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SQL Portfolio Activity

Apply filters to SQL queries

Project description

Databases could contain information on login attempts, machines in various departments, and when software updates were last performed. Structured Query Language (SQL) is a programming language used to create, interact with, and request information from a database by filtering data to perform a query. SQL uses specific keywords and clauses for filtering data in SQL databases.

Scenario Information

You are a security professional at a large organization. Part of your job is to investigate security issues to help keep the system secure. You recently discovered some potential security issues that involve login attempts and employee machines.

Your task is to examine the organization's data in their employees and log_in_attempts tables. You'll need to use SQL filters to retrieve records from different datasets and investigate the potential security issues.

Retrieve after hours failed login attempts

You recently discovered a potential security incident that occurred after business hours. To investigate this, you need to query the **log_in_attempts** table and review after hours login activity.

The following SQL code selects all of the columns (fields) from the log_in_attempts database and filters it according to all unsuccessful logins after 6:00 pm. `WHERE login_time > '18:00'` queries for login attempts after 6:00 pm since most databases use 24 hour/military time. Results must match both the after hours criteria and be an unsuccessful login attempts (`SUCCESS = FALSE`).

```
SELECT *  
FROM log_in_attempts  
WHERE login_time > '18:00' AND success = FALSE;
```

```
MariaDB [organization]> SELECT * FROM log_in_attempts WHERE login_time > '18:00:00' AND success = 0  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
| 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 | astrada | 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 | astrada | 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 |  
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+  
19 rows in set (0.001 sec)
```

Retrieve login attempts on specific dates

A suspicious event occurred on 2022-05-09. To investigate this event, you want to review all login attempts which occurred on this day and the day before.

The following SQL code selects all columns (fields) from the log_in_attempts database and filters it according to logins on either 08 May 2022 or 09 May 2022. The line `WHERE login_date = '2022-05-09' OR login_date = '2022-05-08'` queries for both dates. Alternatively, `WHERE login_date BETWEEN '2022-05-08' AND '2022-05-09'` would have returned the same records since `BETWEEN` is inclusive to both criteria. `OR` must match either of the criteria, and `AND` must match both criteria.

```
SELECT *  
FROM log_in_attempts  
WHERE login_date = '2022-05-09' OR login_date = '2022-05-08';
```

```
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
53	nmason	2022-05-08	11:51:38	CAN	192.168.133.188	1
56	acook	2022-05-08	04:56:30	CAN	192.168.209.130	1
58	ivelasco	2022-05-09	17:20:54	CAN	192.168.57.162	0
61	dtanaka	2022-05-09	09:45:18	USA	192.168.98.221	1
65	aalonso	2022-05-09	23:42:12	MEX	192.168.52.37	1
66	astrada	2022-05-08	21:58:32	MEX	192.168.67.223	1
67	abernard	2022-05-09	11:53:41	MEX	192.168.118.29	1
68	mrah	2022-05-08	17:16:13	US	192.168.42.248	1
70	tmitchel	2022-05-09	10:55:17	MEXICO	192.168.87.199	1
71	mcouliba	2022-05-09	06:57:42	CAN	192.168.55.169	0
72	alevitsk	2022-05-08	12:09:10	CANADA	192.168.139.176	1
79	abernard	2022-05-09	11:41:15	MEX	192.168.158.170	0
80	cjackson	2022-05-08	02:18:10	CANADA	192.168.33.140	1
83	lrodriqu	2022-05-08	08:10:23	USA	192.168.67.69	1
87	apatel	2022-05-08	22:38:31	CANADA	192.168.132.153	0
90	gesparza	2022-05-09	00:49:05	CANADA	192.168.87.201	0
92	pwashing	2022-05-08	00:36:12	US	192.168.247.219	0
96	ivelasco	2022-05-09	22:36:36	CAN	192.168.84.194	0
97	jreckley	2022-05-09	02:49:23	MEXICO	192.168.32.231	1
101	sbaelish	2022-05-08	12:01:22	US	192.168.145.158	0
102	jreckley	2022-05-09	16:51:44	MEX	192.168.108.13	1
108	daquino	2022-05-09	21:30:48	CANADA	192.168.15.110	1

Retrieve login attempts outside of Mexico

There's been suspicious activity with login attempts, but the team has determined that this activity didn't originate in Mexico. Now, you need to investigate login attempts that occurred outside of Mexico.

The following SQL code selects all columns (fields) from the log_in_attempts database that are outside of Mexico by negating the condition "Like 'Mex%'" which returns all countries that don't match Mex or Mexico. The LIKE operator allows you to query for terms similar, but not exact to the one(s) you want to find.

```
SELECT *  
FROM log_in_attempts  
WHERE NOT country LIKE 'MEX%';
```

```
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	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
21	iuduike	2022-05-11	17:50:00	US	192.168.131.147	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
29	bisles	2022-05-11	01:21:22	US	192.168.85.186	0
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
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
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
46	eraab	2022-05-11	11:29:27	CAN	192.168.24.12	0
47	dkot	2022-05-08	05:06:45	US	192.168.233.24	1
48	asundara	2022-05-11	03:18:45	USA	192.168.72.10	1
49	asundara	2022-05-08	14:00:01	US	192.168.173.213	0
50	jclark	2022-05-10	10:48:02	CANADA	192.168.174.117	0
51	jrafael	2022-05-10	22:40:01	CANADA	192.168.148.115	1
52	cjackson	2022-05-10	22:07:07	CAN	192.168.58.57	0
53	nmason	2022-05-08	11:51:38	CAN	192.168.133.188	1
55	jlansky	2022-05-11	05:15:34	US	192.168.6.170	0

Retrieve employees in Marketing in the East Building

Your team wants to perform security updates on specific employee machines in the Marketing department. You're responsible for getting information on these employee machines and will need to query the employees table. Use filters in SQL to create a query that identifies all employees in the Marketing department for all offices in the East building.

The following SQL code selects all of the columns (fields) in the employees database and filters them according to Marketing Department employees that work in the East building by matching office numbers that start with "East-..."

```
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 (0.001 sec)
```

Retrieve employees in Finance or Sales

Your team now needs to perform a different security update on machines for employees in the Sales and Finance departments.

The following SQL code selects all columns (fields) from the employees database and filters them according to department that equals finance or sales (so that you get both).

```
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-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
1049	NULL	jreckley	Finance	Central-295
1050	y132z930a114	csimmons	Finance	North-468
1057	f370g535h632	mscott	Sales	South-270
1062	k367l639m697	redwards	Finance	North-180
1063	l686m140n569	lpope	Sales	East-226
1066	o678p794q957	ttyrell	Sales	Central-444
1069	NULL	jpark	Finance	East-110
1071	t244u829v723	zdutchma	Sales	West-348
1072	u905v920w694	esmith	Sales	East-421
1076	y347z204a710	fgarcia	Finance	Central-270
1078	a667b270c984	sharley	Sales	North-418
1081	d647e310f618	qcorbit	Finance	South-290
1083	f840g812h544	gkoshi	Finance	West-165
1085	h339i498j269	cperez	Sales	East-325
1086	i281j129k749	lmajumda	Sales	West-499
1089	l358m929n154	jpark2	Sales	West-251
1091	n378o313p469	rtran	Sales	Central-230
1092	o391p779q935	lpark	Sales	West-227
1098	u671v146w618	tarchamb	Sales	North-423
1099	v283w690x104	anaser	Finance	West-357
1105	b551c837d758	kmei	Finance	Central-232

Retrieve all employees not in IT

Your team needs to make one more update to employee machines. The employees who are in the Information Technology department already had this update, but employees in all other departments need it.

The following SQL code selects all columns (fields) from the employee database and filters it to return all employees who are not in the Information Technology department by negating `department = 'Information Technology'`. The `NOT` operator negates equals operator which means it returns all records except those that match the rest of the statement that follows the `=` operator. Alternatively, `WHERE department != 'Information Technology';` or `WHERE department <> 'Information Technology';` would also return the same records from the query.

```
SELECT *
FROM employees
WHERE NOT department = 'Information Technology';
```

```
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	astrada	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
1036	k550l533m205	rjensen	Marketing	Central-239
1038	m873n636o225	btang	Human Resources	Central-260
1039	n253o917p623	cjackson	Sales	East-378
1040	o783p832q294	dtarly	Human Resources	East-237
1041	p929q222r778	cgriffin	Sales	North-208
1042	q175r338s833	acook	Human Resources	West-381
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
1049	NULL	jreckley	Finance	Central-295
1050	y132z930a114	csimmons	Finance	North-468
1051	z451a308b518	itraora	Marketing	Central-134
1052	a192b174c940	jdarosa	Marketing	East-195

Summary

By using SQL, the log_in_attempts database was queried for three different criteria to start the investigation for three security incidents:

- Unsuccessful login attempts after hours (after 6:00 pm).
- Logins on 08 May 2022 and 09 May 2022
- Logins from outside of Mexico

Moreover, to obtain information in the employees database to know which security updates to apply to machines in various departments, the following queries were performed:

- Marketing employees in the East Building
- Employees in the Finance or Sales departments
- Employees who are not part of the Information Technology Team