

# Apply filters to SQL queries

## Project description

In this project I acted as a security professional investigating potential security issues within an organization. I focused on suspicious login activity and employee machine data by analyzing the `log_in_attempts` and `employee` tables. Using SQL, I applied filters such as AND, OR, NOT, and LIKE to retrieve targeted records that revealed failed logins, activity outside of work hours, non-local access, and department specific data. This process helped identify users or machines that may pose a security risk and supported the team's efforts to take preventive actions.

## Retrieve after hours failed login attempts

- The task is to find all failed login attempts that happened after 18:00
  - I'm retrieving ALL columns `SELECT *`
  - `FROM log_in_attempts` table
  - I'm filtering using the `WHERE login_time is > than '18:00'`
  - `AND success = 0`
  - The "success = 0 is used to filter for failed login attempts, 0 indicates failure in the success column and 1 represents true success in the login attempts.
- Based on the results, there were a total of 19 failed login attempts after 18:00

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MariaDB [organization]> clear
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
  -> FROM log_in_attempts
  -> WHERE login_time > '18:00' AND success = 0
  -> :
  -> ;
ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MariaDB server version for the right syntax to use near ':' at line 4
MariaDB [organization]> select *
  -> FROM log_in_attempts
  -> WHERE login_time > '18:00' AND success = 0;
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| 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 (0.266 sec)

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## Retrieve login attempts on specific dates

- A suspicious event occurred on 2022-05-09 and I'm tasked to investigate. I also want to include the day before 2022-05-08 to see what led up to it.
  - I'm retrieving ALL columns `SELECT *`
  - `FROM log_in_attempts`
  - `WHERE login_date = '2022-05-08' OR login_date = '2022-05-09';`
- Based on the results there were a total of 75 attempts that were made on 8 May, 2022 and May 9, 2022.

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
-> FROM log_in_attempts
-> WHERE login_date = '2022-05-08' OR login_date = '2022-05-09';
```

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	astrada	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
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	lrodriqu	2022-05-08	07:11:29	US	192.168.125.240	0
197	jsoto	2022-05-08	09:05:09	US	192.168.36.21	0

75 rows in set (0.031 sec)

## Retrieve login attempts outside of Mexico

- The next task is to retrieve all login attempts that did NOT originate from Mexico however, based on results for country, we get both Mexico and Mex for country.
  - I retrieved all columns `SELECT *`
  - `FROM log_in_attempts`
  - `WHERE NOT country LIKE 'Mex%';`
- When filtering WHERE I used the operator NOT to remove any results with Mexico as the country. This allowed me to capture all login attempts that originated outside of Mexico.
- I also used the LIKE operator with first three letters of Mexico followed by wildcard % to remove any results with the words Mexico or Mex ('Mex%').
- There was a total of 144 attempts that were made outside of Mexico.

```
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	mrh	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	iuduik	2022-05-11	17:50:00	US	192.168.131.147	1
177	wjaffrey	2022-05-11	00:15:55	USA	192.168.144.165	0
178	sgilmore	2022-05-08	12:27:22	CAN	192.168.52.216	0
179	jclark	2022-05-12	04:08:17	CAN	192.168.232.93	0
181	abellmas	2022-05-10	13:37:05	CAN	192.168.60.111	0
182	lyamamot	2022-05-10	06:01:31	USA	192.168.106.52	0
183	nmason	2022-05-11	05:29:36	CANADA	192.168.137.147	0
184	alevitsk	2022-05-08	03:09:48	CAN	192.168.33.70	0
185	jsoto	2022-05-10	13:34:58	USA	192.168.151.91	0
186	bisles	2022-05-09	04:29:17	USA	192.168.40.72	0
188	jsoto	2022-05-11	00:39:09	USA	192.168.21.88	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
192	bisles	2022-05-10	08:32:03	USA	192.168.201.40	1
193	lrodriqu	2022-05-08	07:11:29	US	192.168.125.240	0
194	jclark	2022-05-12	14:11:04	CAN	192.168.197.247	0
195	alevitsk	2022-05-11	06:59:13	CANADA	192.168.236.78	1
196	acook	2022-05-10	09:56:48	CAN	192.168.52.90	0
197	jsoto	2022-05-08	09:05:09	US	192.168.36.21	0
200	jclark	2022-05-12	01:11:45	CANADA	192.168.91.103	1

144 rows in set (0.021 sec)

## Retrieve employees in Marketing

- The next task is to perform security updates on specific employee machines. The task is to retrieve information on employees who work in the marketing department and that are located in any office within the East building
  - I'm retrieving all columns `SELECT *`
  - `FROM employees` table
  - `WHERE department = 'Marketing' AND office LIKE 'East%';`
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- Retrieved all columns from the employees table and filtered using the marketing department. I also used the operator AND to add an additional filter along with a secondary operator LIKE to retrieve data for office that began with East and a wildcard % to retrieve all the offices that started with East followed by any number.
- We have a total of 7 employees that belong to the Marketing department and are located in any office within the East building.

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
-> FROM employees
-> WHERE department = '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	randerss	Marketing	East-460
1156	a184b775c707	dellery	Marketing	East-417
1163	h679i515j339	cwilliam	Marketing	East-216

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7 rows in set (0.001 sec)
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## Retrieve employees in Finance or Sales

- The next task is to perform security updates on machines for employees in the Sales and Finance departments.
  - I'm retrieving all `SELECT *`
  - `FROM employees` table
  - `WHERE department = 'Finance' OR department = 'Sales';`
- I retrieved all columns from the employees table. I then filtered through departments equal to Finance OR operator Sales department. As I want either Finance or Sales or both to show on the results.
- There are 71 total employees that need the security update on their machines.



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	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
1130	a317b635c465	tsnow	Sales	Central-451
1136	g299h520i457	jhawes	Finance	West-416
1138	i671j355k725	sromero	Finance	South-329
1142	m674n127o823	lsilva	Finance	East-440
1144	NULL	erobinso	Finance	Central-266
1147	r454s225t299	tvega	Finance	West-177
1148	s328t505u907	dharvey	Finance	South-181
1159	d881e710f732	jshen	Finance	East-193
1164	i682j513k442	fsmeltz	Finance	North-163
1169	NULL	mmitchel	Sales	Central-250
1174	s371t911u987	eortiz	Finance	North-428
1175	t959u687v394	jclark2	Finance	North-194
1176	u849v569w521	nliu	Sales	West-220
1181	z803a233b718	sessa	Finance	South-207
1185	d790e839f461	revens	Sales	North-330
1186	e281f433g404	sacosta	Sales	North-460
1187	f963g637h851	bbode	Finance	East-351
1188	g164h566i795	noshiro	Finance	West-252
1195	n516o853p957	orainier	Finance	East-346

71 rows in set (0.002 sec)

## Retrieve all employees not in IT

- The last task is to conduct more updates on employee machines. The task is to identify employees not in the Information Technology department so the team can perform security updates.
  - I retrieved all columns `SELECT *`
  - `FROM employees`
  - `WHERE NOT department = 'Information Technology';`
- I selected all columns from the employees table. I then filtered by department but also used the operator NOT to exclude those in the Information Technology department since those machines have already been updated.
- There are a total of 161 total machines that need to be updated and this excludes those in the Information Technology department.

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
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	iuduik	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
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



1179	x174y9342378	asulias	Human Resources	North-413
1180	y131z211a578	medwards	Human Resources	Central-340
1181	z803a233b718	sesssa	Finance	South-207
1183	b566c710d544	lquraish	Human Resources	East-400
1184	c986d200e170	ptsosie	Human Resources	Central-247
1185	d790e839f461	revens	Sales	North-330
1186	e281f433g404	sacosta	Sales	North-460
1187	f963g637h851	bbode	Finance	East-351
1188	g164h566i795	noshiro	Finance	West-252
1189	h784i120j837	slefkowi	Human Resources	West-342
1190	NULL	kcarter	Marketing	Central-270
1191	NULL	shakimi	Marketing	Central-366
1194	m340n287o441	zwarren	Human Resources	West-212
1195	n516o853p957	orainier	Finance	East-346
1198	q308r573s459	jmartine	Marketing	South-117
1199	r520s571t459	areyes	Human Resources	East-100

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161 rows in set (0.043 sec)

## Summary

To summarize this activity, I analyzed the organizations log\_in\_attempts and employees table to investigate potential security issues. I applied SQL filters such as AND, OR, NOT, and LIKE to retrieve records that revealed failed login attempts, after-hours activity, non-local access, and machines requiring updates. These tasks completed supported efforts to reduce organizational risk and strengthen the overall security posture.