

Apply filters to SQL queries

Project description

As a security professional, I must ensure my organization always secure. During security investigation, I found out some potential security issue regarding login attempts and employee machines. I used SQL filters to perform security task.

Retrieve after hours failed login attempts

Firstly, I am going to filter failed login attempts after business hour which is after 18:00 by using SQL filter. Based on the SQL filter, there were 19 failed login attempts has been made after business hour (18:00)

```
MariaDB [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 |
| 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 |
| 199 | yappiah | 2022-05-11 | 19:34:48 | MEXICO | 192.168.44.232 | 0 |

19 rows in set (0.057 sec)

Retrieve login attempts on specific dates

Next, there was suspicious event occurred on between '2022-05-09' and '2022-05-08', so I will filtered out login attempts between that date.

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
  -> FROM log_in_attempts
  -> WHERE login_date = '2022-05-09' OR login_date = '2022-05-08';
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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 |
|      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 |
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75 rows in set (0.001 sec)
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Retrieve login attempts outside of Mexico

After that, I am going to find out login attempts outside of Mexico. There was 144 login attempts has been made outside of Mexico which consist countries like Canada and USA.

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MariaDB [organization]> 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 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
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| 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 |
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144 rows in set (0.001 sec)
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Retrieve employees in Marketing

There were total of 200 employees in the organization. From SQL filters, found that only 7 employees in Marketing department working at East office.

```
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    |  
|          1088 | k865l965m233 | rgosh    | Marketing  | East-157    |  
|          1103 | NULL        | randers | 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

Then, we need to perform update to the computers of all employees in Finance or Sales department. Therefore, we need to filter out those employees.

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT * FROM employees WHERE department = 'Finance' OR department = 'Sales';  
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| 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    |  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
|          1195 | n516o853p957 | orainier | Finance    | East-346     |  
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71 rows in set (0.001 sec)
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Retrieve all employees not in IT

Lastly, we need to make one more update but this one only for employees outside of Information Technology department.

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *  
  -> FROM employees  
  -> WHERE NOT department = 'Information Technology';
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| 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 |
| 1198 | q308r573s459 | jmartine | Marketing | South-117 |
| 1199 | r520s571t459 | areyes | Human Resources | East-100 |

161 rows in set (0.001 sec)

Summary

I used filters in SQL queries to get particular details about logins and employee computers. I worked with two tables: one for login attempts and one for employees. I used words like "AND," "OR," and "NOT" to narrow down the info I wanted for each task. I also used "LIKE" along with the "%" symbol to find specific patterns in the data.