GFI product comparison:
GFI LanGuard® 12
vs
Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer 2.3

GFI LanGuard™

General features

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	MBSA 2.3
Scheduled scans	✓	X
Agent-less	✓	✓
Agent-based	✓	✓
Integration with Active Directory	✓	X
Asset tracking	✓	X
Installs on workstations	✓	✓
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)	✓	X

Vulnerability management

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	MBSA 2.3
Scan for Windows vulnerabilities	✓	✓
Scan for Linux/Apple OS X vulnerabilities	✓	X
Scan for application vulnerabilities	✓	X
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	✓	X
Integrated with remote desktop connections	✓	X

Patch management

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	MBSA 2.3
Manage Microsoft updates	✔	✔
Manage application updates	✔	X
Manage Apple OS X updates	✔	X
Manage Linux updates	✔	X
Manage non-security updates	✔	X
Deploy major upgrades	✔	X
Deploy custom software and scripts	✔	X
Automatic detection, download and deployment of patches	✔	X
Rollback patches	✔	X
Post patch deployment reboot control	✔	X

Network and software audit

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	MBSA 2.3
Port scanning	✔	✔
Retrieve computer network role	✔	X
Retrieve list of shares	✔	✔
Retrieve users and groups	✔	X
Retrieve installed services	✔	✔
Retrieve logged-on users	✔	X
Retrieve password and security audit policies	✔	✔
Hardware audit	✔	✔
Virtual machine detection	✔	✔
Get email notifications on system changes	✔	X
Installed software	✔	X
Integration with over 4,000 critical security applications (antivirus, antispyware, firewalls, backup, etc.)	✔	X
Uninstall or get notified on unauthorized applications	✔	X

Reporting

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	MBSA 2.3
Technical reports	✔	✔
Dashboard	✔	◄
Results comparison and baselining	✔	X
Scheduled reports	✔	X
Email reports	✔	X
Export reports to various formats (PDF, DOC, HTML, XML, etc.)	✔	X
Full text search support	✔	X
PCI DSS, HIPAA and other compliance dedicated reports	✔	X
Report branding	✔	X
Advanced result filtering options	✔	X

MBSA 2.3 Weaknesses	GFI LanGuard 12 Strengths
Less functionality Only works as a vulnerability assessment tool.	**Complete network security solution** Works as a virtual security consultant assisting with vulnerability assessment, patch management, network and software audit and security issues remediation.
Works only with Microsoft products Does not support products from other vendors.	**Vulnerability assessment not limited to Microsoft** Supports non-Microsoft products and non-Microsoft operating systems, e.g., Linux, Apple OS X (in addition to working with Microsoft products).

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

MBSA 2.3 is a vulnerability assessment tool that works only with Microsoft products. GFI LanGuard supports both Microsoft products/OSs and other applications. It also provides more than just vulnerability assessment: It is a complete network security audit solution.

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

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