

Patch Management Tools

Keeping track of your organization's patches and updates can be an overwhelming task for any IT professional. Many still attempt to track them manually but as we expect more and more of our network administrators it is time to look at making the solutions simpler and less prone to human error or simply not having enough hours in the day to get them all into the system.

There are numerous vendors that now offer Patch Management Tools to help network administrators install and track their organization's patches and updates. The following Patch Management Tools are available to everyone. Summaries of each tool have been taken directly from the organizations' websites. Here are just a few:

Vendor	Product	URL
Autonomic Software	Autonomic Network & System Administration (ANSA)	http://www.autonomic-software.com
Ecora	Patch Manager	http://www.ecora.com/
GFI	LanGuard Network Security Center	www.gfi.com
Kaseya	Patch Management Software	www.kaseya.com
Microsoft	Software Update Services (SUS)	http://www.microsoft.com
Novell	ZENworks Patch Management	www.novell.com
ScriptLogic	Patch Authority Plus	www.scriptlogic.com
PatchLink	Update	www.patchlink.com
SecureCentral	PatchQuest	http://manageengine.adventnet.com/products/patchquest/index.html
Shavlik	NetChk Protect	http://www.shavlik.com
Attachmate	WINInstall	www.attachmate.com

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