

Apply filters to SQL queries

Project description

By using SQL, it became very much easier to filter out specific employee information.

SQL provided a very time saving experience in filtering out machines that needed patch security updates.

To increase security, SQL provided necessary commands.

In short, accessing database to filter out any query became much easier compared to Linux or other filtering software.

Retrieve after hours failed login attempts

After investigating, query results show a total of 19 failed login attempts after 18:00 pm.

```
SELECT * FROM log_in_attempts WHERE login_time >'18:00' AND success =0;
```

The command selected all columns from log_in_attempts table , and filtered all failed login attempts after 6 pm.

```
MariaDB [organization]> clear
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT * FROM log_in_attempts WHERE login_time >'18:00' AND success =0;
```

event_id	username	login_date	login_time	country	ip_address	success
2	apatel	2022-05-10	20:27:27	CAN	192.168.205.12	0
18	pwashing	2022-05-11	19:28:50	US	192.168.66.142	0
20	tahah	2022-05-12	18:19:36	MEXICO	192.168.109.50	0
28	aestrada	2022-05-09	19:28:12	MEXICO	192.168.27.57	0
34	drosas	2022-05-11	21:02:04	US	192.168.45.93	0
42	cgiffin	2022-05-09	23:04:05	US	192.168.4.157	0
52	cjackson	2022-05-10	22:07:07	CAN	192.168.58.57	0
69	vjaifrey	2022-05-11	19:55:15	USA	192.168.100.17	0
82	abernard	2022-05-12	23:38:46	MEX	192.168.234.49	0
87	apatel	2022-05-08	22:38:31	CANADA	192.168.132.153	0
96	ivelasco	2022-05-09	22:36:36	CAN	192.168.84.194	0
104	asundara	2022-05-11	18:38:07	US	192.168.96.200	0
107	bisles	2022-05-12	20:25:57	USA	192.168.116.187	0
111	aestrada	2022-05-10	22:00:26	MEXICO	192.168.76.27	0
127	abellmas	2022-05-09	21:20:51	CANADA	192.168.70.122	0
131	bisles	2022-05-09	20:03:55	US	192.168.113.171	0
155	cgiffin	2022-05-12	22:18:42	USA	192.168.236.176	0
160	jclark	2022-05-10	20:49:00	CANADA	192.168.214.49	0
199	yappiah	2022-05-11	19:34:48	MEXICO	192.168.44.232	0

```
19 rows in set (0.123 sec)

MariaDB [organization]>
```

Retrieve login attempts on specific dates

To find all login attempts that occurred on 2022-05-09 and a day before.

```
SELECT * FROM log_in_attempts WHERE login_date = '2022-05-09' OR login_date=
'2022_05_08';
```

This query filters table to find login attempts made on specific dates

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT * FROM log_in_attempts WHERE login_date = '2022-05-09' OR login_date= '2022_05_08';
```

event_id	username	login_date	login_time	country	ip_address	success
1	jrafael	2022-05-09	04:56:27	CAN	192.168.243.140	1
3	dkot	2022-05-09	06:47:41	USA	192.168.151.162	1
4	dkot	2022-05-08	02:00:39	USA	192.168.178.71	0
8	bisles	2022-05-08	01:30:17	US	192.168.119.173	0
12	dkot	2022-05-08	09:11:34	USA	192.168.100.158	1
15	lyamamot	2022-05-09	17:17:26	USA	192.168.183.51	0
24	arusso	2022-05-09	06:49:39	MEXICO	192.168.171.192	1
25	sbaelish	2022-05-09	07:04:02	US	192.168.33.137	1
26	apatel	2022-05-08	17:27:00	CANADA	192.168.123.105	1
28	aestrada	2022-05-09	19:28:12	MEXICO	192.168.27.57	0
30	yappiah	2022-05-09	03:22:22	MEX	192.168.124.48	1
32	acook	2022-05-09	02:52:02	CANADA	192.168.142.239	0
36	asundara	2022-05-08	09:00:42	US	192.168.78.151	1
38	sbaelish	2022-05-09	14:40:01	USA	192.168.60.42	1
39	yappiah	2022-05-09	07:56:40	MEXICO	192.168.57.115	1
42	cgriffin	2022-05-09	23:04:05	US	192.168.4.157	0
43	mcouliba	2022-05-08	02:35:34	CANADA	192.168.16.208	0
44	daquino	2022-05-08	07:02:35	CANADA	192.168.168.144	0
47	dkot	2022-05-08	05:06:45	US	192.168.233.24	1
49	asundara	2022-05-08	14:00:01	US	192.168.173.213	0
52	erabon	2022-05-08	11:51:22	CAN	192.168.133.188	1

Retrieve login attempts outside of Mexico

The team determined that the attack didn't originated from Mexico, So to filter out Mexico and investigate login attempts from other countries, we used this query.

```
SELECT * FROM log_in_attempts WHERE NOT country LIKE 'MEX%';
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event_id	username	login_date	login_time	country	ip_address	success
1	jrafael	2022-05-09	04:56:27	CAN	192.168.243.140	1
2	apatel	2022-05-10	20:27:27	CAN	192.168.205.12	0
3	dkot	2022-05-09	06:47:41	USA	192.168.151.162	1
4	dkot	2022-05-08	02:00:39	USA	192.168.178.71	0
5	jrafael	2022-05-11	03:05:59	CANADA	192.168.86.232	0
7	eraab	2022-05-11	01:45:14	CAN	192.168.170.243	1
8	bisles	2022-05-08	01:30:17	US	192.168.119.173	0
10	jrafael	2022-05-12	09:33:19	CANADA	192.168.228.221	0
11	sgilmore	2022-05-11	10:16:29	CANADA	192.168.140.81	0
12	dkot	2022-05-08	09:11:34	USA	192.168.100.158	1
13	mrar	2022-05-11	09:29:34	USA	192.168.246.135	1
14	sbaelish	2022-05-10	10:20:18	US	192.168.16.99	1
15	lyamamot	2022-05-09	17:17:26	USA	192.168.183.51	0
16	mcouliba	2022-05-11	06:44:22	CAN	192.168.172.189	1
17	pwashing	2022-05-11	02:33:02	USA	192.168.81.89	1
18	pwashing	2022-05-11	19:28:50	US	192.168.66.142	0
19	jhill	2022-05-12	13:09:04	US	192.168.142.245	1
21	iuduike	2022-05-11	17:50:00	US	192.168.131.147	1
25	sbaelish	2022-05-09	07:04:02	US	192.168.33.137	1
26	apatel	2022-05-08	17:27:00	CANADA	192.168.123.105	1
29	bisles	2022-05-11	01:21:22	US	192.168.85.186	0
31	acook	2022-05-12	17:36:45	CANADA	192.168.58.232	0
32	acook	2022-05-09	02:52:02	CANADA	192.168.142.239	0
33	zhernat	2022-05-11	02:52:10	US	192.168.72.59	1
34	drosas	2022-05-11	21:02:04	US	192.168.45.93	0
36	asundara	2022-05-08	09:00:42	US	192.168.78.151	1
37	eraab	2022-05-10	06:03:41	CANADA	192.168.152.148	0
38	sbaelish	2022-05-09	14:40:01	USA	192.168.60.42	1
41	apatel	2022-05-10	17:39:42	CANADA	192.168.46.207	0
42	cgriffin	2022-05-09	23:04:05	US	192.168.4.157	0
43	mcouliba	2022-05-08	02:35:34	CANADA	192.168.16.208	0
44	daquino	2022-05-08	07:02:35	CANADA	192.168.168.144	0
45	dtanaka	2022-05-11	10:28:54	US	192.168.223.157	1
46	eraab	2022-05-11	11:29:27	CAN	192.168.24.12	0

In this query we use condition operator NOT to filter out Mexico from country column and retrieve login attempts information from other Countries.

Retrieve employees in Marketing

Team wants to perform security updates on specific employee machine in Marketing department. Therefore, we use query

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

To filter for east office buildings in specific department, we use the LIKE keyword and % wildcard. These keywords are used to search for a pattern.

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT * FROM employees WHERE department = 'Marketing' AND office LIKE 'East%';
```

employee_id	device_id	username	department	office
1000	a320b137c219	el Larson	Marketing	East-170
1052	a192b174c940	J. Darosa	Marketing	East-195
1075	x573y883z772	F. Bautist	Marketing	East-267
1088	k865l965m233	R. Gosh	Marketing	East-157
1103	NULL	R. Anders	Marketing	East-460
1156	a184b775c707	D. Ellery	Marketing	East-417
1163	h679l515j339	C. William	Marketing	East-216

7 rows in set (0.001 sec)

Retrieve employees in Finance or Sales

To retrieve information on employees, in order to perform different security patches on machines for employees in Sales and Finance department.

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

In this query we used OR condition to filter out both Sales and Finance department employees.

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT * FROM employees WHERE department = 'Sales' OR department = 'Finance';
```

employee_id	device_id	username	department	office
1003	d394e816f943	S. Gilmore	Finance	South-153
1007	h174i497j413	W. Jaffrey	Finance	North-406
1008	i858j583k571	A. Bernard	Finance	South-170
1009	NULL	L. Rodriqu	Sales	South-134
1010	k242l212m542	J. Lansky	Finance	South-109
1011	l748m120n401	D. Rosas	Sales	South-292
1015	p61lq262r945	J. Soto	Finance	North-271
1017	r550s824t230	J. Clark	Finance	North-188
1018	s310t540u653	A. Bellmas	Finance	North-403
1022	w237x430y567	A. Russo	Finance	West-465
1024	y976z763a267	J. Duike	Sales	South-215
1025	z38la365b233	J. Hill	Sales	North-115
1029	d336e475f676	I. Velasco	Finance	East-156
1035	j236k303l245	B. Sales	Sales	South-171
1039	n253o917p623	C. Jackson	Sales	East-378
1041	p929q222r778	C. Griffin	Sales	North-208
1044	s429t157u159	T. Barnes	Finance	West-415
1045	t567u844v434	P. Washing	Finance	East-115
1046	u429v921w138	D. Aquino	Finance	West-280
1047	v109w587x644	C. Ward	Finance	West-373
1048	w167x592y375	T. Mitchell	Finance	South-288

Retrieve all employees not in IT

The security team needs to update all employee machines except employees from department of IT.

Therefore, we use the query

```
SELECT * FROM employees WHERE NOT department = 'Information Technology';
```

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT * FROM employees WHERE NOT department = 'Information Technology';
```

employee_id	device_id	username	department	office
1000	a320b137e219	elanson	Marketing	East-170
1001	b239e825d303	bmorano	Marketing	Central-276
1002	c116d593e558	tshah	Human Resources	North-434
1003	d394e816f943	sgilmore	Finance	South-153
1004	e218f877g788	eraab	Human Resources	South-127
1005	f551g340h864	gesparza	Human Resources	South-366
1007	h174i497j413	wjaffrey	Finance	North-406
1008	i858j583k571	abernard	Finance	South-170
1009	NULL	lrodriqu	Sales	South-134
1010	k242l212m542	jlansky	Finance	South-109
1011	l748m120n401	drosas	Sales	South-292
1015	p611q262r945	jsoto	Finance	North-271
1016	q793r736s288	sbaelish	Human Resources	North-229
1017	r550s824t230	jclark	Finance	North-188
1018	s310t540u653	abellmas	Finance	North-403
1020	u899v281w363	arutley	Marketing	South-351
1022	w237x430y567	arusso	Finance	West-465
1024	y976z753a267	induike	Sales	South-215
1025	z381a365b233	jhill	Sales	North-115
1026	a998b568c863	apatel	Human Resources	West-320
1027	b806c503d354	mrah	Marketing	West-246
1028	c603d749e374	aestrada	Human Resources	West-121
1030	d335e475f676	lucalaga	Finance	East-156

Summary

The job was to investigate security issues to help keep system secure. As discovered earlier there were some potential security issues that involve login attempts and employee machines. By using SQL, we filtered out login attempts that might have been malicious, and provided security patch updates to machines that were lacking behind in getting updates, that might have been the cause of potential cyber threat.