Table formats

This document describes how the tables used for this portfolio activity are organized. The organization database contains the following two tables:

- log in attempts
- employees

log in attempts

The log in attempts table has the following columns:

- event id: The identification number assigned to each login event
- username: The username of the employee
- login date: The date the login attempt was recorded
- login time: The time the login attempt was recorded
- country: The country where the login attempt occurred
- ip_address: The IP address of that employee's machine
- success: The success of the login attempt; FALSE indicates a failed attempt

In the MariaDB shell, these columns are returned as:

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| event_id | username | login_date | login_time | country | ip_address | success |
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employees

The employees table has the following columns:

- employee id: The identification number assigned to each employee
- device id: The identification number assigned to each device used by the employee
- username: The username of the employee
- department: The department the employee is in
- office: The office the employee is located in

In the MariaDB shell, these columns are returned as:

Apply filters to SQL queries

Project description

This project is concerned with investigating and addressing potential security incidents within an organization's employee database. Using SQL, we perform various queries to retrieve specific information from the log_in_attempts and employees tables. These queries help identify after-hours failed login attempts, suspicious login activities on particular dates, login attempts outside of a specified country, and employee information based on departmental and office location filters. The results aid in performing targeted security updates and investigations.

Retrieve after hours failed login attempts

SELECT *
FROM log_in_attempts
WHERE login_time > '18:00:00'
AND success = FALSE;

This query retrieves all columns from the log_in_attempts table where the login_time is later than 18:00 (6:00 PM) and the success column indicates a failed login attempt. The AND operator is used to combine these two conditions.

Retrieve login attempts on specific dates

SELECT *
FROM log_in_attempts
WHERE login_date = '2022-05-09'
OR login_date = '2022-05-08';

This query retrieves all columns from the log_in_attempts table where the login_date is either 2022-05-09 or 2022-05-08. The OR operator is used to include login attempts from both dates.

Retrieve login attempts outside of Mexico

SELECT *
FROM log_in_attempts
WHERE country NOT LIKE 'MEX%'
AND country NOT LIKE 'MEXICO%';

This query retrieves all columns from the log_in_attempts table where the country column does not start with 'MEX' or 'MEXICO'. The NOT LIKE operator is used to exclude records where the country is either 'MEX' or 'MEXICO'.

Retrieve employees in Marketing

SELECT *
FROM employees
WHERE department = 'Marketing'
AND office LIKE 'East-%';

This query retrieves all columns from the employees table where the department is 'Marketing' and the office column indicates a location in the East building. The LIKE operator with a wildcard % is used to match any office location that starts with 'East-'.

Retrieve employees in Finance or Sales

SELECT *
FROM employees
WHERE department = 'Sales'
OR department = 'Finance';

This query retrieves all columns from the employees table where the department is either 'Sales' or 'Finance'. The OR operator is used to include employees from both departments.

Retrieve all employees not in IT

SELECT *

FROM employees

WHERE NOT department = 'Information Technology';

This query retrieves all columns from the employees table where the department is not 'Information Technology'. The NOT operator is used to exclude records where the department is 'Information Technology'.

Summary

We executed a series of SQL queries to filter and retrieve relevant data from the log_in_attempts and employees tables. The queries focused on identifying after-hours failed login attempts, login attempts on specific dates, and those occurring outside of Mexico. Additionally, we retrieved employee information for those in specific departments and offices, excluding those in the Information Technology department. These tasks support the overall goal of investigating security incidents and performing necessary updates to employee machines.

Example of work in terminal:

