprising:

after providing the indication, receiving transaction data associated with a plurality of subsequent transactions conducted during a second time interval;

determining, by the server computer, that the received transaction data for the plurality of subsequent transactions does not meet the threshold; and

providing an indication that the threshold has not been met to the payment processing entity, the indication including information regarding the performance parameter of the payment processing entity.

10. The server computer of claim 8, wherein the payment processing entity comprises a merchant, a payment processor, an acquirer, or an issuer.

11. The server computer of claim 8, wherein the performance parameter is associated with approved transactions, declined transactions, rejected transactions, transaction processing time, or transaction processing communication errors.

12. The server computer of claim 8, wherein the time interval is a predetermined increment of time.

13. The server computer of claim 8, wherein the threshold is a predetermined value or a dynamic value.

14. The server computer of claim 8, wherein providing the indication includes providing an alert message to the payment processing entity.

15. A method comprising:

transmitting, by a payment processing entity, transaction data associated with a plurality of transactions conducted during a time interval to a server computer associated with a payment processing network, wherein the server computer determines that the transmitted transaction data meets a threshold, and wherein the server computer determines whether a previous indication that the threshold has been met was provided to the payment processing entity, the previous indication being associated with a plurality of previous transactions conducted during a previous time interval; and

if the previous indication was not provided, receiving, from the server computer, an indication that the threshold has been met, the indication including information regarding a performance parameter of the payment processing entity.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the time interval is a first time interval, and wherein the method further comprises:

after receiving the indication, transmitting transaction data associated with a plurality of subsequent transactions conducted during a second time interval to the server computer associated with the payment processing network, wherein the server computer determines that the transmitted transaction data for the plurality of subsequent transactions does not meet the threshold; and

receiving, from the server computer, an indication that the threshold has not been met, the indication including information regarding the performance parameter of the payment processing entity

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the payment processing entity comprises a merchant, a payment processor, an acquirer, or an issuer.

18. The method of claim 15, wherein the performance parameter is associated with approved transactions, declined transactions, rejected transactions, transaction processing time, or transaction processing communication errors.

19. The method of claim 15, wherein the time interval is a predetermined increment of time.

20. The method of claim 15, wherein the threshold is a predetermined value or a dynamic value.

21. The method of claim 15, wherein receiving the indication includes receiving an alert message from the compute associated with the payment processing network.

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1. A method comprising:

receiving transaction data associated with a plurality of transactions conducted during a time interval;

determining, by a server computer, that the received transaction data meets a threshold;

determining whether a previous indication that the threshold has been met was provided to a payment processing entity, the previous indication being associated with a plurality of previous transactions conducted during a previous time interval; and

if the previous indication was not provided, providing an indication that the threshold has been met to the payment processing entity, the indication including information regarding a performance parameter of the payment processing entity.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the time interval is a first time interval, and wherein the method further comprises:

after providing the indication, receiving transaction data associated with a plurality of subsequent transactions conducted during a second time interval;

determining, by the server computer, that the received transaction data for the plurality of subsequent transactions does not meet the threshold; and

providing an indication that the threshold has not been met to the payment processing entity, the indication including information regarding the performance parameter of the payment processing entity.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the payment processing entity comprises a merchant, a payment processor, an acquirer, or an issuer.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the performance parameter is associated with approved transactions, declined transactions, rejected transactions, transaction processing time, or transaction processing communication errors.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the time interval is a predetermined increment of time.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the threshold is a predetermined value or a dynamic value.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein providing the indication includes providing an alert message to the payment processing entity.

8. A server computer comprising:

a processor; and

a computer readable medium coupled to the processor, wherein the computer readable medium comprises code executable by a processor for implementing a method comprising:

receiving transaction data associated with a plurality of transactions conducted during a time interval;

determining, by a server computer, that the received transaction data meets a threshold;

determining whether a previous indication that the threshold has been met was provided to a payment processing entity, the previous indication being associated with a plurality of previous transactions conducted during a previous time interval; and

if the previous indication was not provided, providing an indication that the threshold has been met to the payment processing entity, the indication including information regarding a performance parameter of the payment processing entity.

9. The server computer of claim 8, wherein the time interval is a first time interval, and wherein the computer readable medium further comprises code executable by the processor for implementing a method comprising:

after providing the indication, receiving transaction data associated with a plurality of subsequent transactions conducted during a second time interval;

determining, by the server computer, that the received transaction data for the plurality of subsequent transactions does not meet the threshold; and

providing an indication that the threshold has not been met to the payment processing entity, the indication including information regarding the performance parameter of the payment processing entity.

10. The server computer of claim 8, wherein the payment processing entity comprises a merchant, a payment processor, an acquirer, or an issuer.

11. The server computer of claim 8, wherein the performance parameter is associated with approved transactions, declined transactions, rejected transactions, transaction processing time, or transaction processing communication errors.

12. The server computer of claim 8, wherein the time interval is a predetermined increment of time.

13. The server computer of claim 8, wherein the threshold is a predetermined value or a dynamic value.

14. The server computer of claim 8, wherein providing the indication includes providing an alert message to the payment processing entity.

15. A method comprising:

transmitting, by a payment processing entity, transaction data associated with a plurality of transactions conducted during a time interval to a server computer associated with a payment processing network, wherein the server computer determines that the transmitted transaction data meets a threshold, and wherein the server computer determines whether a previous indication that the threshold has been met was provided to the payment processing entity, the previous indication being associated with a plurality of previous transactions conducted during a previous time interval; and

if the previous indication was not provided, receiving, from the server computer, an indication that the threshold has been met, the indication including information regarding a performance parameter of the payment processing entity.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the time interval is a first time interval, and wherein the method further comprises:

after receiving the indication, transmitting transaction data associated with a plurality of subsequent transactions conducted during a second time interval to the server computer associated with the payment processing network, wherein the server computer determines that the transmitted transaction data for the plurality of subsequent transactions does not meet the threshold; and

receiving, from the server computer, an indication that the threshold has not been met, the indication including information regarding the performance parameter of the payment processing entity

17. The method of claim 15, wherein the payment processing entity comprises a merchant, a payment processor, an acquirer, or an issuer.

18. The method of claim 15, wherein the performance parameter is associated with approved transactions, declined transactions, rejected transactions, transaction processing time, or transaction processing communication errors.

19. The method of claim 15, wherein the time interval is a predetermined increment of time.

20. The method of claim 15, wherein the threshold is a predetermined value or a dynamic value.

21. The method of claim 15, wherein receiving the indication includes receiving an alert message from the computer associated with the payment processing network.