

Apply filters to SQL queries

Project description

You recently discovered a potential security incident that occurred after business hours. To investigate this, you need to query the `log_in_attempts` table and review after hours login activity. Use filters in SQL to create a query that identifies all failed login attempts that occurred after 18:00. (The time of the login attempt is found in the `login_time` column. The `success` column contains a value of `0` when a login attempt failed; you can use either a value of `0` or `FALSE` in your query to identify failed login attempts.)

Retrieve after hours failed login attempts

There was a potential security incident that occurred after business hours (18:00). All after hours login attempts that failed needed to be investigated.

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

```
ariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
-> FROM log_in_attempts
-> WHERE login_time > '18:00' AND success = FALSE;
```

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	tshah	2022-05-12	18:56:36	MEXICO	192.168.109.50	0

Data was selected from the `log_in_attempts` table. Then, I used a `WHERE` clause with an `AND` operator to filter the results to display only login attempts that occurred after 18:00 and were unsuccessful. The first condition is `login_time > '18:00'` which filters times outside of 18:00. The second condition is `success = FALSE`, which filters for the failed login attempts.

Retrieve login attempts on specific dates

A suspicious event occurred on 2022-05-09. Any login activity that happened on 2022-05-09 or on the day before needed to be investigated.

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

```
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	0
3	dkot	2022-05-09	06:47:41	USA	192.168.151.162	0
4	dkot	2022-05-08	02:00:39	USA	192.168.178.71	0

This query returns all login attempts that occurred on 2022-05-09 or 2022-05-08. Data was selected from the `log_in_attempts` table. A `WHERE` clause with an `OR` operator to filter results to display only login attempts that occurred on either 2022-05-09 or 2022-05-08.

Retrieve login attempts outside of Mexico

After investigating the organization's data on login attempts, I believe there is an issue with the login attempts that occurred outside of Mexico. These login attempts were investigated.

```
SELECT *
FROM log_in_attempts
WHERE NOT country LIKE 'Mex%';
```

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
-> FROM log_in_attempts
-> WHERE NOT country LIKE 'MEX%';
```

event_id	username	login_date	login_time	country	ip_address	success
1	jrafael	2022-05-09	04:56:27	CAN	192.168.243.140	0
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	0

This query returns all login attempts that occurred in countries other than Mexico. Data was selected from the `log_in_attempts` table. A `WHERE` clause with `NOT` to filter for countries other than Mexico. The data was filtered using the `LIKE` operator with `MEX%` as the pattern to match because the dataset represents Mexico as `MEX` and `MEXICO`.

Retrieve employees in Marketing

The team needed to update the computers for certain employees in the Marketing department. A list was gathered containing the devices in the Marketing department and the East Building.

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

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

employee_id	device_id	username	department	office
1000	a320b137c219	elarson	Marketing	East-170
1052	a192b174c940	jdarosa	Marketing	East-195
1075	x573y883z772	fbautist	Marketing	East-267

This query returns all employees in the Marketing department in the East building. Data was selected from the `employees` table. The `WHERE` clause with `AND` to filter for employees who work in the Marketing department and in the East building. The data was filtered using the `LIKE` operator with `East%` as the pattern to match the East building.

Retrieve employees in Finance or Sales

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

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

employee_id	device_id	username	department	office
1003	d394e816f943	sgilmore	Finance	South-153
1007	h174i497j413	wjaffrey	Finance	North-406
1008	i858i583k571	abernard	Finance	South-170

This query returns all employees in the Finance and Sales departments. Data was selected from the `employees` table. A `WHERE` clause with `OR` to filter for employees who are in the Finance and Sales departments. I used the `OR` operator rather `AND` because we are filtering for either the Finance or Sales department.

Retrieve all employees not in IT

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

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

employee_id	device_id	username	department	office
1000	a320b137c219	elarson	Marketing	East-170
1001	b239c825d303	bmoreno	Marketing	Central-276
1002	c116d593e558	tshah	Human Resources	North-434

The query returns all employees not in the Information Technology department. The data was selected from the `employees` table. A `WHERE` clause with `NOT` to filter for employees not in the IT department.

Summary

SQL queries with filters to retrieve specific information on login attempts and employee machines. Two tables were utilized, `log_in_attempts` and `employees`. Operators `LIKE`, `AND`, `OR`, and `NOT` operators to filter for the specific information needed for each task. The percentage sign (%) wildcard to filter for patterns was also used.