

Apply filters to SQL queries

Project description

Title: Security Investigation System

Introduction:

The Security Investigation System is a project designed to aid security professionals in large organizations to effectively investigate potential security issues related to login attempts and employee machines. By utilizing SQL filters to extract and analyze data from the organization's databases, this system aims to enhance security measures and maintain the integrity of the organization's systems.

Retrieve after hours failed login attempts

To investigate the potential security incident occurring after business hours, I will query the `log_in_attempts` table. My objective is to identify all failed login attempts that occurred after 18:00.

I begin by selecting all columns using `'*'`, and then I utilize the `'AND'` operator to filter the records for login attempts after office hours that also failed to log in.

```
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	tshah	2022-05-12	18:56:36	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	cgriffin	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	wjaffrey	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	cgriffin	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

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19 rows in set (0.002 sec)

MariaDB [organization]>
```

Retrieve login attempts on specific dates

To investigate the suspicious event that occurred on 2022-05-09, I aim to review all login attempts which took place on this day and the day before i.e 2022-05-08. I will begin by selecting all fields, then apply the **OR** operator to the login_date column to retrieve records between these two 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	apstel	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
53	nmason	2022-05-08	11:51:38	CAN	192.168.133.188	1
56	acook	2022-05-08	04:56:30	CAN	192.168.209.130	1
58	ivelasco	2022-05-09	17:20:54	CAN	192.168.57.162	1
61	ctanaka	2022-05-09	09:45:19	USA	192.168.90.221	1
65	alonso	2022-05-09	23:42:12	MEX	192.168.50.37	1
66	aestrada	2022-05-08	21:58:32	MEX	192.168.67.223	1
67	abernard	2022-05-09	11:53:41	MEX	192.168.118.29	1
68	mrah	2022-05-08	17:16:13	US	192.168.42.248	1
70	tmitchel	2022-05-09	10:55:17	MEXICO	192.168.87.199	1
71	mcouliba	2022-05-09	06:57:42	CAN	192.168.55.169	0
72	alevitsk	2022-05-08	12:09:10	CANADA	192.168.139.176	1

97	jreckley	2022-05-09	02:49:23	MEXICO	192.168.32.231	1
101	sbaelish	2022-05-08	12:01:22	US	192.168.145.158	0
102	jreckley	2022-05-09	16:51:44	MEX	192.168.108.13	1
108	daquino	2022-05-09	21:30:48	CANADA	192.168.15.110	1
110	mabadi	2022-05-09	00:01:54	USA	192.168.90.124	1
112	rjensen	2022-05-09	09:22:05	MEX	192.168.69.116	1
117	bsand	2022-05-08	00:19:11	USA	192.168.197.187	0
120	tmitchel	2022-05-09	02:58:17	MEXICO	192.168.134.62	0
127	abellmas	2022-05-09	21:20:51	CANADA	192.168.70.122	0
128	jclark	2022-05-09	10:45:59	CANADA	192.168.122.169	0
131	bisles	2022-05-09	20:03:55	US	192.168.113.171	0
134	iudulike	2022-05-09	06:46:40	USA	192.168.22.115	1
135	bsand	2022-05-09	14:06:33	US	192.168.91.238	0
144	daquino	2022-05-09	11:09:32	CANADA	192.168.139.9	0
145	ivelasco	2022-05-08	09:06:02	CANADA	192.168.39.196	1
147	yappiah	2022-05-08	06:04:34	MEX	192.168.65.245	0
148	daquino	2022-05-08	06:15:55	CANADA	192.168.135.6	1
150	nmason	2022-05-08	14:40:02	CAN	192.168.204.124	0
151	mabadi	2022-05-09	16:29:46	USA	192.168.30.225	1
158	smartell	2022-05-09	19:30:32	MEXICO	192.168.190.178	1
161	abellmas	2022-05-09	13:25:50	CAN	192.168.180.205	0
162	yappiah	2022-05-09	04:51:22	MEXICO	192.168.162.100	0
163	tmitchel	2022-05-08	09:21:16	MEX	192.168.119.29	0
165	jreckley	2022-05-08	15:28:43	MEXICO	192.168.34.193	0
168	jlansky	2022-05-08	13:25:42	USA	192.168.210.94	1
169	alevitsk	2022-05-08	08:10:43	CANADA	192.168.210.228	0
170	sbaelish	2022-05-09	16:43:18	USA	192.168.65.113	0
172	mabadi	2022-05-08	08:06:50	US	192.168.180.41	1
178	sgilmore	2022-05-08	12:27:22	CAN	192.168.52.216	0
184	alevitsk	2022-05-08	03:09:48	CAN	192.168.33.70	0
186	bisles	2022-05-09	04:29:17	USA	192.168.40.72	0
187	arusso	2022-05-09	00:36:26	MEX	192.168.77.137	0
189	nmason	2022-05-08	05:37:24	CANADA	192.168.168.117	1
190	jsoto	2022-05-09	05:09:21	USA	192.168.25.60	0
191	cjackson	2022-05-08	06:46:07	CANADA	192.168.7.187	0
193	rodricgu	2022-05-08	07:11:29	US	192.168.125.240	0

Retrieve login attempts outside of Mexico

We have detected suspicious activity in login attempts, but our team has confirmed that this activity did not originate in Mexico. Now, I need to investigate login attempts that occurred outside of Mexico. To achieve this, I'll utilize filters in SQL to craft a query that identifies all login attempts excluding those originating from Mexico. I will begin by selecting all fields using '*', then utilize the **NOT** operator to exclude records containing 'Mexico' or 'Mex' in the country field. I'll employ the **LIKE** operator to achieve this, specifying 'MEX' followed by a wildcard '%' i.e **'MEX%'** to capture any variations.

```
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	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	lyanamot	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	iudulike	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	zbernal	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

Retrieve employees in Marketing

My team wants to update the computers for certain employees in the Marketing department. To do this, I have to get information on which employee machines to update. So I created a SQL query to filter for employee machines from employees in the Marketing department in the East building. First, I started by selecting all data from the employees table. Then, I used a **WHERE** clause with **AND** to filter for employees who work in the Marketing department and in the East building. I used **LIKE** with **East%** as the pattern to match because the data in the office column represents the East building with the specific office number. The first condition is the department **LIKE 'Marketing'** portion, which filters for employees in the Marketing department. The second condition is the office **LIKE 'East%'** portion, which filters for employees in the East building.

```
MariaDB [organization]> clear
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MariaDB [organization]> SELECT* FROM employees WHERE department LIKE 'Marketing' AND office LIKE 'East-%';
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| 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 |
| 1088 | k865l965m233 | rgosh | Marketing | East-157 |
| 1103 | NULL | randers | Marketing | East-460 |
| 1156 | a184b775c707 | dellery | Marketing | East-417 |
| 1163 | h679i515j339 | cwilliam | Marketing | East-216 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
7 rows in set (0.101 sec)

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

Retrieve employees in Finance or Sales

The machines for employees in the Finance and Sales departments also need to be updated. Since a different security update is needed, I have to get information on employees only from these two departments. So I created a SQL query to filter for employee machines from employees in the Finance or Sales departments. Here I used the **OR** operator instead of **AND** because I want all employees who are in either department. The first condition is a **department LIKE 'Sales'**, which filters for employees from the Sales department. The second condition is **department LIKE 'Finance'**, which filters for employees from the Finance department.

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

employee_id	device_id	username	department	office
1003	d394e816f943	sgilmore	Finance	South-153
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
1017	r550s824t230	jclark	Finance	North-188
1018	s310t540u653	abellmas	Finance	North-403
1022	w237x430y567	arusso	Finance	West-465
1024	y976z753a267	iuduike	Sales	South-215
1025	z381a365b233	jhill	Sales	North-115
1029	d336e475f676	ivelasco	Finance	East-156
1035	j236k303l245	bisles	Sales	South-171
1039	n253o917p623	cjackson	Sales	East-378
1041	p929q222r778	cgriffin	Sales	North-208
1044	s429t157u159	tbarnes	Finance	West-415
1045	t567u844v434	pwashing	Finance	East-115
1046	u429v921w138	daquino	Finance	West-280
1047	v109w587x644	cward	Finance	West-373
1048	w167x592y375	tmitchel	Finance	South-288
1049	NULL	jreckley	Finance	Central-295
1050	y132z930a114	csimmons	Finance	North-468
1057	f370g535h632	mscott	Sales	South-270
1062	k367l639m697	redwards	Finance	North-180
1063	l686m140n569	lpope	Sales	East-226
1066	o678p794q957	ttyrell	Sales	Central-444
1069	NULL	jpark	Finance	East-110
1071	t244u829v723	zdutchma	Sales	West-348
1072	u905v920w694	esmith	Sales	East-421
1076	y347z204a710	fgarcia	Finance	Central-270
1078	a667b270c984	sharley	Sales	North-418
1081	d647e310f618	qcorbit	Finance	South-290
1083	f840g812h544	gkoshi	Finance	West-165
1085	h339i498j269	cperez	Sales	East-325
1086	i281j129k749	lmajumda	Sales	West-499
1089	l358m929n154	jpark2	Sales	West-251
1091	n378o313p469	rtran	Sales	Central-230
1092	o391p779q935	lpark	Sales	West-227
1098	u671v146w618	tarchamb	Sales	North-423
1099	v283w690x104	anaser	Finance	West-357

Retrieve all employees not in IT

My team needs to make one more security update on employees who are not in the Information Technology department. To make the update, I first have to get information on these employees. So I created a SQL query to filter for employee machines from employees not in the Information Technology department. First, I started by selecting all data from the employees table. Then, I used a **WHERE** clause with **NOT** to filter for employees, specifying 'Info' followed by a wildcard '%'.

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT* FROM employees WHERE NOT department LIKE 'Info%';
```

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
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	u899v381w363	arutley	Marketing	South-351
1022	w237x430y567	arusso	Finance	West-465
1024	y976z753a267	iuduike	Sales	South-215
1025	z381a365b233	jhill	Sales	North-115
1026	a998b568c863	apatel	Human Resources	West-320
1027	b806c503d354	mrah	Marketing	West-246
1028	c603d749e374	astrada	Human Resources	West-121
1029	d336e475f676	ivelasco	Finance	East-156
1030	e391f189g913	mabadi	Marketing	West-375
1031	f419g188h578	dkot	Marketing	West-408
1034	i679j565k940	bsand	Human Resources	East-484
1035	j236k303l245	bisles	Sales	South-171
1036	k550l533m205	rjensen	Marketing	Central-239
1038	m873n636o225	btang	Human Resources	Central-260
1039	n253o917p623	cjackson	Sales	East-378
1040	o783p832q294	dtarly	Human Resources	East-237
1041	p929q222r778	cgriffin	Sales	North-208
1042	q175r338s833	acook	Human Resources	West-381
1044	s429t157u159	tbarnes	Finance	West-415
1045	t567u844v434	pwashing	Finance	East-115
1046	u429v921w138	daquino	Finance	West-280
1047	v109w587x644	cward	Finance	West-373
1048	w167x592y375	tmitchel	Finance	South-288
1049	NULL	jreckley	Finance	Central-295
1050	y132z930a114	csimmons	Finance	North-468
1051	z451a308b518	itraora	Marketing	Central-134

Summary

I applied filters to SQL queries to get specific information on login attempts and employee machines. I used two different tables, log_in_attempts and employees. I used the AND, OR, and NOT operators to filter for the specific information needed for each task. I also used LIKE and the percentage sign (%) wildcard to filter for patterns.