

GFI product comparison:
GFI LanGuard® 12
VS
SolarWinds Patch Manager 2.1

General features

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	SolarWinds Patch Manager 2.1
Scheduled scans	✓	✓
Agent-less	✓	✓
Agent-based	✓	✓
Integration with Active Directory	✓	✓
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	SolarWinds Patch Manager 2.1
Scan for Windows vulnerabilities	✓	X
Scan for Linux/Apple OS X vulnerabilities	✓	◀
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	SolarWinds Patch Manager 2.1
Manage Microsoft updates	✓	✓ (through WSUS)*
Manage application updates	✓	✓ (through WSUS)*
Manage Apple OS X updates	✓	X
Manage Linux updates	✓	X
Manage non-security updates	✓	✓ (through WSUS)*
Deploy major upgrades	✓	✓ (through WSUS)*
Deploy custom software and scripts	✓	✓ (through WSUS)*
Automatic detection, download and deployment of patches	✓	✓
Rollback patches	✓	✓
Post patch deployment reboot control	✓	X

Network and software audit

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	SolarWinds Patch Manager 2.1
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	✓	X
Virtual machine detection	✓	X
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	SolarWinds Patch Manager 2.1
Technical reports	✓	✓
Dashboard	✓	✓
Results comparison and baselining	✓	X
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	✓	✓

* SolarWinds Patch Manager integrates with WSUS to provide patch management functionality.

SolarWinds Patch Manager 2.1 Weaknesses	GFI LanGuard 12 Strengths
<p>Less functionality SolarWinds Patch Manager is essentially an extension to WSUS that provides support to patch some popular third party applications. It does not provide vulnerability assessment and network and software audit functionality.</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.</p>
<p>WSUS disadvantages apply to patch management offered by SolarWinds WSUS installs only on Windows servers; it is hard to manage computers that are not part of the domain and customers have less control because the server does not push patches (clients contact the server).</p>	<p>Easy to install and get running Installs on both servers and workstations and it is easy to manage computers no matter how they are organized as long as administrative access to them is provided.</p>
<p>Patch management limited to Windows systems Based on Microsoft WSUS, SolarWinds Patch Manager only works for Windows operating systems</p>	<p>Patch management for Windows, Apple OS X and Linux systems Manage mixed environments of Windows, Apple OS X and Linux systems from a single central console.</p>
<p>Weaker support for third party applications Supports less 3rd party applications (27 applications supported) for patch management than LanGuard.</p>	<p>Strong support for third party applications GFI LanGuard automates detection, download and deployment of patches for 75+ third party applications.</p>
<p>Pricing More expensive than GFI LanGuard (customers need to pay a yearly fee proportional to network size).</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

SolarWinds Patch Manager is an extension of WSUS that provides support to patch some popular third party applications. GFI LanGuard supports not only more third party applications, and Linux and Apple OS X patching, but it is much more than SolarWinds Patch Manager: It is a complete network security audit solution that is easy to install and get running and that sells at a highly competitive price.

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



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