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Use Case: Investigating Multiple Failed Login Attempts (Potential Brute -Force
Attack)
task is to investigate and identify:

1. Which accounts had the most failed login attempts

2. When the attempts happened

3. The IP addresses involved

4. Patterns that might indicate brute-force or credential-stuffing attacks
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USE master;      --this is used to flush the Cybersecurity4_DB sql fails to flush
the current DB in use which is Cybersecurity4_DB
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DROP DATABASE IF EXISTS Cybersecurity4_DB;
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--Step 1: Create the Database
CREATE DATABASE Cybersecurity4_DB;
GO
USE Cybersecurity4_DB;
GO

-- Drop the table if it exists
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS LoginAudit;

--step 2: Create the table again
CREATE TABLE LoginAudit (
    LogID INT IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    Username NVARCHAR(100),
    LoginTime DATETIME,
    Success BIT, -- 1 = success, 0 = failed
    IPAddress VARCHAR(50)
);

-- Insert extracted data into the LoginAudit table
INSERT INTO LoginAudit (Username, LoginTime, Success, IPAddress)
VALUES
('admin', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '192.168.1.10'),
('admin', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '192.168.1.10'),
('admin', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '192.168.1.10'),
('admin', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '192.168.1.11'),
('user1', GETDATE() - 1, 1, '192.168.1.15'),

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( 'user1', GETDATE() - 2, 0, '192.168.1.15' ),
( 'user1', GETDATE() - 2, 0, '192.168.1.15' ),
( 'user2', GETDATE() - 2, 1, '10.0.0.5' ),
( 'hacker', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '203.0.113.1' ),
( 'hacker', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '203.0.113.1' ),
( 'hacker', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '203.0.113.1' ),
( 'hacker', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '203.0.113.1' ),
( 'hacker', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '203.0.113.23' ),
( 'hacker', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '203.0.113.23' ),
( 'hacker', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '203.0.113.23' ),
( 'hacker', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '203.0.113.23' ),
( 'hacker', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '203.0.113.23' ),
( 'hacker', GETDATE() - 1, 0, '203.0.113.23' );
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-- Display the contents of the LoginAudit table

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SELECT * FROM LoginAudit;
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GO

--Step 3: Identify Accounts With the Most Failed Login Attempts

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SELECT
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    Username,
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    COUNT(*) AS FailedAttempts
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FROM LoginAudit
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WHERE success = 0  --it is chosen success instead of failed based on the column of ↗
    the table which is named success
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GROUP BY Username
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ORDER BY FailedAttempts DESC;
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GO

--Step 4: Timeline of Failed Attempts for a Suspicious Account

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SELECT
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    LoginTime,
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    IPAddress
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FROM LoginAudit
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WHERE Username = 'admin' AND Success = 0
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ORDER BY LoginTime;
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GO

--Step 3: IP Addresses With Most Failed Attempts

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SELECT
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    IPAddress,
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COUNT(*) AS FailedAttempts
FROM LoginAudit
WHERE Success = 0
GROUP BY IPAddress
ORDER BY FailedAttempts DESC;

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GO
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--Step 4: Detect Brute-Force Behavior (e.g. > 3 failures in 5 minutes)
-- This shows accounts that had >3 failed attempts from the same IP in 5 -minute intervals
--CTE below

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WITH AttemptsWindow AS (
    SELECT
        Username,
        IPAddress,
        CAST(LoginTime AS DATE) AS AttemptDate,
        DATEPART(HOUR, LoginTime) AS Hour,
        (DATEPART(MINUTE, LoginTime) / 5) AS FiveMinWindow
    FROM LoginAudit
    WHERE Success = 0
)

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--The Query That Uses the CTE above, see below

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SELECT
    Username,
    IPAddress,
    AttemptDate,
    Hour,
    FiveMinWindow,
    COUNT(*) AS AttemptCount
FROM AttemptsWindow
GROUP BY Username, IPAddress, AttemptDate, Hour, FiveMinWindow
HAVING COUNT(*) >= 3
ORDER BY AttemptCount DESC;

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GO
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DROP VIEW if exists vw_FailedLoginBursts
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--creating a view which is permanent using the above CTE
-- Create the view for failed login bursts

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CREATE VIEW vw_FailedLoginBursts AS
SELECT
    Username,

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    IPAddress,
    CAST(LoginTime AS DATE) AS AttemptDate,
    DATEPART(HOUR, LoginTime) AS Hour,
    (DATEPART(MINUTE, LoginTime) / 5) AS FiveMinWindow,
    COUNT(*) AS AttemptCount
FROM LoginAudit
WHERE Success = 0
GROUP BY
    Username,
    IPAddress,
    CAST(LoginTime AS DATE),
    DATEPART(HOUR, LoginTime),
    (DATEPART(MINUTE, LoginTime) / 5)
HAVING COUNT(*) >= 3;
GO
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-- Now, select the data from the view
SELECT * FROM vw_FailedLoginBursts
ORDER BY AttemptCount DESC;
GO
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DROP TABLE IF EXISTS SuspiciousIPBlocklist;
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--Step 5: Generate a Blocklist of Malicious IPs
-- Identify IPs with more than 5 failed attempts
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SELECT DISTINCT IPAddress AS Dropped_IPAddress, COUNT(*) AS FailedAttempts -- ↗
    Count the number of failed login attempts
INTO SuspiciousIPBlocklist
FROM LoginAudit
WHERE Success = 0
GROUP BY IPAddress
HAVING COUNT(*) > 5;
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-- View the blocklist
SELECT * FROM SuspiciousIPBlocklist;
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GO
DROP TABLE IF EXISTS SuspiciousIPBlocklist;
GO
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