

GFI product comparison:
GFI LanGuard® 12
VS
Tenable Network Security – Nessus
6.3

General features

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	Tenable Nessus 6.3
Scheduled scans	✓	✓
Agent-less	✓	✓
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)	✓	X

Vulnerability management

Features	GFI LanGuard 12	Tenable Nessus 6.3
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	✓	✓
CVE-certified	✓	✓
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	Tenable Nessus 6.3
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	Tenable Nessus 6.3
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	Tenable Nessus 6.3
Technical reports	✓	✓
Dashboard	✓	X
Results comparison and baselining	✓	✓
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	✓	✓

Tenable Nessus 6.3 Weaknesses	GFI LanGuard 12 Strengths
<p>Less functionality Only works as a vulnerability assessment tool. No patch management functionality.</p>	<p>Complete network security audit solution Works as a virtual security consultant assisting with vulnerability assessment, patch management, network and software audit and security issues remediation.</p>
<p>Poor reporting Advanced reports are only available for the enterprise solution, which is much more expensive.</p>	<p>Enhanced reporting Over 50 technical, executive and statistical reports. All reports can be scheduled and exported to popular formats (PDF, XLS, HTML, etc.). Full text search and PCI DSS dedicated reports.</p>
<p>Pricing At roughly the same price range as GFI LanGuard while offering far less functionality (customers need to pay a yearly fee per instance).</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

Tenable Nessus 6.3 is a vulnerability assessment tool, while GFI LanGuard is much more than that: 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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