



GOOGLE CYBERSECURITY PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

APPLY FILTERS TO SQL QUERIES



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Project description

My organization (fictional) is working to make their system more secure. It is my job to ensure the system is safe, investigate all potential security issues, and update employee computers as needed. The following steps provide examples of how I used SQL with filters to perform security-related tasks.

Retrieve after hours failed login attempts

A suspicious event occurred on 2022-05-09. Any login activity that happened on 2022-05-09, or on the day before needs to be investigated.

The following code demonstrates how I created a SQL query to filter for login attempts that occurred on specific dates.

```
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 41
Server version: 10.3.39-MariaDB-0+deb10u2 Debian 10

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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 log_in_attempts
-> WHERE login_time > '18:00' AND success = 'FALSE';
```

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MariaDB [organization]> clear
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 |
| 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 | 192.168.132.15 |
| 0 |
| 96 | ivelasco | 2022-05-09 | 22:36:36 | CAN | 192.168.84.194 |
| 0 |

```

The first part of the screenshot is my query, and the second part is a portion of the output. This query filters for failed login attempts that occurred after 18:00. First, I started by selecting all data from the log_in_attempts table. Then, I used a WHERE clause with an AND operator to filter my results to output only login attempts that occurred after 18:00 and were unsuccessful. The first condition is login_time > '18:00', which filters for the login attempts that occurred after 18:00. The second condition is success = FALSE, which filters for the failed login attempts.

Retrieve login attempts on specific dates

A suspicious event occurred on 2022-05-09. Any login activity that happened on 2022-05-09, or on the day before needs to be investigated.

The following code demonstrates how I created a SQL query to filter for login attempts that occurred on specific dates.

```

|      52 | cjackson | 2022-05-10 | 22:07:07 | CAN | 192.168.58.57 |
|      69 | wjaffrey | 2022-05-11 | 19:55:15 | USA | 192.168.100.17 |
|      82 | abernard | 2022-05-12 | 23:38:46 | MEX | 192.168.234.49 |
|      87 | apatel   | 2022-05-08 | 22:38:31 | CANADA | 192.168.132.15 |
|      96 | ivelasco | 2022-05-09 | 22:36:36 | CAN | 192.168.84.194 |
|     104 | asundara | 2022-05-11 | 18:38:07 | US | 192.168.96.200 |
|     107 | bisles   | 2022-05-12 | 20:25:57 | USA | 192.168.116.18 |
|     111 | aestrada | 2022-05-10 | 22:00:26 | MEXICO | 192.168.76.27 |
|     127 | abellmas | 2022-05-09 | 21:20:51 | CANADA | 192.168.70.122 |
|     131 | bisles   | 2022-05-09 | 20:03:55 | US | 192.168.113.17 |
|     155 | cgriffin | 2022-05-12 | 22:18:42 | USA | 192.168.236.17 |
|     160 | jclark   | 2022-05-10 | 20:49:00 | CANADA | 192.168.214.49 |
|     199 | yappiah  | 2022-05-11 | 19:34:48 | MEXICO | 192.168.44.232 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
19 rows in set, 1 warning (0.147 sec)

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

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```

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 | 192.168.243.14 |
|      3 | dkot     | 2022-05-09 | 06:47:41 | USA | 192.168.151.16 |
|      4 | dkot     | 2022-05-08 | 02:00:39 | USA | 192.168.178.71 |
|      8 | bisles   | 2022-05-08 | 01:30:17 | US | 192.168.119.17 |
|     12 | dkot     | 2022-05-08 | 09:11:34 | USA | 192.168.100.15 |
|     15 | lyamamot | 2022-05-09 | 17:17:26 | USA | 192.168.183.51 |
|     24 | arusso   | 2022-05-09 | 06:49:39 | MEXICO | 192.168.171.19 |
|     25 | sbaelish | 2022-05-09 | 07:04:02 | US | 192.168.33.137 |
|     26 | apatel   | 2022-05-08 | 17:27:00 | CANADA | 192.168.123.10 |
|     28 | aestrada | 2022-05-09 | 19:28:12 | MEXICO | 192.168.27.57 |
|     30 | yappiah  | 2022-05-09 | 03:22:22 | MEX | 192.168.124.48 |

```

The first part of the screenshot is my query, and the second part is a portion of the output. This query returns all login attempts that occurred on 2022-05-09 or 2022-05-08. First, I started by selecting all data from the log_in_attempts table. Then, I used a WHERE clause with an OR operator to filter my results to output only login attempts that occurred on either 2022-05-09 or 2022-05-08. The first condition is login_date = '2022-05-09', which filters for logins on 2022-05-09. The second condition is login_date = '2022-05-08', which filters for logins on 2022-05-08.

Retrieve login attempts outside of Mexico

After investigating the organization's data on login attempts, I believed there was an issue with the login attempts that occurred outside of Mexico. These login attempts should be investigated.

The following code demonstrates how I created a SQL query to filter for login attempts that occurred outside of Mexico.

```
| 168 | jlansky | 2022-05-08 | 13:25:42 | USA | 192.168.210.94  
| 1 |  
| 169 | alevitsk | 2022-05-08 | 08:10:43 | CANADA | 192.168.210.22  
8 | 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 | 192.168.168.11  
7 | 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 | 192.168.125.24  
0 | 0 |  
| 197 | jsoto | 2022-05-08 | 09:05:09 | US | 192.168.36.21  
| 0 |  
+-----+  
+-----+  
75 rows in set (0.002 sec)  
  
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *  
-> FROM log_in_attempts  
-> WHERE NOT country LIKE 'MEX%';
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```
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 | 192.168.243.14  
0 | 1 |  
| 2 | apatel | 2022-05-10 | 20:27:27 | CAN | 192.168.205.12  
| 0 |  
| 3 | dkot | 2022-05-09 | 06:47:41 | USA | 192.168.151.16  
2 | 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 | 192.168.170.24  
3 | 1 |  
| 8 | bisles | 2022-05-08 | 01:30:17 | US | 192.168.119.17  
3 | 0 |  
| 10 | jrafael | 2022-05-12 | 09:33:19 | CANADA | 192.168.228.22  
1 | 0 |  
| 11 | sgilmore | 2022-05-11 | 10:16:29 | CANADA | 192.168.140.81  
| 0 |  
| 12 | dkot | 2022-05-08 | 09:11:34 | USA | 192.168.100.15  
8 | 1 |  
| 13 | mrah | 2022-05-11 | 09:29:34 | USA | 192.168.246.13  
5 | 1 |  
| 14 | sbaelish | 2022-05-10 | 10:20:18 | US | 192.168.16.99
```

The first part of the screenshot is my query, and the second part is a portion of the output. This query returns all login attempts that occurred in countries other than Mexico. First, I started by selecting all data from the `log_in_attempts` table. Then, I used a `WHERE` clause with `NOT` to filter for countries other than Mexico. I used `LIKE` with `MEX%` as the pattern to match because the dataset represents Mexico as `MEX` and `MEXICO`. The percentage sign `%` represents any number of unspecified characters when used with `LIKE`.

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.

The following code demonstrates how I created a SQL query to filter for employee machines from employees in the Marketing department in the East building.

```
|      1187 | f963g637h851 | bbode   | Finance | East-354
1 |
|      1188 | g164h566i795 | noshiro | Finance | West-25
2 |
|      1189 | h784i120j837 | slefkowi | Human Resources | West-34
2 |
|      1190 | NULL          | kcarter | Marketing | Central
-270 |
|      1191 | NULL          | shakimi | Marketing | Central
-366 |
|      1192 | k570l183m949 | rlaghari | Information Technology | East-13
8 |
|      1193 | l186m618n319 | esantiag | Information Technology | Central
-300 |
|      1194 | m340n287o441 | zwarren  | Human Resources | West-21
2 |
|      1195 | n516o853p957 | orainier | Finance | East-34
6 |
|      1196 | o225p357q829 | sshah2   | Information Technology | South-3
85 |
|      1197 | p791q114r509 | aabara   | Information Technology | North-1
59 |
|      1198 | q308r573s459 | jmartine | Marketing | South-1
17 |
|      1199 | r520s571t459 | areyes   | Human Resources | East-10
0 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
-----+
200 rows in set (0.001 sec)

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

```

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        | randerss | Marketing  | East-460 |
|          1156 | a184b775c707 | dellery  | Marketing  | East-417 |
|          1163 | h679i515j339 | cwilliam | Marketing  | East-216 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
7 rows in set (0.002 sec)

MariaDB [organization]> 

```

The first part of the screenshot is my query, and the second part is a portion of the output. This query returns all 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 = '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.

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.

The following code demonstrates how I created a SQL query to filter for employee machines from employees in the Finance or Sales departments.

```

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 | randerss | Marketing | East-460 |
| 1156 | a184b775c707 | dellery | Marketing | East-417 |
| 1163 | h679i515j339 | cwilliam | Marketing | East-216 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
7 rows in set (0.002 sec)

MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
-> FROM employees
-> WHERE department = 'Finance' AND department = 'Sales';
Empty set (0.001 sec)

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

MariaDB [organization]> SELECT *
-> FROM employees
-> WHERE department = 'Finance' OR department = 'Sales';
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| employee_id | device_id | username | department | office |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1003 | d394e816f943 | sgilmore | Finance | South-15 |
| 1007 | h174i497j413 | wjaffrey | Finance | North-40 |
| 1008 | i858j583k571 | abernard | Finance | South-17 |
| 1009 | NULL | lrodriqu | Sales | South-13 |
| 1010 | k242l212m542 | jlansky | Finance | South-10 |
| 1011 | l748m120n401 | drosas | Sales | South-29 |
| 1015 | p611q262r945 | jsoto | Finance | North-27 |
| 1017 | r550s824t230 | jclark | Finance | North-18 |
| 1018 | s310t540u653 | abellmas | Finance | North-40 |
| 1022 | w237x430y567 | arusso | Finance | West-465 |
| 1024 | y976z753a267 | iuduike | Sales | South-21 |
| 1025 | z381a365b233 | jhill | Sales | North-11 |
| 1029 | d336e475f676 | ivelasco | Finance | East-156 |
| 1035 | j236k303l245 | bisles | Sales | South-17 |
| 1039 | n253o917p623 | cjackson | Sales | East-378 |
| 1041 | p929q222r778 | cgriffin | Sales | North-20 |
| 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-28 |
| 1049 | NULL | jreckley | Finance | Central- |
| 1050 | y132z930a114 | csimmons | Finance | North-46 |
| 1057 | f370g535h632 | mscott | Sales | South-27 |
| 1062 | k367l639m697 | redwards | Finance | North-18 |

```

The first part of the screenshot is my query, and the second part is a portion of the output. This query returns all employees in the Finance and Sales departments. First, I started by selecting all data from the employees table. Then, I used a WHERE clause with OR to filter for employees who are in the Finance and Sales departments. I used the OR operator instead of AND because I want all employees who are in either department. The first condition is department = 'Finance' , which filters for employees from the Finance department. The second condition is department = 'Sales', which filters for employees from the Sales department.

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.

The following demonstrates how I created a SQL query to filter for employee machines from employees not 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	iuduike	Sales	South-215
1025	z381a365b233	jhill	Sales	North-115
1026	a998b568c863	apatel	Human Resources	West-320
1027	b806c503d354	mrach	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

The first part of the screenshot is my query, and the second part is a portion of the output. The query returns all 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 not in this department.

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.