

GFI product comparison:
GFI LanGuard® 12
VS
ManageEngine Desktop Central 9

General features

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	ManageEngine Desktop Central
Scheduled scans	✓	✓
Agent-less	✓	X
Agent-based	✓	✓
Integration with Active Directory	✓	X
Asset tracking	✓	✓
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)	✓	✓

Vulnerability management

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	ManageEngine Desktop Central
Scan for Windows vulnerabilities	✓	X
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	✓	✓
Integrated with remote desktop connections	✓	✓

Patch management

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

Reporting

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

ManageEngine Desktop Central 9 Weaknesses	GFI LanGuard 12 Strengths
<p>Focused on remote management While most features overlap with LanGuard, ManageEngine Desktop Central is a remote management tool providing feature like patch management, software deployment, remote desktop, power management, and hardware and software inventory.</p> <p>Lacks features like vulnerability assessment, integration with security applications and network audit (port scanning, running services, open shares, etc.).</p>	<p>Focused on security audits Works as a virtual security consultant assisting with vulnerability assessment, patch management, network and software audit and security issues remediation.</p>
<p>No patch management for Linux Only Windows and Apple OS X operating systems are supported.</p>	<p>Patch management for Windows, Apple OS X and Linux systems Manage mixed environments of Windows, Mac OS and Linux systems from a single central console.</p>
<p>Agent-based only Computers can only be managed through agents, thus making deployment of the product more difficult and time consuming than in case of GFI LanGuard.</p>	<p>Agent-less or agent-based 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>Pricing More expensive than GFI LanGuard (customers need to pay a yearly fee per IP address).</p>	<p>Low total cost of ownership 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

ManageEngine Desktop Central is a remote management tool that has features like patch management that overlap with GFI LanGuard, but their focus is not on security audits and they lack features like vulnerability assessment, integration with security applications and network audit (port scanning, running services, open shares, etc.). Additionally their patch management is limited to Windows and Apple OS X systems. They do not support patching of Linux operating systems.

GFI LanGuard is a complete network security solution that acts as a virtual security consultant by performing vulnerability assessments, patch management and network and software audit.



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