

Patch Management

Unpatched vulnerabilities in the operating systems and applications running on your network significantly elevate the risk of successful attack. Keeping vulnerabilities patched can often seem like an escalating arms race between attackers and defenders. While attacks against vulnerabilities that have no available patches are possible, most successful attacks simply exploit known vulnerabilities. To protect against these, all known software vulnerabilities should be addressed as soon as patches are available.

Most vendors release patches regularly. Microsoft patches are released monthly. Adobe and Java patches are usually released on a quarterly basis. However, as software companies become increasingly security-minded, unscheduled patches are becoming more common. Keeping on top of these patches requires constant vigilance.

Most software companies provide some type of automatic update tool, but these solutions are usually inconsistent and require action on every machine to be effective. Keeping abreast of everything needed to keep a network secure can easily turn into a full-time concern, unless some type of patch management system is utilized. Not only does a patch management system take much of the burden off your IT staff, it also ensures that patches are applied regularly, consistently and in a timely manner.

Patch Management System Benefits

- Patch vulnerabilities as soon as a stable patch is available
- Manage patches across an entire network
- Allow for centralized and consistent patch management
- Minimize labor costs to keep your software up to date

Our Solutions

We offer several patch management solutions to help you and your IT staff manage patches on your network. Whether you are best served by having your internal resources use a standalone installation to run your environment, or if you wish to leverage our trained staff and use our managed patch management service, a patch management solution often pays for itself in time savings, making the security enhancement a very welcome bonus. However, each network is different, so we recommend meeting with one of our security consultants to determine which solution is best-suited to your unique IT needs.

Contact us today so we can determine which patch management solution is best for you.