



Products of the Year 2006:

Patch Management

GOLD AWARD:

GFI LANguard Network Security Scanner 7

After taking home the Gold Award for Security Testing in last year's Products of the Year contest, GFI Software's GFI LANguard Network Security Scanner (N.S.S.) 7 transitions to winning the Gold Award in SearchWindowsSecurity.com's Products of the Year 2006 Patch Management contest without missing a beat. GFI LANguard N.S.S., already well known as a security scanner, extends its functionality by adding patch assessment and deployment to its features set.

GFI LANguard Network Security Scanner is a 3-in-1 product that combines patch management, vulnerability scanning and information harvesting into one application console. It scans each networked machine IP by IP to determine service pack

level, missing security patches, wireless access points, USB devices, open shares, open ports, services/applications active on the computer, key registry entries, weak passwords, users and groups.

In comparison to previous editions of GFI LANguard N.S.S., once vulnerabilities are assessed, it now deploys Windows patches and hotfixes to fix those vulnerabilities. In addition, GFI LANguard N.S.S. can deploy third-party software or patches network-wide. This feature allows the installation of client software, updates to custom or non-Microsoft software and virus updates, and it can replace Microsoft SMS in some environments.

Judges appreciated GFI Software's support structure. GFI Software operates sup-

port call centers in the U.S., U.K., Germany, Malta and Australia, and as such can provide around the clock support through one of the five offices.

Judges also noted that GFI LANguard N.S.S. is Unicode-compliant and supports the download as well as deployment of missing Microsoft security updates in all languages supported by Microsoft Operating Systems.

Pricing: GFI LANguard Network Security Scanner ranges in price from \$495 (to scan up to 32 IP addresses) up to \$2,575 (to scan up to 512). These prices include three months of free support from date of purchase and three months of upgrade protection.

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