

GFI product comparison:  
**GFI LanGuard® 12**  
VS  
**Dell KACE K1000 Management  
Appliance**

## General features

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	Dell KACE K1000
Scheduled scans	✓	✓
Agent-less	✓	X*
Agent-based	✓	✓
Integration with Active Directory	✓	X
Asset tracking	✓	✓
Installs on workstations	✓	N/A
Network utilities (DNS lookup, traceroute, SNMP walk, etc.)	✓	X
Flexible scan target (single machine, list of computers, IP ranges, domains, etc.)	★★★★★	★★★★
Power management options (Wake-on-LAN, shut down)	✓	✓

## Vulnerability management

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	Dell KACE K1000
Scan for Windows vulnerabilities	✓	✓
Scan for Linux/Apple OS X vulnerabilities	✓	✓
Scan for application vulnerabilities	✓	✓
Scan for network device vulnerabilities	✓	X
Scan for mobile device vulnerabilities	✓	X
CVE-certified	✓	X
Custom vulnerability checks	✓	X
Scripting support	✓ (VB, Python, SSH)	X
Vulnerability remediation	✓	✓
Integrated with remote desktop connections	✓	✓

## Patch management

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	Dell KACE K1000
Manage Microsoft updates	✓	✓
Manage application updates	✓	✓
Manage Apple OS X updates	✓	✓
Manage Linux updates	✓	X
Manage non-security updates	✓	✓
Deploy major upgrades	✓	✓
Deploy custom software and scripts	✓	✓
Automatic detection, download and deployment of patches	✓	✓
Rollback patches	✓	✓
Post patch deployment reboot control	✓	✓

## Network and software audit

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	Dell KACE K1000
Port scanning	✓	X
Retrieve computer network role	✓	✓
Retrieve list of shares	✓	X
Retrieve users and groups	✓	X
Retrieve installed services	✓	✓
Retrieve logged-on users	✓	X
Retrieve password and security audit policies	✓	✓
Hardware audit	✓	✓
Virtual machine detection	✓	X
Get email notifications on system changes	✓	✓
Installed software	✓	✓
Integration with over 4,000 critical security applications (antivirus, antispymware, firewalls, backup, etc.)	✓	X
Uninstall or get notified on unauthorized applications	✓	✓

# Reporting

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	Dell KACE K1000
Technical reports	✓	✓
Dashboard	✓	✓
Results comparison and baselining	✓	✓
Scheduled reports	✓	✓
Email reports	✓	✓
Export reports to various formats (PDF, DOC, HTML, XML, etc.)	✓	✓
Full text search support	✓	X
PCI DSS, HIPAA and other compliance dedicated reports	✓	✓
Report branding	✓	X
Advanced result filtering options	✓	✓

\* Dell KACE K1000 Management Appliance provides agent-less network discovery, but only agent-based patch management and hardware and software inventory.

Dell KACE K1000 Management Appliance Weaknesses	GFI LanGuard 12 Strengths
<p><b>Different functionality and focus</b> Dell KACE K1000 Management Appliance is a systems management solution. It provides features that are not present in LanGuard like service desk and configuration management, but it also misses features like port scanning and vulnerability assessment for network devices and mobile devices.</p>	<p><b>Complete network security solution</b> Works as a virtual security consultant assisting with vulnerability assessment, patch management, network and software audit and security issues remediation.</p>
<p><b>No integration with Active Directory</b> Customers cannot see their network as they are organized in their Active Directory.</p>	<p><b>Seamlessly integration with existing infrastructure</b> Possibility to import Organizational Units structure from Active Directory and integration with over 4,000 critical security applications to report on their status and remediate issues where possible.</p>
<p><b>Agent-based only</b> Network discovery works agent-less, but hardware and software inventory and patching only work by using agents.</p>	<p><b>Agent-less or agent-based</b> Full functionality is available in either agent-less or agent-based mode. The decision if and where to use agents is made only based on scalability and performance considerations.</p>
<p><b>Pricing</b> More expensive than GFI LanGuard and – being an appliance – it only scales in large steps.</p>	<p><b>Low total cost of ownership</b> Competitive price due to centralized vulnerability management, patch management and network and software audit.</p>

## A Flexible Solution

GFI LanGuard combines both patch management and vulnerability management at a fixed price for Windows, Linux, Mac OSX and mobile devices. For Windows based platforms GFI LanGuard supports both Microsoft and over 80 3rd party applications. A Web Based Central Management console offers easier management of different network sites, which could potentially also be installed in remote office locations. This makes GFI LanGuard the most flexible solution for organizations of any size from those with a hundred devices to larger ones with thousands of devices.

## Conclusion

Feature wise, Dell KACE K1000 Management Appliance compares well with GFI LanGuard. The main weaknesses are the higher price and the lack of flexibility that comes with hardware appliances: they only scale in large steps and deployment in geographically spread networks is tricky.

GFI LanGuard is your own virtual security consultant: easy, always available and affordable!



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