

GFI product comparison:
GFI LanGuard® 12
VS
QualysGuard

General features

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	QualysGuard
Scheduled scans	✓	✓
Agent-less	✓	✓
Agent-based	✓	X
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)	✓	X

Vulnerability management

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

* QualysGuard has tools to assist the remediation process: reports, external references and ticketing system, but there is no active remediation functionality available.

Patch management

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

Reporting

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	QualysGuard
Technical reports	✓	✓
Dashboard	✓	✓
Results comparison and baselining	✓	✓
Scheduled reports	✓	X
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	✓	✓
Advanced result filtering options	✓	X

QualysGuard Weaknesses	GFI LanGuard 12 Strengths
<p>Less functionality QualysGuard is focused on vulnerability assessment only. There is no patch management functionality and no hardware and software audit.</p>	<p>Complete network security solution GFI LanGuard acts as a virtual security consultant by performing vulnerability assessment, patch management and network and software audit. The product integrates with over 4,000 security applications to report on their status and remediate issues where possible.</p>
<p>Internet access is required for audited machines QualysGuard is a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solution, which means data is processed on Qualys servers and connectivity between the servers and audited machines is required. Qualys offer hardware appliances as an alternative for devices with no Internet connectivity or that are behind firewalls. However these appliances are harder to evaluate and only scale in large steps.</p>	<p>Can be configured to work in isolated networks GFI LanGuard can be installed at any point in the network, including workstations. No Internet connectivity is required for machines that are scanned either remotely or by using agents. If the machine where GFI LanGuard is installed does not have an Internet connection the product can be configured to get updates from an alternative location.</p>
<p>Security critical information is stored outside of the company All scan results are processed and stored on Qualys servers. This means that critical security information is stored outside of the company. Even if your own infrastructure is well defended, a security incident on Qualys servers is equally dangerous and you have no control over it.</p>	<p>Scan results and reports are stored in house GFI LanGuard is an on-premise solution. All processing and data storage is performed and remains in house.</p>
<p>No custom vulnerability checks Users cannot define their own custom vulnerability checks.</p>	<p>Create user defined vulnerability checks GFI LanGuard allows users to easily custom vulnerability checks. Scripting is supported: VB Script, Python, SSH.</p>
<p>No vulnerability assessment for mobile devices Users have no visibility on when and what smartphones and tablets access company's sensitive information.</p>	<p>Vulnerability assessment for mobile devices Android, iOS and Windows Phone are supported.</p>
<p>Pricing Qualys is focused on large enterprises and this translates to higher prices.</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

QualysGuard is a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solution focused on vulnerability assessment only, while LanGuard not only assists with detection of security issues, but it is actively helping to remediate them through functionality like patch deployment, uninstallation of unauthorized applications, turning on real time protection for antivirus and antispymware solutions, and so on. Additionally LanGuard does vulnerability assessment for mobile devices too.

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



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