

GFI product comparison:  
**GFI LanGuard® 12**  
VS  
**Altiris™ Client Management Suite**  
**7.6 from Symantec™**

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	Altiris Client Management Suite 7.6
Vulnerability assessment	✓	X
Patch management – Microsoft products	✓	✓
Patch management – Mac OS	✓	✓
Patch management – Linux	✓	✓
Patch management – third party applications (Adobe, Java, common web browsers, etc.)	✓	✓
Network Audit	✓	X
Hardware Audit	✓	✓
Software Audit	✓	✓
Software License Management	X	✓
Operating system deployment	X	✓
Reporting	✓	✓

Altiris Client Management Suite 7.6 Weaknesses	GFI LanGuard 12 Strengths
<p><b>Different functionality and focus</b> Altiris Client Management Suite is a systems management solution. It provides features that are not present in LanGuard like license management and operating system deployment, but it also misses features like port scanning and vulnerability assessment.</p>	<p><b>Complete network security solution</b> Works as a virtual security consultant assisting with vulnerability assessment, patch management, network and software audit and security issues remediation.</p>
<p><b>Pricing</b> Enterprise level. Much more expensive compared to GFI LanGuard.</p>	<p><b>Low total cost of ownership</b> Competitive price by centralizing vulnerability management, patch management and network and software audit.</p>
<p><b>Harder to install and evaluate</b> The server can only be installed on Windows Server operating systems, Microsoft SQL Server is required and clients require agents to work.</p>	<p><b>Easy to install and get running</b> Installed and running in minutes with almost no configuration. The user interface is purpose-built to assist users on what to do next.</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*

Altiris Client Management Suite is a systems management solution, while GFI LanGuard is focused more on security. Its target is large enterprises and this is reflected in its higher pricing and in the installation and configuration processes that make the software more difficult to install and run.

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



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