

# Ethical Hacking and Countermeasures Version 6



Module LXV

Patch Management



### Module Objective

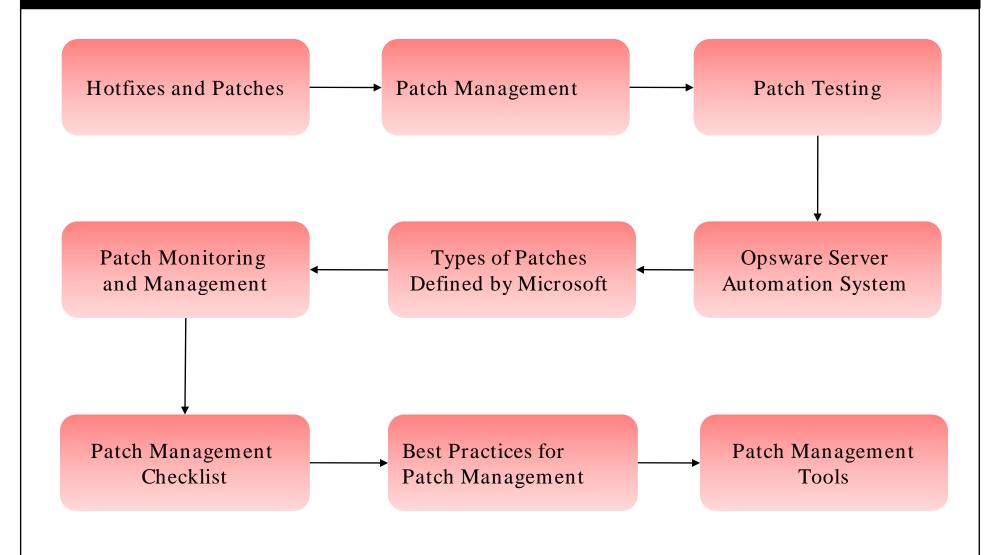
#### This module will familiarize you with:

- Hotfixes and Patches
- Patch management
- Patch Testing
- Understanding Patch Monitoring and Management
- Types of Patches Defined by Microsoft
- Opsware Server Automation System (SAS)
- Patch Management Checklist
- Best Practices for Patch Management
- Patch Management Tools





#### Module Flow



#### Hotfixes and Patches

A hotfix is a code that fixes a bug in a product. The users may be notified through emails or through the vendor's website

Hotfixes are sometimes packaged as a set of fixes known as combined hotfix or service pack

A patch can be considered as a repair job in a piece of programming problem. A patch is the immediate solution provided to users







### What is Patch Management

"Patch management is a process to ensure that the appropriate patches are installed on a system"

#### It involves:

- Choosing, verifying, testing, and applying patches
- Updating previously applied patches with current patches
- Listing patches applied previously to the current software
- Recording repositories, or depots, of patches for easy selection
- Assigning and deploying applied patches



### Patch Testing

The first step in patch testing is the verification of patch source and integrity which helps you to ensure that update is valid and it is not altered

The major components of patch testing include:

- Digital signatures
- Checksums
- Integrity verification

Patch testing process takes place in three different categories:

- Testing Patch Installation
- Testing Application Patches
- Testing Service Patches







## Understanding Patch Monitoring and Management

Steps in the Patch Management framework are as follows:

1

• Identify the patch location

2

• Identify new patches and verify the patch's authenticity by installing each patch on an isolated system, and determine the time frame

2

• Ensure that both patch testing and risk assessment of patch deployment are processed at one place

4

• Deploy the patch

## Understanding Patch Monitoring and Management (cont'd)

#### Create a Change Process:

- Creating a change management processis like updating software that is required for a system
- Before starting the change management process, switch off the server, and start the process from a small log

#### Monitor the Patch Process:

- Mcrosoft suggested a four phase approach that monitors the software updates designed for the management control:
  - Assess
  - Identify
  - Evaluate and Plan
  - Deploy







## Types of Patches Defined by Microsoft

Microsoft releases patches to facilitate updates to the Windows OS and Microsoft applications

• Such patches fix known problems, or bugs, in an OSor application and are shipped in three formats:

#### Hotfixes

- A code that fixes a bug in a product
- Also referred as security fixes or Quick Fix Engineering (QFE) Fixes

#### Roll-ups

• Merges updates of several Hotfixes into a single update file

#### Service packs

- An update to a software version that fixes a bug
- Include fixes not previously releazed and introduces new functionality





## Opsware Server Automation System (SAS)

Opsware Server Automation System (SAS) is the data center automation product of choice for heterogeneous IT environments

It gives administrators the ability to monitor systems and apply configuration changes across many servers in a uniform fashion

Servers can be provisioned from the same pre-defined baseline from the start

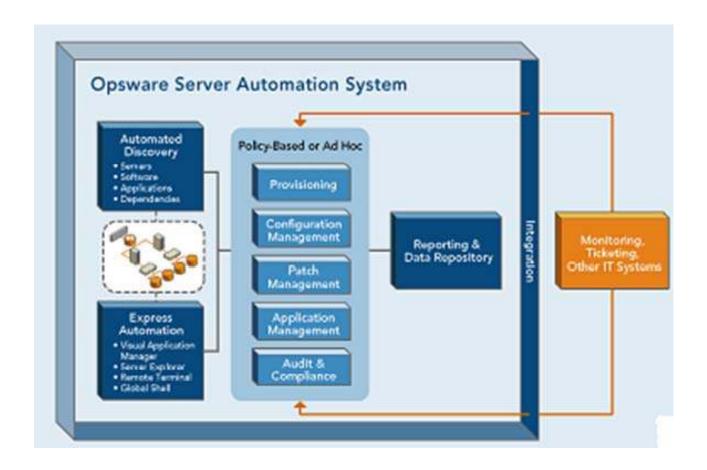
Configuration tracking is used to detect changes that are made and administrators are notified of the changes

The administrator can then use Opsware to rollback the change or propagate the change throughout the server environment





## Opsware Server Automation System (SAS) (cont'd)





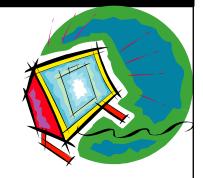


## Patch Management Tools



### Tool: UpdateExpert

UpdateExpert is a Windows administration program that helps you to secure your systems by remotely managing service packs and hotfixes



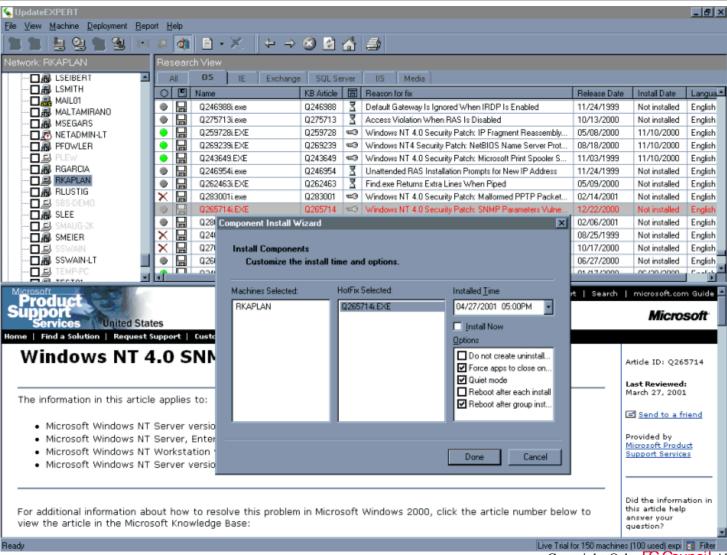
Microsoft constantly releases updates for the OS and mission critical applications, which fix security vulnerabilities and system stability problems

UpdateExpert enhances security, keeps systems up-to-date, eliminates sneaker-net, improves system's reliability and QoS





### UpdateExpert: Screenshot



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#### Tool: Qfecheck

Qfecheck allows customers to diagnose and eliminate the effects of anomalies in the packaging of hotfixes for Microsoft Windows

Qfecheck.exe determines which hotfixes are installed by reading the information stored in the following registry key:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Updates



```
G:\CEH\Haja\patch>qfecheck /v
Windows 2000 Hotfix Validation Report for \\SYSTEM5
Report Date: 5/17/2005 2:23pm
Current Service Pack Level: Service Pack 4
Hotfixes Identified:
Q327194: Current on system.
KB820888:
           Current on system.
           Current on system.
           Current on system.
KB823559:
           Current on system.
           Current on system.
KB841533:
           Current on system.
           Current on system.
KB885835:
           Current on system.
           Current on system.
KB893803:
          Current on system.
 818043: Current on system.
```





#### Tool: HFNetChk

HFNetChk is a command-line tool that enables the administrator to check the patch status of all the machines in a network remotely

It does this function by referring to an XML database that Microsoft constantly updates

```
MICRON

WINDOWS 2000 SP2

Patch NOT Found MS00-077 Q299796
Patch NOT Found MS01-097 Q276471
Patch NOT Found MS01-097 Q285851
Patch NOT Found MS01-013 Q285156
WARNING MS01-022 Q296441
Patch NOT Found MS01-025 Q296185
Patch NOT Found MS01-025 Q296185
Patch NOT Found MS01-037 Q302755
Patch NOT Found MS01-041 Q298012

Internet Information Services 5.0

Patch NOT Found MS01-025 Q296185

Internet Explorer 5.5 SP2

INFORMATION
All necessary hotfixes have been applied

▼
```





#### cacls.exe Utility

Built-in Windows 2000 utility (cacls.exe) can set access control list (ACLs) permissions globally

To change permissions on all executable files to System:Full, Administrators:Full:

• C:\>cacls.exe c:\myfolder\\*.exe /T /G System:F Administrators:F



```
C:\Snort>cacls.exe *.exe /T /G System:F Administrators:F
Are you sure (Y/N)?y
processed file: C:\Snort\snort.exe

C:\Snort>
```





#### Tool: Shavlik NetChk Protect

Shavlik NetChk protect is a tool that automates the management of critical security patches, spyware, malware, and unwanted software applications from one console

It offers a solution for detecting, removing, and managing critical threats and vulnerabilities with active vulnerability management

Maintain secure, policy-compliant networks through automatic and continuous assessment, remediation, and management

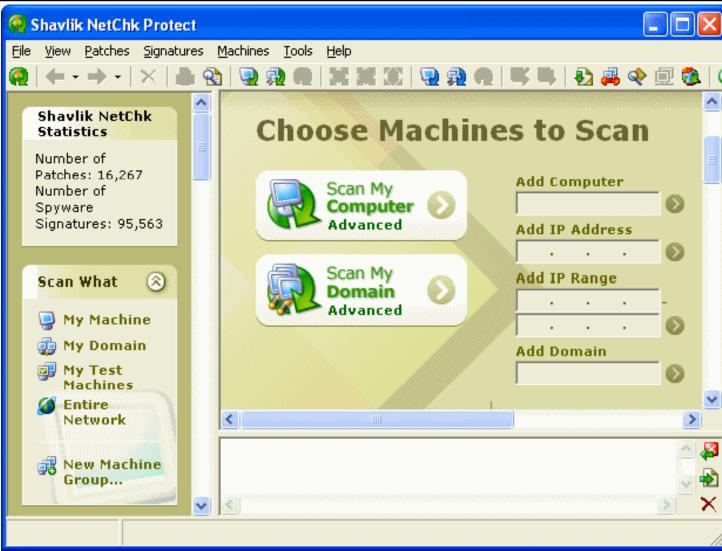
#### Features:

- Patch Scanning
- Extensive Reporting
- Patch development
- Spyware Management
- Desktop Application Control





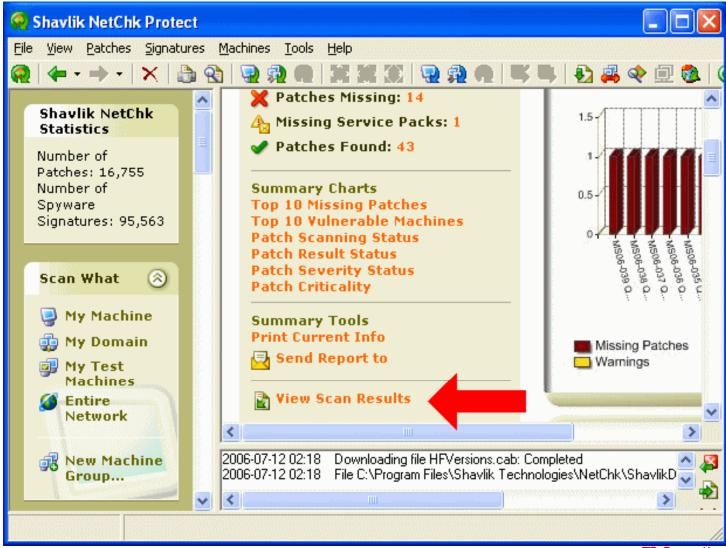
### Shavlik NetChk Protect: Screenshot 1







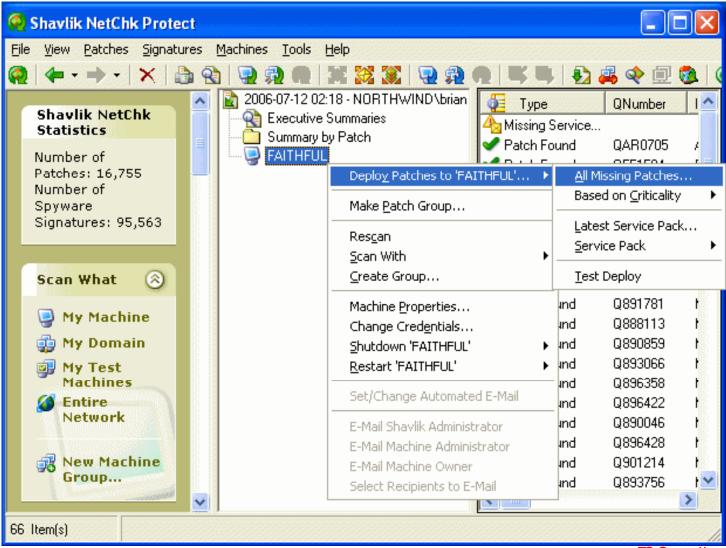
### Shavlik NetChk Protect: Screenshot 2







### Shavlik NetChk Protect: Screenshot 3







### Tool: Kaseya Patch Management

Kaseya Patch Management is used to keep your servers, workstations, and remote computers up-to-date with the latest security patches and updates

It provides the automatic discovery of all missing patches and updates

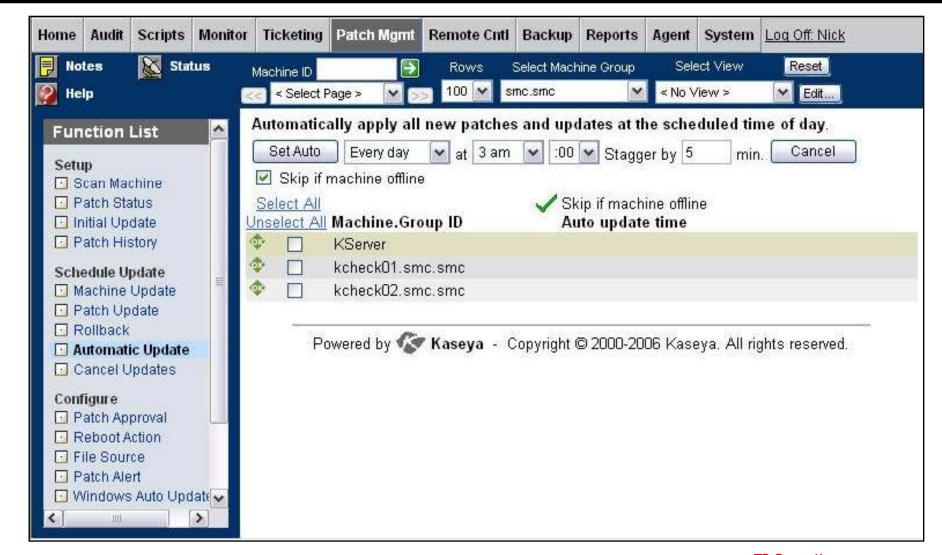
#### Features:

- Complete automation for patch discovery and deployment patch
- Location, deployment method, and parameter controlreliable and up to date patch data base
- Complete rollback
- Comprehensive history and reporting
- Rapid deployment





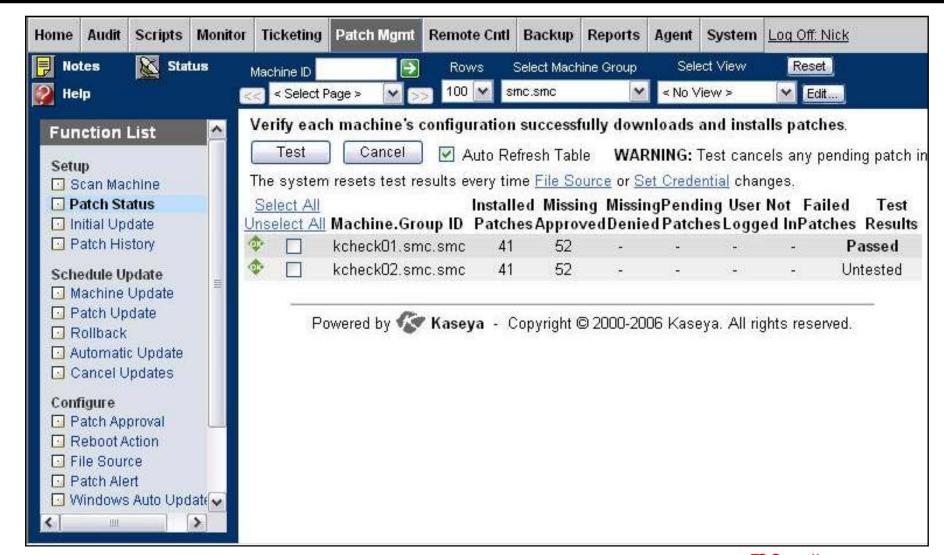
#### Kaseya Patch Management: Screenshot 1







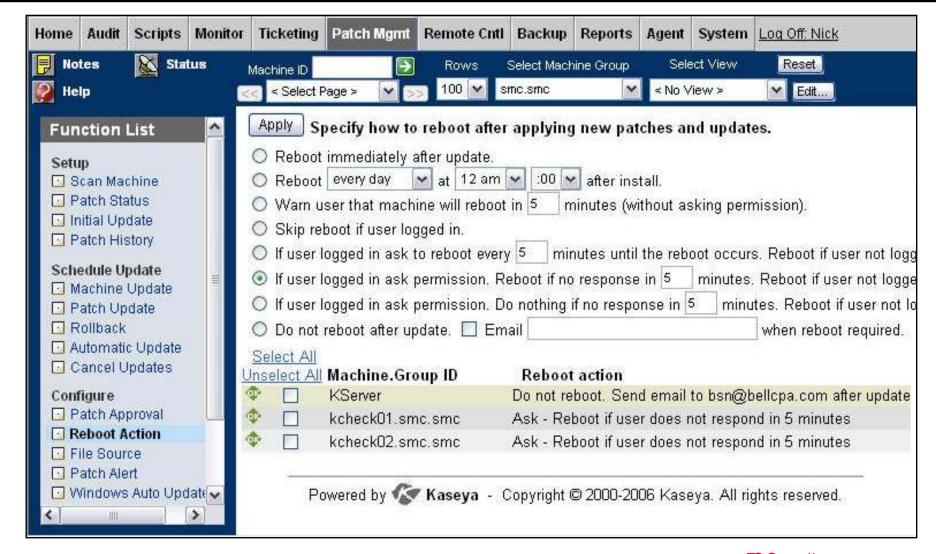
#### Kaseya Patch Management: Screenshot 2







#### Kaseya Patch Management: Screenshot 3







## Tool: IBM Tivoli Configuration Manager

IBM's configuration manager provides Microsoft client and server software patch automation capabilities in distributed environments

Obtains, packages, distributes, and installs Microsoft software patches needed by client systems in distributed customer environments

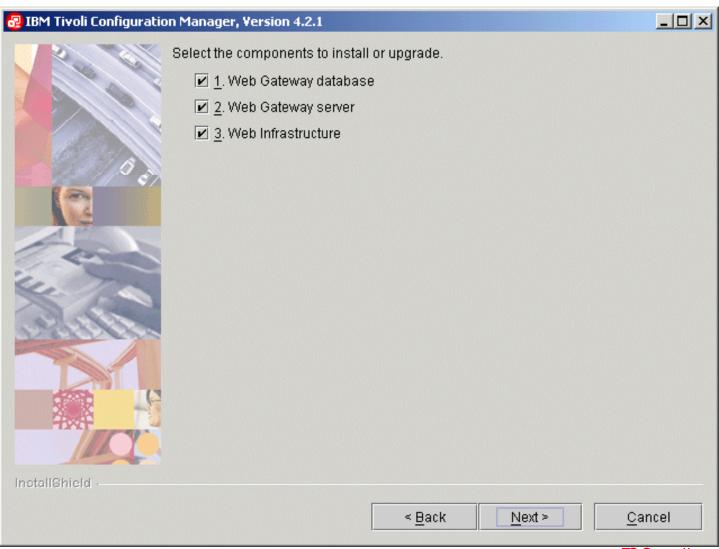
#### Features:

- Gathers software patch signature files and distributes them to client machines
- Scans clients
- Determines missing patches
- Packages patches
- Builds patch deployment plans
- Distributes required patches to clients





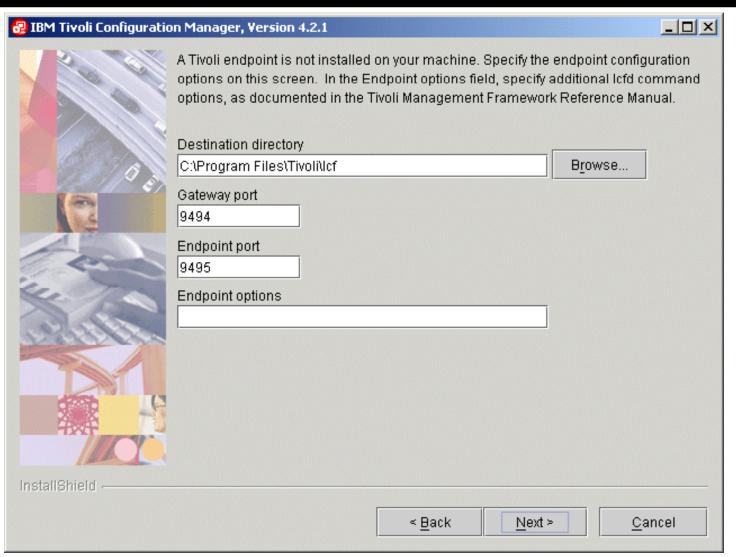
#### IBM Tivoli Configuration Manager: Screenshot 1







## IBM Tivoli Configuration Manager: Screenshot 2





### Tool: LANDesk Patch Manager

LANDesk's Patch Manager includes a subscription service that collects and analyzes patches for heterogeneous environments

It scans managed devices to identify application and operating system vulnerabilities

It monitors the status of each install and provides bandwidth throttling, staging, and detailed policy and compliance reporting across a broad range of operating systems

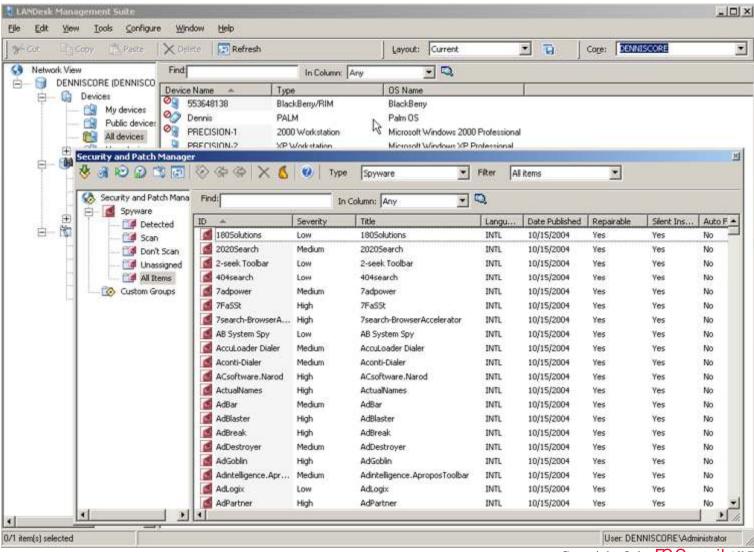
It increases productivity by evaluating systems with active vulnerability scanning

It is used to gain control with a single tool to research, review, and download available patches





#### LANDesk Patch Manager: Screenshot







#### Tool: ConfigureSoft Enterprise Configuration Manager (ECM)

ECM centralizes and automates the monitoring, managing and auditing of hardware and software configurations across Windows, UNIX, and Linux platforms

It automatically discovers new systems and tracks configuration changes at scheduled intervals to ensure the availability of the latest patch information is available

#### Features:

- Vulnerabilities assessment and remediation
- Regulatory & operational compliance
- Configuration management & control
- Change management
- Risk prevention and security management
- System optimization





## ConfigureSoft Enterprise Configuration Manager (ECM): Screenshot







## Tool: BladeLogic Configuration Manager

BladeLogic Configuration Manager is a component of the BladeLogic Operations Manager suite of data center automation products

It features a cross-platform command line interface that supports a single-sign on using a range of authentication protocols

It supports a policy-based approach whereby changes are applied to a policy, and then synchronized with the target servers

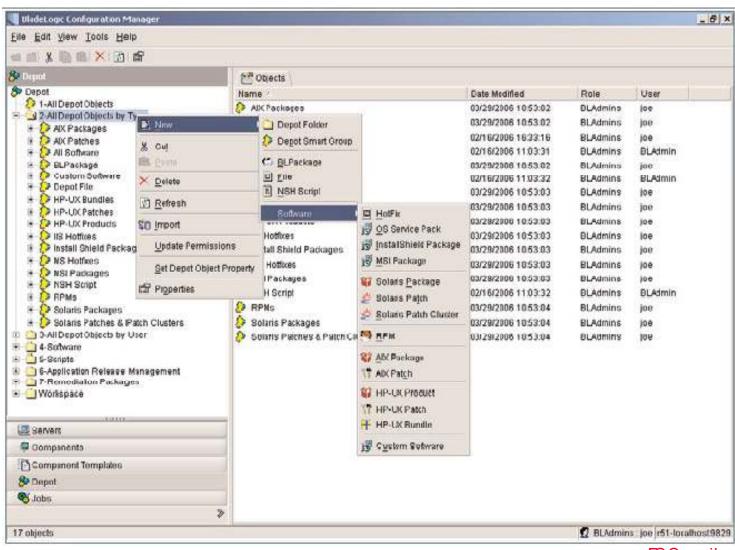
All user communication is encrypted, and all user actions are logged and can be authorized based on a user's role

It allows IT organizations to monitor, patch, configure, and update servers across platforms and data centers





## BladeLogic Configuration Manager: Screenshot







### Tool: Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer (MBSA)

Microsoft baseline security analyzer determines critical updates and the required updates on the target computer

It scans for common security mis-configuration errors on target computers

It supports two interface for scanning:

- GUI Scan (Mbsa.exe)
- Command Line Interface (Mbsacli.exe)



## MBSA: Scanning Updates in GUI Mode

MBSA defines scanning options and displays the results of the security scan in the MBSA window

It scans and reports on updates designated as critical security updates by the Windows Update site



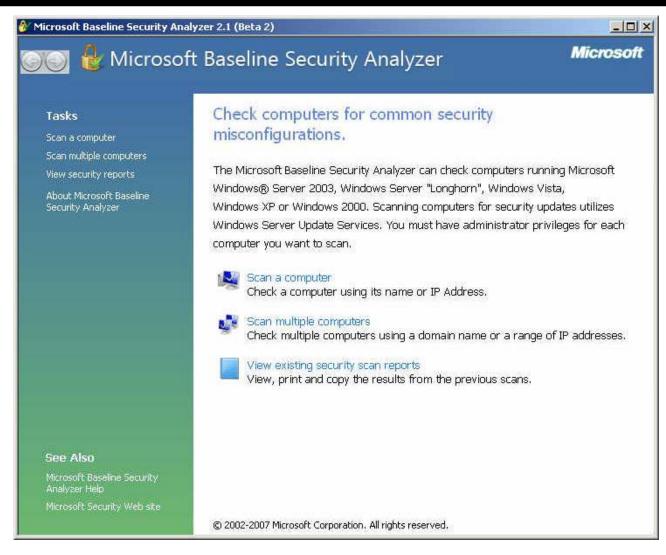
#### Procedure:

- Open MBSA
- Enable the check For security updates option
- Scan completion display XML file for the respective computer





#### MBSA: Screenshot







# MBSA: Scanning Updates in Command-line Version

The MBSA command line interface supports two types of scan namely:

MBSA-style scan

•mbsacli [/c|/i|/r|/d domainname|ipaddress|ipaddressrange]
[/n option] [/sus SUS server|SUS filename] [/s level]
[/nosum] [/nvc] [/o filename] [/e] [/l] [/ls] [/lr report
name] [/ld report name] [/v] [/?] [/qp] [/qe] [/qr] [/q]
[/f] [/unicode]

HFNetChkstyle scan •mbsacli /hf [-h hostname] [-fh filename] [-i ipaddress] [fip filename] [-r ipaddressrange] [-d domainname] [-n] [-sus
SUS server|SUS filename] [-fq filename] [-s 1] [-s 2] [nosum] [-sum] [-z] [-v] [-history level] [-nvc] [-o option]
[-f filename] [-unicode] [-t] [-u username] [-p password] [x] [-?]

### Tool: QChain

Qchain allows to install multiple security updates

It evaluates the drivers, DLLs, and executable files updated by each security update

It creates a batch file for the security update installation

Batch file installs each security update with:

- -zswitch to prevent reboots after each security update installation
- m switch to enable unattended installs





### Qchain: Screenshot 1

```
C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe
C:\Documents and Settings>cd...
|C:∖>cd temp
C:\temp>dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is 40A6-99A6
 Directory of C:\temp
11/26/2001
            Й4:19а
                         <DIR>
                         <DIR>
11/26/2001
            04:19a
06/26/2001
            03:36p
                                 37,648 gchain.exe
110/24/2001
                                 10.272 readme.txt
            Ø2:24n
                                 13.346 HFNetChk License.txt
08/14/2001
10/11/2001
                                338,296 hfnetchk.exe
                              1,012,585 mssecure.xml
12/02/2001
            11:53a
                         <DIR>
12/02/2001
                                        artiff
            12:12p
                                162,552 Q296185 W2K SP3 x86 en.EXE
12/02/2001
            12:01p
12/02/2001
            11:59a
                                417,736 rbupdate.exe
               7 File(s)
                               1,992,435 bytes
               3 Dir(s)
                          26,061,668,352 bytes free
C:\temp>q296185_W2K_SP3_x86_en.exe -z_
```



### Qchain: Screenshot 2

```
C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe
                                                        C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>cd..
C:\Documents and Settings>cd.
C:\Documents and Settings>cd..
C:∖>cd temp
C:\temp>dir
 Volume in drive C has no label.
 Volume Serial Number is 40A6-99A6
 Directory of C:\temp
11/26/2001
                        <DIR>
            04:19a
11/26/2001
            Й4:19a
                        <DIR>
06/26/2001
            03:36p
                                37.648 ochain.exe
10/24/2001
            02:24p
                                10.272 readme.txt
            01:440
                                13.346 HFNetChk License.txt
08/14/2001
10/11/2001
            04:57p
                               338.296 hfnetchk.exe
12/02/2001
            11:53a
                             1,012,585 mssecure.xml
               5 File(s)
                              1.412.147 butes
               2 Dir(s) 26,086,359,040 bytes free
C:\temp>
```



### Qchain: Screenshot 3

```
C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows 2000 [Version 5.00.2195]
(C) Copyright 1985-2000 Microsoft Corp.
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator>cd..
C:\Documents and Settings>cd..
C:∖>cd temp
C:\temp\qchain.exe c:\temp\changes.txt
```



# Tool: BigFix Enterprise Suite (BFS)

BigFix Enterprise Suite platform provides patch management solution for distributed and multiplatform networks

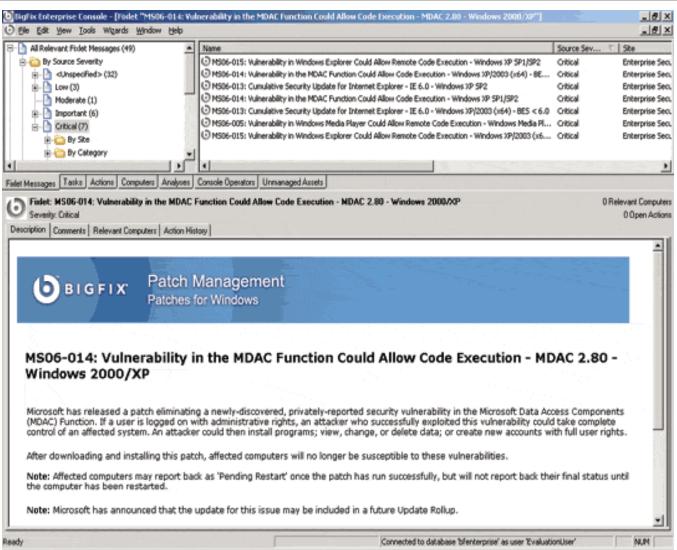
Roll back feature helps in securing the system in case of patches that misfire

It enables audit trial of every action and step taken on each computer during the patch management process



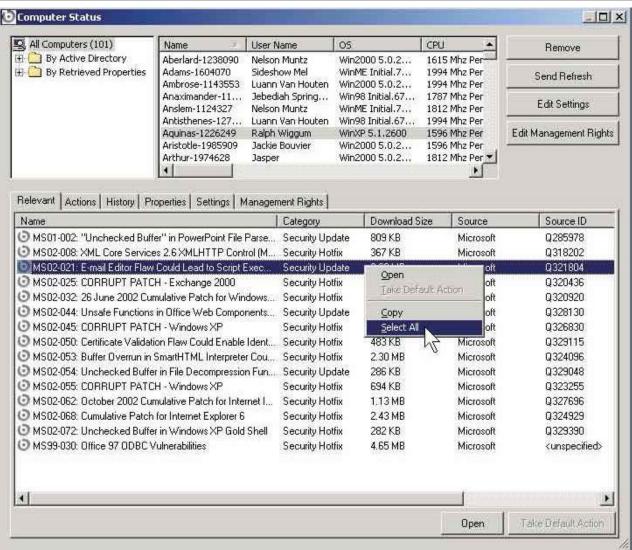


#### BigFix Enterprise Suite (BFS): Screenshot 1





#### BigFix Enterprise Suite (BFS): Screenshot 2





#### Tool: Shavlik NetChk Protect

Shavlik NetChk protect is a patch management solution for larger networks and organizational units

#### Features:

- Drag-n-Drop patch management interace controlled by the user enables scanning of the required groups
- Security configuration management mitigates organizational costs and provides the security associated with the expensive breaches
- It automates the platforms and products such as Windows NT, XP,2000, etc

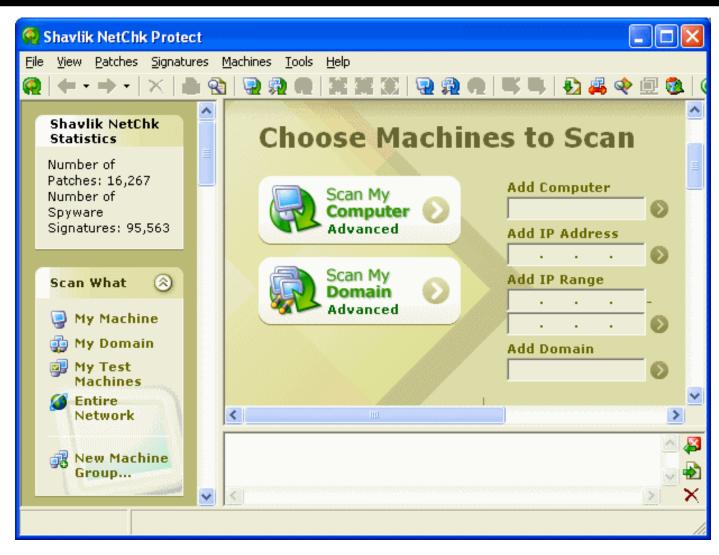
#### Benefits:

- Performs scheduled scans
- Uses options such as Command line scanning and scanning and deployment with SQL server database





#### Shavlik NetChk Protect: Screenshot





### Tool: PatchLink Update

PatchLink Update is a patch and vulnerability solution for large networks

It scans networks for security holes using fingerprint technology

It translates security policies into automated and continuous protection against network vulnerabilities

#### Features:

- Customized subscription notifications to include the required platforms and languages
- Improved transaction/query efficiency that increases performance and scalability
- Proxy server authentication that increases deployment security





## EH PatchLink Update: Screenshot

Directory Security	HTTP Headers Custom	
Web Site Perform	ance ISAPI Filters Home D	Documents Documents
The content for this re	esource should come from:	
•	A <u>directory</u> located on this computer	
0	A share located on another computer	
0	A redirection to a <u>U</u> RL	400
Logal path:	:\PatchLink\Update Server\WebRoot	Browse
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#### Tool: SecureCentral PatchQuest

SecureCentral PatchQuest is a web-based patch management software that manages and distributes security patches across various platforms

#### Four stages in working:

- System addition & discovery
- Patch assessment or scanning
- Patch download and deployment
- Reporting

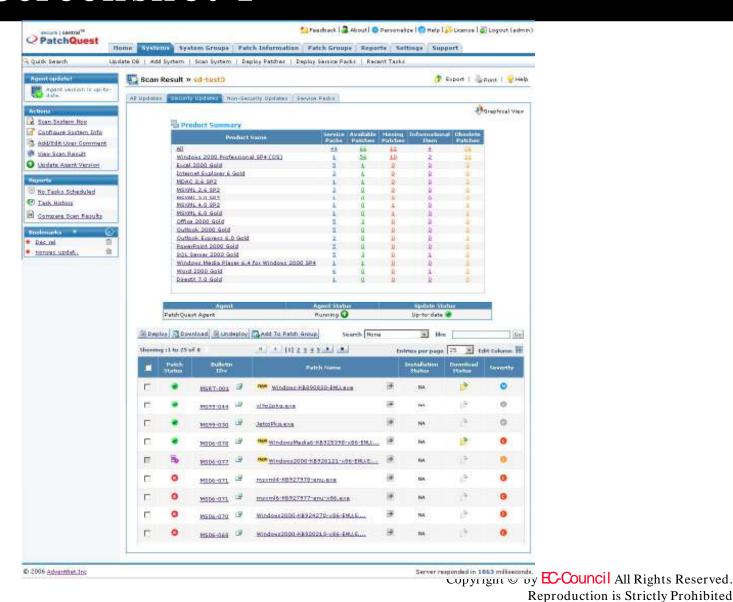
#### Features:

- Flexible modes of operation
- Web-based administration console foruniversal secure-access to data views and configurations
- Cross-platform product installation
- Array of reports to facilitatequick access to the data required





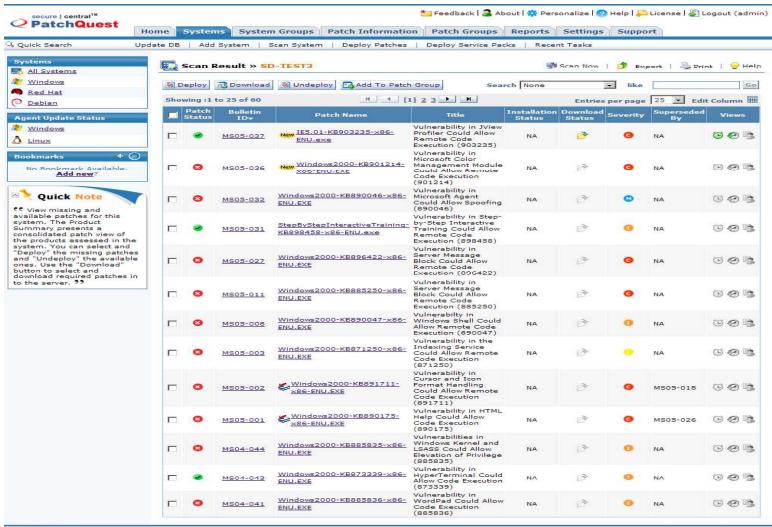
#### SecureCentral PatchQuest: Screenshot 1







#### SecureCentral PatchQuest: Screenshot 2



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#### Tool: Patch Authority Ultimate

Patch authority ultimate is ScriptLogic's comprehensive and enterpriseclass patch management solution

It prevents attacks and exploits through centralized control of updates on all Windows desktops and servers

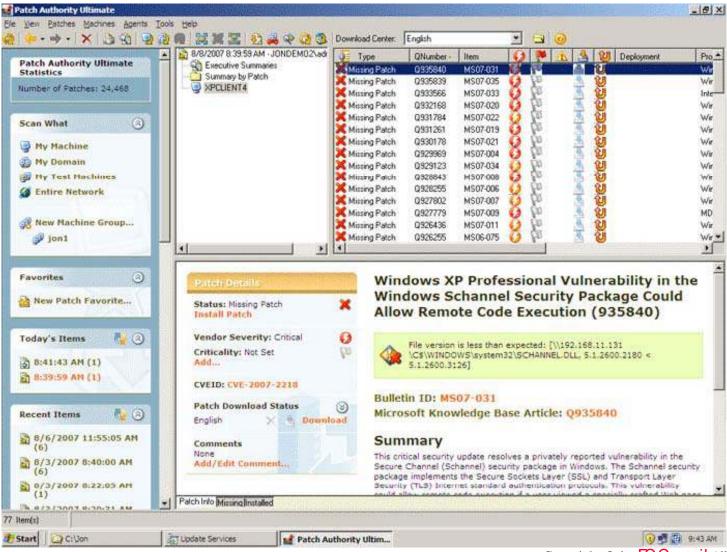
#### Benefits:

- Leading patch database and scan engine
- Selection, distribution, deployment, and reporting are all part of this comprehensive solution
- Management reports show overall patch status across the network
- Centralized management of patch policyand status for all computers, local and remote, on the LAN and across the Internet
- A baseline of patches can be created to establish a "secure" machine
- Enhanced security with central management of service status, configuration, logon accounts, and scheduled task configuration





#### Patch Authority Ultimate: Screenshot







#### Tool: ZENworks Patch Management

ZENworks Patch Management is a piece of automated patch management software

It can be used to protect your network from the viruses by automating the process of discovering security alerts, retrieving the patches, and deploying the right ones to the right machines at the right time to prevent problems

It provides patches for more than 40 different operating systems, applications, and software

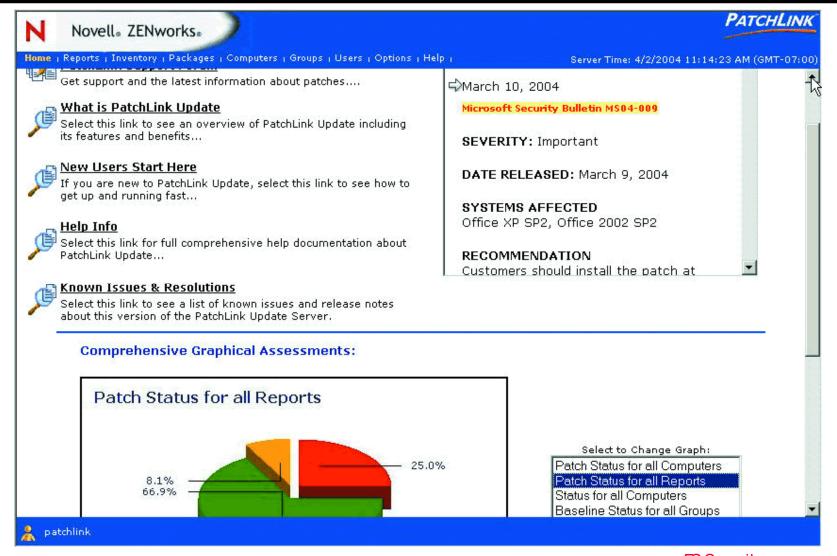








#### ZENworks Patch Management: Screenshot







#### Tool: Ecora Patch Manager

Eroca Patch Manager automates system discovery, patch assessment, and patch installation on workstations and servers

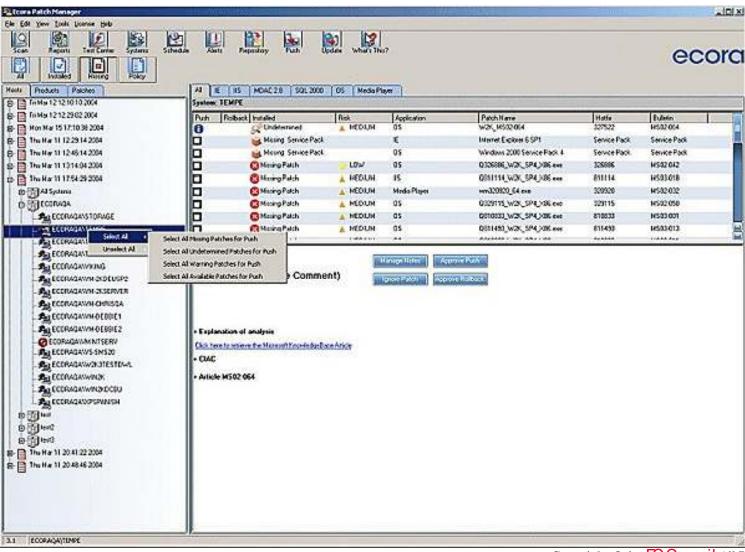
#### Features:

- Agent-less or optionally agent-based
- Views missing patches by systems, applications, specific patches, or according to your policy
- Patches any Windows application Microsoft supports other companies' Windows-based patches, or patches for home grown applications
- Has automated patch roll-back on one or more machines
- Logically groups systems for ease of management
- Scheduledpatch deployment





#### Ecora Patch Manager: Screenshot 1





## EH Ecora Patch Manager: Screenshot 2

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Page 1 of 2 1-30 of 46 items shown								
Patch	Risk	Product Name	System	Note	Q5 Name	Scan Time		
80380		SQL Server 2000 SQL Server 2000 Gold	ECORAQA\BOSTON		Windows 2000 Advanced Server	10/16/2003 4:35:17 PM		
04404		Windows Media Player 6.4 for Windows 2000 Windows Media Player 6.4 for Windows 2000 Gold	ECORAQA\BOSTON		Windows 2000 Advanced Server	10/16/2003 4:35:17 PM		
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### Tool: Service Pack Manager

Service Pack Manager enables system administrators to fix security vulnerabilities and stability problems in Windows NT/2000/XP/2003 and additional Microsoft products

It allows to remotely detect, track, monitor, and install Windows NT/2000/XP/2003 Service Packs and Hotfixes on the enterprise networks from a central console

Remote inventory, research, and deployment of the security vulnerabilities patches and stability updates make Service Pack Manager a highly cost-effective tool when used on the enterprise LANs and WANs

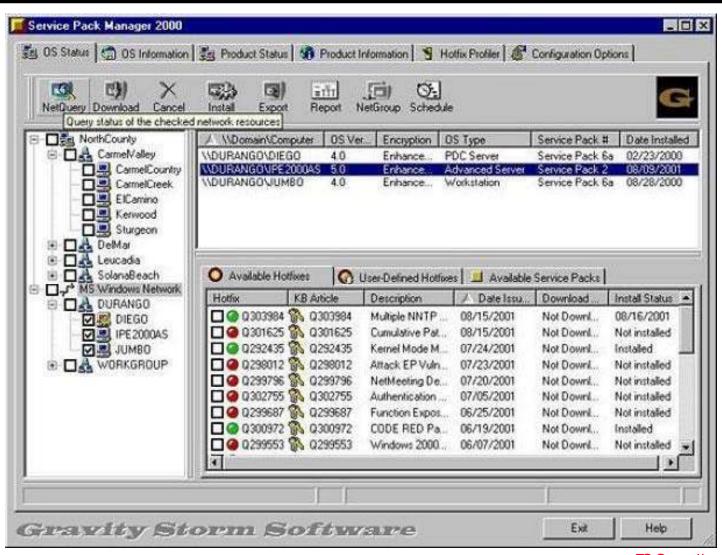
The installation status of hundreds of hotfixes can be detected quickly on any number of remote computers

It makes the task of maintaining security of the large networks viable





#### Service Pack Manager: Screenshot







# Tool: Altiris Patch Management Solution

Altiris Patch Management Solution software proactively manages patches and software updates by automating the collection, analysis, and delivery of patches across your enterprise

It helps you to decrease the costs involved in delivering patches throughout your enterprise and integrates with Altiris Recovery Solution for stable-state rollback

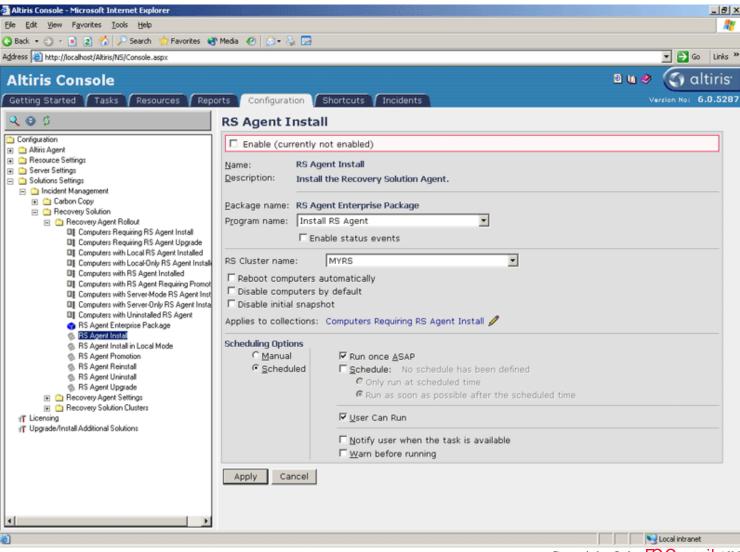
It provides improved functionality in the analysis, collection, and distribution of OS and application updates

It improves business continuity and accelerates IT systems' security by reducing the need for extended patch test cycles



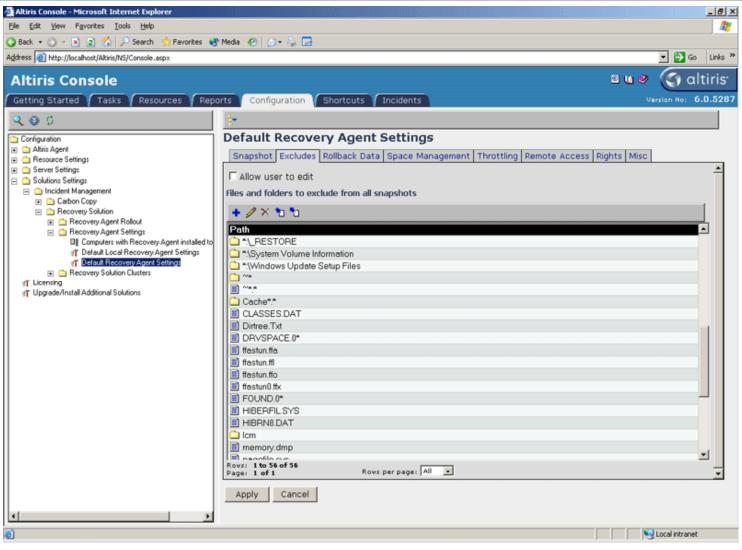


#### Altiris Patch Management Solution: Screenshot 1





#### Altiris Patch Management Solution: Screenshot 2







#### Tool: BMC Patch Manager

BMC Patch Manager enables you to manage and deploy security and functional patches on desktops, laptops, PDAs, and servers

By automating critical patch management functions (patch collection, preparation, testing, staging, deployment, auditing), it helps you to save time, improve response times, and reduce attack-related risks

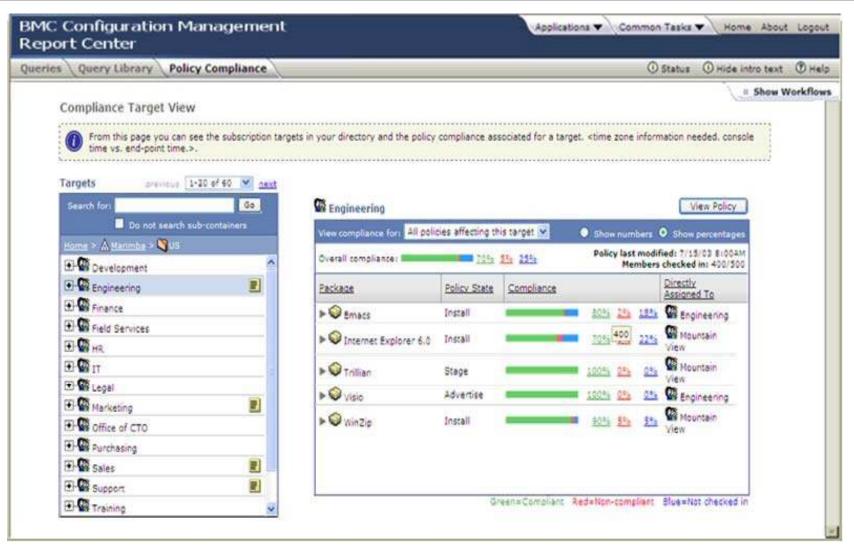
#### Features:

- Provides patch-testing capabilities that allow administrators to group test patch installations within sample environments
- Allows you to deploy patches basedon security policies for ongoing operations or specific tasks for emergency deployments
- Identifies vulnerabilities, automatically deliverscritical patches, and fixes to thousands of endpoints, and verifies deployment success
- Allows you to proactively manage the distribution of patches including functional, anti-virus, and security patches to lower patch management costs





### BMC Patch Manager: Screenshot





### Tool: Hotfix Reporter

Hotfix Reporter is a tool that works in conjunction with the Microsoft Network Security Hotfix Checker (HfNetChk) tool to scan your network server for missing patches

HfNetChk scans your system for missing patches, but displays the results in a raw, plaintext, and unfriendly format

Hotfix Reporter converts the HfNetChk's raw output into an HTML page, complete with clickable links, making it easy to download the necessary patches from Microsoft

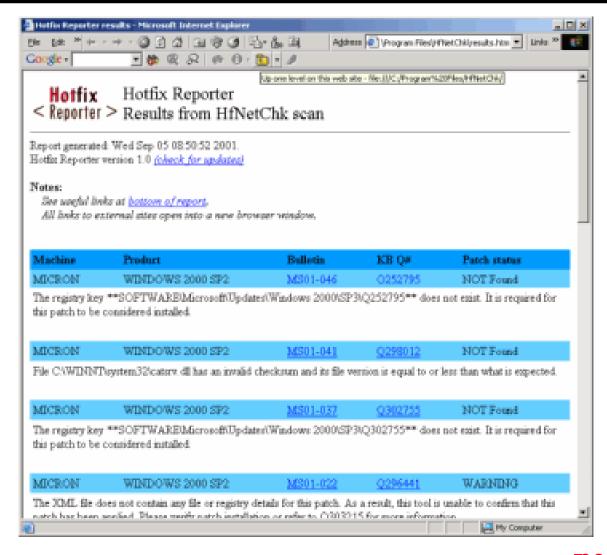
#### Features:

- Converts HfNetChk output into user-friendly HTML
- Tells you if the scan gave different results thanthe last time it was run, making it easy to quickly tell if any new patches have been released
- Displays Microsoft security bulletin numbers and knowledgebase article numbers as clickable links
- Shows the most recent patches first





#### Hotfix Reporter: Screenshot





#### Tool: Numara Patch Manager

Numara Patch Manager is a tool used to update and download patches for Microsoft's operating systems and applications across your entire network

It allows you to assess the patch status of all Microsoft-based workstations as well as validate any existing patches that have been installed

It create baseline patch groups and scan groups of workstations to determine which ones are compliant and which ones are not

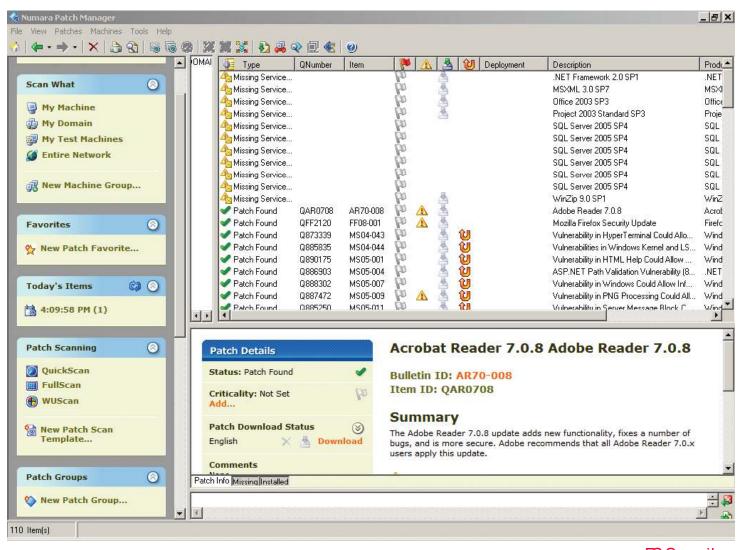
It can also be used to perform patch scans during non-business hours or off-peak bandwidth periods

Administrators can reboot workstations immediately or at a specified date or time





#### Numara Patch Manager: Screenshot





### Tool: TrueUpdate

TrueUpdate is a comprehensive solution for software developers wanting to integrate automatic updating capabilities into their software applications

It gives you a robust client/server framework for determining required updates, and then retrieving and applying the necessary patches or installation files using standard Internet protocols

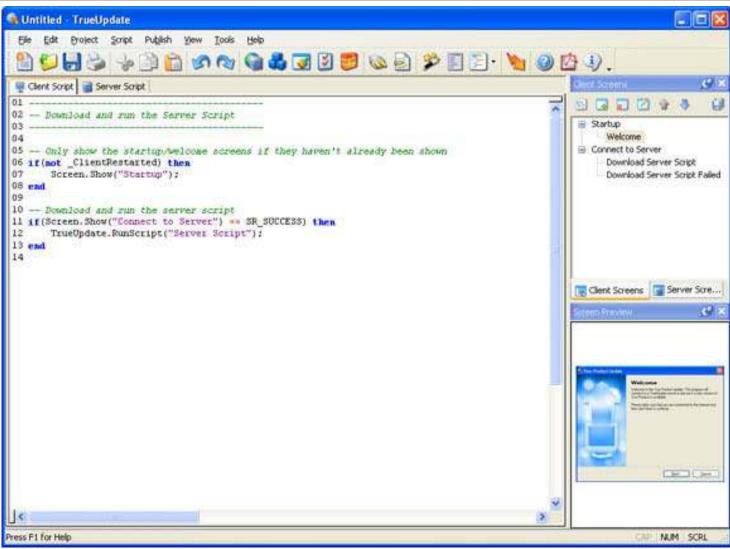
#### Features:

- The client can easily be integrated into existing software or installed as a standalone application
- Compatible with any update/patching method, from full setups and self-contained binary patches to download and extract from zip files
- The system is always up-to-date with the latest software and patches
- Includes more than 250 high level actions with everything from registry editing and file copying to web server script interaction and much more





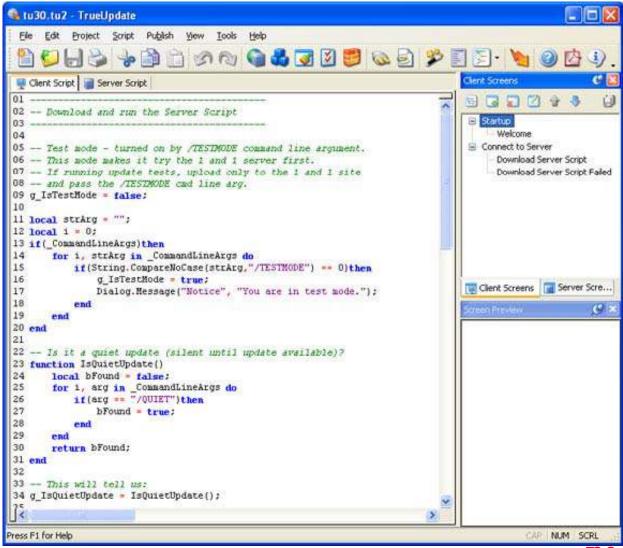
### TrueUpdate: Screenshot 1







#### TrueUpdate: Screenshot 2







#### TrueUpdate: Screenshot 3

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004
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            if (Application. GetLastError() == 0)then
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032 - Written out to an INI file during install: cm or ev
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#### Tool: FlashUpdate

FlashUpdate is a software update solution for windows developers

It allows you to create, manage, and distribute your software updates and patches in a flash

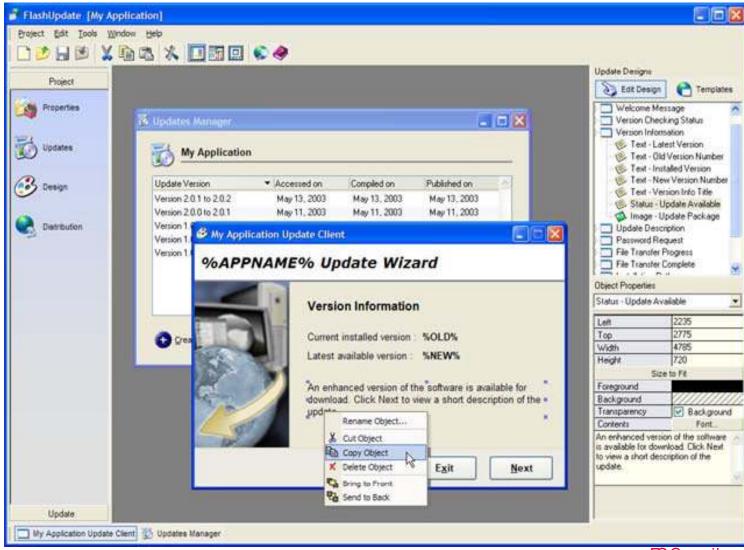
#### Features:

- Advanced Patch Engine provides up to 98% file compression
- Adaptive patch creation for optimal patch size and speed efficiency
- Support for all file types, including executable files, system files, data files, and documents
- Native support for shared and locked files
- Helps to prevent software piracy





#### FlashUpdate: Screenshot







# Tool: Microsoft Software Update Services (SUS)

Software Update Services (SUS) supports updating for a broader set of Microsoft products and provides robust management and reporting features

It connects through your firewall to the windows update site and allows IT administrators to import critical updates, security updates, and service packs

Administrators can receive e-mail notification when updates are added to their SUS pipeline

It consists of both client-side and server-side components to provide a basic solution to critical update management





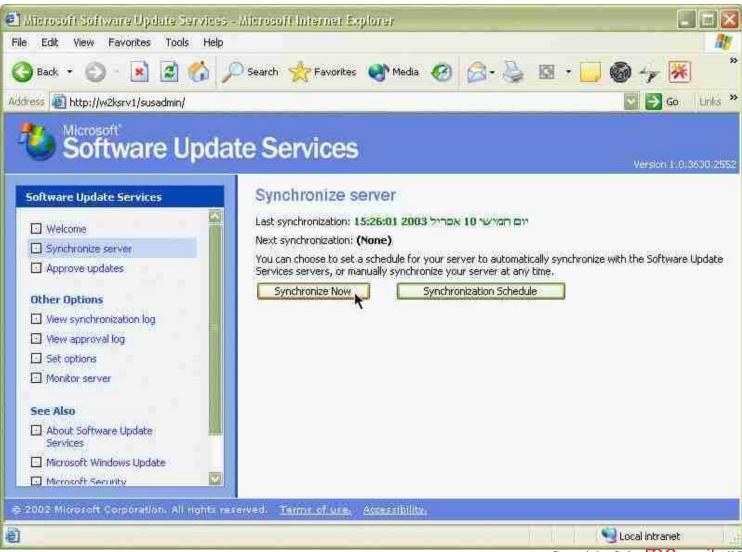
## Microsoft Software Update Services (SUS): Screenshot 1







## Microsoft Software Update Services (SUS): Screenshot 2





#### Tool: Prism Patch Manager

Prism Patch Manager automatically secures windows systems from software vulnerabilities by managing the entire software patching process

It manages the software patching process such as discovering vulnerabilities, acquiring and testing patches, and deploying patches

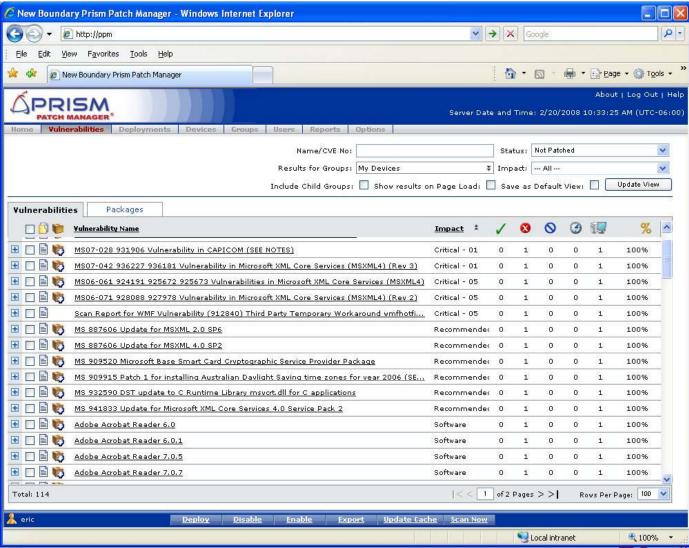
It delivers comprehensive reporting to demonstrate patch compliance to management and auditors

It reduces organizational risk, improves IT productivity, and lowers the cost of IT infrastructure maintenance





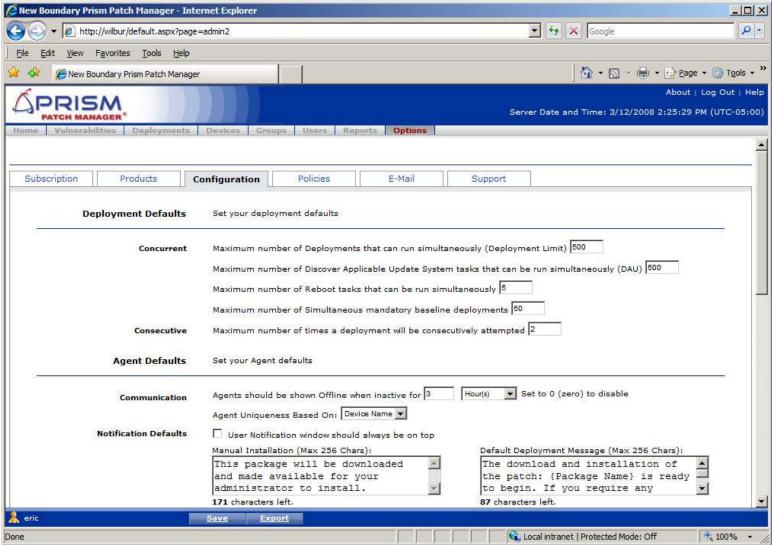
#### Prism Patch Manager: Screenshot 1







#### Prism Patch Manager: Screenshot 2



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#### Tool: Patch-Magic

Patch-Magic updates all computer systems in your network

It avoids viruses and worms, and minimizes security risks

It can be used to scan each system individually, to discover necessary patches and updates, and to install them remotely

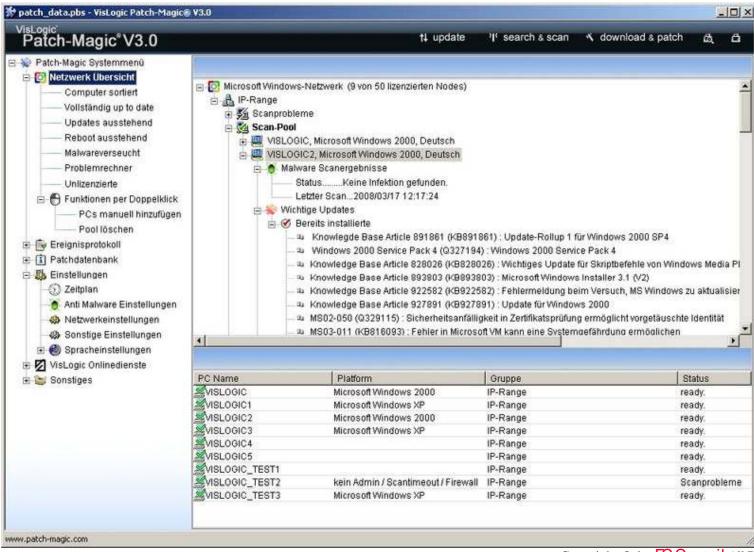
#### Features:

- Intuitive view and description of missing patches
- Automates patch download and individual deployment
- Identifies and removes remote malware in your LAN
- Time scheduler for scans, deployment, and data base update
- Supports virus scanning proxy servers / firewalls
- Centralized storage of patches at the location of your choice (patch library)
- Intelligent reboot handling





#### Patch-Magic: Screenshot





### Patch Management Checklist

How often and when do you apply patches?

Who can deploy and/or authorize updates?



How are patches tested prior to rollout?

What problems will trigger a rollback?





### Best Practices for Patch Management

Test the patch before rollout to ensure that the applied patch is compatible with other applications

You need to have a rollback version when the applied patch fails

Do not deploy multiple patches simultaneously across the network as it will halt other applications and will be inconvenient for users

Deploy the patches after production hours as reboot is required for maximum patches

Always check for latest releases to minimize downtime as often a user calls or virus initiates a frantic search for a missing patch

If you patch regularly, you need to keep track of what fixes were applied, when, for auditing and reporting

Follow the defined patch process which specifies who may approve patches and procedures to deploy them



A hotfix is a code that fixes a bug in a product

Patch Management is the process of correcting deficiencies and updating software with the latest features

Windows patch management involves: testing, deployment, and validation

Microsoft Software Update Services (SUS) hosts windows updates

Designing a deployment plan to distribute patch on a timely basis is one of the best practices in the patch management

