

Activity: Perform a SQL query

Activity overview

Previously, you learned how to use basic SQL queries to retrieve information from a database. You have also learned about using the ORDER BY keyword to sort data returned in an ascending or a descending order.

In this lab activity, you'll use SELECT and FROM in SQL to return the information you need from a database. You'll also use the ORDER BY keyword to sequence the information returned by a query based on a specified column.

It's important to know how to query information from a database because this is a common task you might encounter as a security analyst. You should know how to get the information you need to improve security and keep data safe.

With that in mind, it's time to explore the scenario.

Note: The terms **row** and **record** are used interchangeably in this lab activity.

Scenario

In this scenario, you have to determine which employee devices must be updated. You also need to investigate user login activity to explore if any unusual activity has occurred.

The information you need is located in the machines and login_attempts tables in the organization database.

Here's how you'll do this task: **First**, you'll obtain information on the employee devices that must be updated. **Next**, you'll examine the login attempts for unusual activity. **Finally**, you'll use the ORDER BY keyword to sort the data returned by your SQL queries.

Task 1. Retrieve employee device data

In this task, you need to obtain information on employee devices because your team needs to update them. The information you need is in the machines table in the organization database.

First, you need to retrieve all the information about the employee devices.

1. Run the following query to select all device information from the machines table:

```

clear
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A

Welcome to the MariaDB monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MariaDB connection id is 35
Server version: 10.5.29-MariaDB-0+deb11u1 Debian 11

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

MariaDB [organization]> clear
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
->
-> FROM machines;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| device_id | operating_system | email_client | OS_patch_date | employee_id |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| a184b775c707 | OS 1 | Email Client 1 | 2021-09-01 | 1156 |
| a192b174c940 | OS 2 | Email Client 1 | 2021-06-01 | 1052 |
| a305b818c708 | OS 3 | Email Client 2 | 2021-06-01 | 1182 |
| a317b635c465 | OS 1 | Email Client 2 | 2021-03-01 | 1130 |
| a320b137c219 | OS 2 | Email Client 2 | 2021-03-01 | 1000 |
| a398b471c573 | OS 3 | Email Client 2 | 2021-12-01 | 0 |
| a667b270c984 | OS 1 | Email Client 1 | 2021-03-01 | 1078 |
| a821b452c176 | OS 2 | Email Client 2 | 2021-12-01 | 1104 |
| a998b568c863 | OS 3 | Email Client 1 | 2021-12-01 | 1026 |
| b157c491d493 | OS 2 | Email Client 1 | 2021-03-01 | 0 |
| b239c825d303 | OS 1 | Email Client 1 | 2021-03-01 | 1001 |
| b264c773d977 | OS 2 | Email Client 2 | 2021-03-01 | 1157 |
| b265c937d713 | OS 2 | Email Client 1 | 2021-09-01 | 1131 |
| b433c245d868 | OS 1 | Email Client 1 | 2021-06-01 | 1079 |
| b551c837d758 | OS 3 | Email Client 1 | 2021-03-01 | 1105 |
| b566c710d544 | OS 1 | Email Client 1 | 2021-06-01 | 1183 |
| b806c503d354 | OS 2 | Email Client 1 | 2021-12-01 | 1027 |
| b979c871d361 | OS 2 | Email Client 1 | 2021-03-01 | 1053 |
| c116d593e558 | OS 3 | Email Client 1 | 2021-09-01 | 1002 |

```

Next, you want to focus on the email client running on various devices.

2. Run the following query to select only the device_id and email_client columns from the machines table. Replace X with device_id and Y with email_client:

```

200 rows in set (0.029 sec)

MariaDB [organization]> SELECT X, Y FROM machines;
ERROR 1054 (42S22): Unknown column 'X' in 'field list'
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT X, Y FROM machines;
ERROR 1054 (42S22): Unknown column 'X' in 'field list'
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT device_id, email_client FROM machines;
+-----+-----+
| device_id | email_client |
+-----+-----+
| a184b775c707 | Email Client 1 |
| a192b174c940 | Email Client 1 |
| a305b818c708 | Email Client 2 |
| a317b635c465 | Email Client 2 |
| a320b137c219 | Email Client 2 |
| a398b471c573 | Email Client 2 |
| a667b270c984 | Email Client 1 |
| a821b452c176 | Email Client 2 |
| a998b568c863 | Email Client 1 |
| b157c491d493 | Email Client 1 |
| b239c825d303 | Email Client 1 |
| b264c773d977 | Email Client 2 |
| b265c937d713 | Email Client 1 |
| b433c245d868 | Email Client 1 |
| b551c837d758 | Email Client 1 |
| b566c710d544 | Email Client 1 |
| b806c503d354 | Email Client 1 |
| b979c871d361 | Email Client 1 |
| c116d593e558 | Email Client 1 |
| c150d982e144 | Email Client 2 |
| c185d679e493 | Email Client 2 |
| c406d877e950 | Email Client 1 |
| c547d140e477 | Email Client 1 |
| c568d742e974 | Email Client 2 |
| c597d792e215 | Email Client 1 |
| c603d749e374 | Email Client 1 |
| c986d200e170 | Email Client 2 |
| d168e758f876 | Email Client 1 |
| d280e557f635 | Email Client 1 |
| d336e475f676 | Email Client 2 |
| d394e816f943 | Email Client 2 |
| d647e310f618 | Email Client 2 |
| d693e351f221 | Email Client 2 |

```

Now, you need information on the operating systems used on various devices and their last patch date.

3. Complete the query to return only the `device_id`, `operating_system`, and `OS_patch_date` columns from the `machines` table. Replace X, Y, and Z with the columns that you need to return:

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT device_id, operating_system, OS_patch_date FROM machines;
```

device_id	operating_system	OS_patch_date
a184b775c707	OS 1	2021-09-01
a192b174c940	OS 2	2021-06-01
a305b818c708	OS 3	2021-06-01
a317b635c465	OS 1	2021-03-01
a320b137c219	OS 2	2021-03-01
a398b471c573	OS 3	2021-12-01
a667b270c984	OS 1	2021-03-01
a821b452c176	OS 2	2021-12-01
a998b568c863	OS 3	2021-12-01
b157c491d493	OS 2	2021-03-01
b239c825d303	OS 1	2021-03-01
b264c773d977	OS 2	2021-03-01
b265c937d713	OS 2	2021-09-01
b433c245d868	OS 1	2021-06-01
b551c837d758	OS 3	2021-03-01
b566c710d544	OS 1	2021-06-01
b806c503d354	OS 2	2021-12-01
b979c871d361	OS 2	2021-03-01
c116d593e558	OS 3	2021-09-01
c150d982e144	OS 2	2021-06-01
c185d679e493	OS 1	2021-09-01
c406d877e950	OS 2	2021-06-01
c547d140e477	OS 2	2021-03-01
c568d742e974	OS 2	2021-09-01
c597d792e215	OS 2	2021-09-01
c603d749e374	OS 1	2021-12-01
c986d200e170	OS 2	2021-09-01
d168e758f876	OS 2	2021-09-01
d280e557f635	OS 3	2021-03-01
d336e475f676	OS 2	2021-06-01
d394e816f943	OS 3	2021-03-01
d647e310f618	OS 2	2021-06-01
d693e351f221	OS 2	2021-09-01
d790e839f461	OS 1	2021-06-01
d831e972f553	OS 1	2021-09-01
d881e710f732	OS 3	2021-03-01
e113f288g203	OS 2	2021-03-01
e121f951g937	OS 3	2021-06-01
e127f591g924	OS 3	2021-12-01
e218f877g788	OS 2	2021-09-01
e281f433g404	OS 1	2021-12-01
e301f659g551	OS 3	2021-12-01
e391f189g913	OS 3	2021-12-01
e395f616g566	OS 2	2021-03-01
e782f537g683	OS 1	2021-03-01

Task 2. Investigate login activity

In this task, you need to analyze the information from the `log_in_attempts` table to determine if any unusual activity has occurred.

First, you need to investigate the locations where login attempts were made to ensure that they're in expected areas (the United States, Canada, or Mexico).

1. Write a SQL query to select the `event_id` and `country` columns from the `log_in_attempts` table.

```

MariaDB [organization]> SELECT event_id, country FROM log_in_attempts;
ERROR 1054 (42S22): Unknown column 'event_id' in 'field list'
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT event_id, country FROM log_in_attempts;
+-----+-----+
| event_id | country |
+-----+-----+
| 1 | CAN |
| 2 | CAN |
| 3 | USA |
| 4 | USA |
| 5 | CANADA |
| 6 | MEXICO |
| 7 | CAN |
| 8 | US |
| 9 | MEX |
| 10 | CANADA |
| 11 | CANADA |
| 12 | USA |
| 13 | USA |
| 14 | US |
| 15 | USA |
| 16 | CAN |
| 17 | USA |
| 18 | US |
| 19 | US |
| 20 | MEXICO |
| 21 | US |
| 22 | MEX |
| 23 | MEXICO |
| 24 | MEXICO |
| 25 | US |
| 26 | CANADA |
| 27 | MEX |
| 28 | MEXICO |
| 29 | US |
| 30 | MEX |
| 31 | CANADA |
| 32 | CANADA |
| 33 | US |
| 34 | US |
| 35 | MEX |
| 36 | US |
| 37 | CANADA |
| 38 | USA |
| 39 | MEXICO |
| 40 | MEX |
| 41 | CANADA |
| 42 | US |

```

Next, you need to check if login attempts were made outside of the organization's working hours.

2. Write a SQL query that selects the username, login_date, and login_time columns from the log_in_attempts table.

```

MariaDB [organization]> SELECT username, login_date, login_time FROM log_in_attempts;
+-----+-----+-----+
| username | login_date | login_time |
+-----+-----+-----+
| jrafael  | 2022-05-09 | 04:56:27  |
| apatel   | 2022-05-10 | 20:27:27  |
| dkot     | 2022-05-09 | 06:47:41  |
| dkot     | 2022-05-08 | 02:00:39  |
| jrafael  | 2022-05-11 | 03:05:59  |
| arutley  | 2022-05-12 | 17:00:59  |
| eraab    | 2022-05-11 | 01:45:14  |
| bisles   | 2022-05-08 | 01:30:17  |
| yappiah  | 2022-05-11 | 13:47:29  |
| jrafael  | 2022-05-12 | 09:33:19  |
| sgilmore | 2022-05-11 | 10:16:29  |
| dkot     | 2022-05-08 | 09:11:34  |
| mrah     | 2022-05-11 | 09:29:34  |
| sbaelish | 2022-05-10 | 10:20:18  |
| lyamamot | 2022-05-09 | 17:17:26  |
| mcouliba | 2022-05-11 | 06:44:22  |
| pwashing | 2022-05-11 | 02:33:02  |
| pwashing | 2022-05-11 | 19:28:50  |
| jhill    | 2022-05-12 | 13:09:04  |
| tshah    | 2022-05-12 | 18:56:36  |
| iuduike  | 2022-05-11 | 17:50:00  |
| rjensen  | 2022-05-11 | 00:59:26  |
| yappiah  | 2022-05-10 | 18:11:53  |
| arusso   | 2022-05-09 | 06:49:39  |
| sbaelish | 2022-05-09 | 07:04:02  |
| apatel   | 2022-05-08 | 17:27:00  |
| aalonso  | 2022-05-10 | 01:55:35  |
| aestrada | 2022-05-09 | 19:28:12  |
| bisles   | 2022-05-11 | 01:21:22  |
| yappiah  | 2022-05-09 | 03:22:22  |
| acook    | 2022-05-12 | 17:36:45  |
| acook    | 2022-05-09 | 02:52:02  |
| zbernal  | 2022-05-11 | 02:52:10  |
| drosas   | 2022-05-11 | 21:02:04  |
| tshah    | 2022-05-10 | 15:26:08  |
| asundara | 2022-05-08 | 09:00:42  |
| eraab    | 2022-05-10 | 06:03:41  |
| sbaelish | 2022-05-09 | 14:40:01  |
| yappiah  | 2022-05-09 | 07:56:40  |
| aalonso  | 2022-05-12 | 15:15:46  |
| apatel   | 2022-05-10 | 17:39:42  |
| cgriffin | 2022-05-09 | 23:04:05  |
| mcouliba | 2022-05-08 | 02:35:34  |
| daquino  | 2022-05-08 | 07:02:35  |
| dtanaka  | 2022-05-11 | 10:28:54  |

```

Now, you need to get a complete picture of all login attempts.

3. Write a SQL query that selects all columns from the log_in_attempts table, using a single symbol after the SELECT keyword.

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT * FROM log_in_attempts;
```

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
6	arutley	2022-05-12	17:00:59	MEXICO	192.168.3.24	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
9	yappiah	2022-05-11	13:47:29	MEX	192.168.59.136	1
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	mrah	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
20	tshah	2022-05-12	18:56:36	MEXICO	192.168.109.50	0
21	iuduike	2022-05-11	17:50:00	US	192.168.131.147	1
22	rjensen	2022-05-11	00:59:26	MEX	192.168.213.128	0
23	yappiah	2022-05-10	18:11:53	MEXICO	192.168.200.48	1
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
27	aalonso	2022-05-10	01:55:35	MEX	192.168.103.210	0
28	aestrada	2022-05-09	19:28:12	MEXICO	192.168.27.57	0
29	bisles	2022-05-11	01:21:22	US	192.168.85.186	0
30	yappiah	2022-05-09	03:22:22	MEX	192.168.124.48	1
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
35	tshah	2022-05-10	15:26:08	MEX	192.168.92.147	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
39	yappiah	2022-05-09	07:56:40	MEXICO	192.168.57.115	1
40	aalonso	2022-05-12	15:15:46	MEX	192.168.174.186	0
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
45	dtanaka	2022-05-11	10:28:54	US	192.168.223.157	1

Task 3. Order login attempts data

In this task, you need to use the ORDER BY keyword. You'll sequence the data that your query returns according to the login date and time.

First, you need to sort the information by date.

1. Run the following query, which orders log_in_attempts data by login_date:

```

200 rows in set (0.001 sec)

MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
->
-> FROM log_in_attempts
->
-> ORDER BY login_date;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| event_id | username | login_date | login_time | country | ip_address | success |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 145 | ivelasco | 2022-05-08 | 09:06:02 | CANADA | 192.168.39.196 | 1 |
| 163 | tmtichel | 2022-05-08 | 09:21:16 | MEX | 192.168.119.29 | 0 |
| 36 | asundara | 2022-05-08 | 09:00:42 | US | 192.168.78.151 | 1 |
| 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 |
| 72 | alevitsk | 2022-05-08 | 12:09:10 | CANADA | 192.168.139.176 | 1 |
| 101 | sbaelish | 2022-05-08 | 12:01:22 | US | 192.168.145.158 | 0 |
| 172 | mabadi | 2022-05-08 | 08:06:50 | US | 192.168.180.41 | 1 |
| 150 | nmason | 2022-05-08 | 14:40:02 | CAN | 192.168.204.124 | 0 |
| 68 | mrah | 2022-05-08 | 17:16:13 | US | 192.168.42.248 | 1 |
| 66 | aestrada | 2022-05-08 | 21:58:32 | MEX | 192.168.67.223 | 1 |
| 53 | nmason | 2022-05-08 | 11:51:38 | CAN | 192.168.133.188 | 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 |
| 49 | asundara | 2022-05-08 | 14:00:01 | US | 192.168.173.213 | 0 |
| 47 | dkot | 2022-05-08 | 05:06:45 | US | 192.168.233.24 | 1 |
| 44 | daquino | 2022-05-08 | 07:02:35 | CANADA | 192.168.168.144 | 0 |
| 43 | mcouliba | 2022-05-08 | 02:35:34 | CANADA | 192.168.16.208 | 0 |
| 56 | acook | 2022-05-08 | 04:56:30 | CAN | 192.168.209.130 | 1 |
| 80 | cjackson | 2022-05-08 | 02:18:10 | CANADA | 192.168.33.140 | 1 |
| 117 | bsand | 2022-05-08 | 00:19:11 | USA | 192.168.197.187 | 0 |
| 12 | dkot | 2022-05-08 | 09:11:34 | USA | 192.168.100.158 | 1 |
| 189 | nmason | 2022-05-08 | 05:37:24 | CANADA | 192.168.168.117 | 1 |
| 191 | cjackson | 2022-05-08 | 06:46:07 | CANADA | 192.168.7.187 | 0 |
| 8 | bisles | 2022-05-08 | 01:30:17 | US | 192.168.119.173 | 0 |
| 193 | lrodriqu | 2022-05-08 | 07:11:29 | US | 192.168.125.240 | 0 |
| 4 | dkot | 2022-05-08 | 02:00:39 | USA | 192.168.178.71 | 0 |
| 197 | jsoto | 2022-05-08 | 09:05:09 | US | 192.168.36.21 | 0 |
| 26 | apatel | 2022-05-08 | 17:27:00 | CANADA | 192.168.123.105 | 1 |
| 92 | pwashing | 2022-05-08 | 00:36:12 | US | 192.168.247.219 | 0 |
| 178 | sgilmore | 2022-05-08 | 12:27:22 | CAN | 192.168.52.216 | 0 |
| 83 | lrodriqu | 2022-05-08 | 08:10:23 | USA | 192.168.67.69 | 1 |
| 184 | alevitsk | 2022-05-08 | 03:09:48 | CAN | 192.168.33.70 | 0 |
| 87 | apatel | 2022-05-08 | 22:38:31 | CANADA | 192.168.132.153 | 0 |
| 70 | tmtichel | 2022-05-09 | 10:55:17 | MEXICO | 192.168.87.199 | 1 |
| 61 | dtanaka | 2022-05-09 | 09:45:18 | USA | 192.168.98.221 | 1 |
| 96 | ivelasco | 2022-05-09 | 22:36:36 | CAN | 192.168.84.194 | 0 |
| 58 | ivelasco | 2022-05-09 | 17:20:54 | CAN | 192.168.57.162 | 0 |

```

Now, you need to further organize the previous results by ordering them by login_time.

2. Modify the query from the previous step by adding the login time to the ORDER BY clause. You must replace X with the appropriate column name:


```

MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
->
-> FROM log_in_attempts
->
-> ORDER BY login_date, X;
ERROR 1054 (42S22): Unknown column 'X' in 'order clause'
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
->
-> FROM log_in_attempts
->
-> ORDER BY login_date, login_time
-> SELECT *
->
-> FROM log_in_attempts
->
-> ORDER BY login_date, login_time;
ERROR 1064 (42000): You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your Maria
DB server version for the right syntax to use near 'SELECT *

FROM log_in_attempts

ORDER BY login_date, login_time' at line 6
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
->
-> FROM log_in_attempts
->
-> ORDER BY login_date, login_time;
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| event_id | username | login_date | login_time | country | ip_address | success |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 117 | bsand | 2022-05-08 | 00:19:11 | USA | 192.168.197.187 | 0 |
| 92 | pwashing | 2022-05-08 | 00:36:12 | US | 192.168.247.219 | 0 |
| 8 | bisles | 2022-05-08 | 01:30:17 | US | 192.168.119.173 | 0 |
| 4 | dkot | 2022-05-08 | 02:00:39 | USA | 192.168.178.71 | 0 |
| 80 | cjackson | 2022-05-08 | 02:18:10 | CANADA | 192.168.33.140 | 1 |
| 43 | mcouliba | 2022-05-08 | 02:35:34 | CANADA | 192.168.16.208 | 0 |
| 184 | alevitsk | 2022-05-08 | 03:09:48 | CAN | 192.168.33.70 | 0 |
| 56 | acook | 2022-05-08 | 04:56:30 | CAN | 192.168.209.130 | 1 |
| 47 | dkot | 2022-05-08 | 05:06:45 | US | 192.168.233.24 | 1 |
| 189 | nmason | 2022-05-08 | 05:37:24 | CANADA | 192.168.168.117 | 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 |
| 191 | cjackson | 2022-05-08 | 06:46:07 | CANADA | 192.168.7.187 | 0 |
| 44 | daquino | 2022-05-08 | 07:02:35 | CANADA | 192.168.168.144 | 0 |
| 193 | lrodriqu | 2022-05-08 | 07:11:29 | US | 192.168.125.240 | 0 |
| 172 | mabadi | 2022-05-08 | 08:06:50 | US | 192.168.180.41 | 1 |

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Lab Summary: Perform a SQL Query

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In this lab I practiced retrieving and organizing data from the machines and log_in_attempts tables in the organization database. I used SELECT * to return all device information from the machines table and then focused on specific columns like device_id, email_client, operating_system, and OS_patch_date.

For login activity, I queried the log_in_attempts table to review event IDs and countries, checked usernames with login dates and times, and displayed the full table with SELECT *. Finally, I used the ORDER BY keyword to sort login activity first by login_date and then refined it by adding login_time to order results chronologically.

This lab reinforced how to pull targeted information with SELECT and how to sequence results with ORDER BY, which are essential skills for analyzing security-related data.