

GFI product comparison:
GFI LanGuard® 12
VS
**Microsoft System Center 2012
Configuration Manager**

General features

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	Microsoft SCCM 2012
Scheduled scans	✓	✓
Agent-less	✓	X
Agent-based	✓	✓
Integration with Active Directory	✓	✓
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	Microsoft SCCM 2012
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)	✓
Vulnerability remediation	✓	X
Integrated with remote desktop connections	✓	✓

Patch management

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	Microsoft SCCM 2012
Manage Microsoft updates	✓	✓
Manage application updates	✓	✓
Manage Apple OS X updates	✓	X
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	✓	X

Network and software audit

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	Microsoft SCCM 2012
Port scanning	✓	X
Retrieve computer network role	✓	✓
Retrieve list of shares	✓	X
Retrieve users and groups	✓	✓
Retrieve installed services	✓	✓
Retrieve logged-on users	✓	X
Retrieve password and security audit policies	✓	X
Hardware audit	✓	✓
Virtual machine detection	✓	X
Get email notifications on system changes	✓	✓
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	Microsoft SCCM 2012
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	✓	X
Report branding	✓	X
Advanced result filtering options	✓	✓

Microsoft SCCM 2012 Weaknesses	GFI LanGuard 12 Strengths
<p>Different functionality</p> <p>While there is overlapping functionality between the two products, SCCM is focused on systems management, while LanGuard is focused on security.</p> <p>SCCM does operating systems deployment and network access protection, but is missing vulnerability management features.</p>	<p>Complete network security solution</p> <p>Works as a virtual security consultant assisting with vulnerability assessment, patch management, network and software audit and security issues remediation.</p>
<p>Patch management limited to Windows systems</p> <p>Patch management only works for Windows operating systems.</p>	<p>Patch management for Windows, Mac OS and Linux systems</p> <p>Manage mixed environments of Windows, Apple OS X and Linux systems from a single central console.</p>
<p>Difficult to install, configure and run</p> <p>Designed to work for large networks, it is highly scalable, but it takes some time to deploy it in the network and configure it.</p>	<p>Easy to install and get running</p> <p>Installs in minutes on both servers and workstations and has no prerequisites except .Net Framework 3.5, which is automatically installed if detected as missing.</p> <p>Automatic detection, download and deployment of missing updates for the supported products. No need to manually package patches to be deployed.</p>
<p>Pricing</p> <p>More expensive than GFI LanGuard.</p>	<p>Low total cost of ownership</p> <p>Competitive price due to centralized vulnerability management, patch management and network and software audit.</p>

Conclusion

Microsoft SCCM 2012 is a systems management software product for managing large groups of Windows-based computer systems. The products have in common functionality like remote control, patch management, software distribution, software and hardware inventory, but in Microsoft SCCM the focus is on configuration management, while in GFI LanGuard the focus is on security. GFI LanGuard comes with vulnerability management features, an easier patch management which is not limited to Windows systems and a better price.

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



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