



GFI Software Product Comparison

GFI EndPointSecurity vs. Symantec Endpoint Protection

General Technical Features	EndPointSecurity	Endpoint Protection
Low level driver implementation - kernel mode driver implementation	✓	✗
ACL based access control	✓	✗ you can not have per user granularity
Range of Supported devices	****	***
Range of supported connectivity methods	ALL	ALL
Block all selected device classes automatically by default	✓	✗
Granularity: provide the ability to specify read or write access for the storage devices (irrespective of connectivity method!!)	✓	✗
File type based control	✓	✗
Exception lists for device classes	✓	✓
Exception lists for time intervals	✓	✗
Logging to MS Event Log	✓	✗
Logging to SQL database (own format)	✓	✗
Support for Active Directory user groups	✓	✗
Deployment of agent does not require reboot of the target machine	✓	✓
Alerting (SMS\ EMAIL\ run command)	✓\✓\✗	✗\✓\✓
Configurable port for communication between agents and management application	✓	✗
Custom message to the end user when a device is blocked	✗	✓
Tampering protection features	EndPointSecurity	Endpoint Protection
Small footprint on the controlled machine (per machine installation, no shortcuts, etc)	✓	✗
Agent is not registered and published as an installed application – does not appear in the add/remove programs	✓	✓
Protection of the driver file (ACL based)	✓	✗
Protection of the service (service ACL)	✓	✗
Protection of the registry hive of the application (ACL based)	✓	✗
Protection of the registry hive of the service (ACL based)	✓	✗
Recovery enabled on the service	✓	✗
Protection of the application files (ACL based)	✓	✗
Encryption of the configuration files	✓	✗
Protection at uninstall (uninstall can only be performed from the management application)	✓	✗
Immediate application of the changes in configuration (deployment of agents, modification of access rights, etc)	✓	✓
Regeneration of agent files, registry keys, configuration in case of tampering	✓	✗
Live status of the agents' health	✗	✓
Standard logging of the user activity on the controlled devices – MS Event Log	✓	✗
Installation of the agent does not support standard MSI parameters to avoid unauthorized uninstall of the agent	✓	✗
Agent management features	EndPointSecurity	Endpoint Protection
Agent based	✓	✓
Centralized management of the agents	✓	✓
Centralized management of the access rights	✓	✗
Separate installations for the central management application and	✓	✓

the agents		
Deployment through own user interface	✓	✗
Deployment via Group Policy	✓	✗
Domain wide deployment	✓	✓
Deployment to a list of computers	✓	✓
Deployment to selected targets	✓	✓
Browse for domains/computers functionality	✓	✓
Multithreaded deployment	✓	✗
Browse for users functionality	✓	✗
Ability to group computers in a control group (or add them to a control policy)	✓	✓
Control groups - Inheritance of the settings from the root level (defaults)	✓	✓
Controlled Computers - Inheritance of the settings from the parent container of the computer.	✓	✓
Highlighted failed deployments or configuration updates	✓	✓
UI Embedded logging of all the actions performed when using the management console	✓	✗
Filter out computers from the deployment process	✓	✓
Creation of the windows user groups for the selected devices at install time if the user chooses so	✓	✗
Scheduled deployment	✓	✗
Fast, immediate deployment of the access rights changes	✓	✗
Sort list of computers in a group	✓	✗
Application interaction features	EndPointSecurity	Endpoint Protection
Maintains stability on the supported operating systems	✓	✓
Does not exercise excessive resource consumption on the supported operating systems	✓	✓
Does not cause OS crashes in any situations	✓	✓
Anti – virus friendly: maintains stability and does not have unexpected behaviors when used in conjunction with anti-virus software.	✓	✓
Other low level application friendly – maintains stability, does not have unexpected behaviors when used in conjunction with other low level software like disk recovery tools, backup tools, etc	✓	✓
Usability Features	EndPointSecurity	Endpoint Protection
Intuitive, easy to use interface	✓	✓
Presence of simple wizards to perform the common tasks	✓	✓
Basic configuration settings available at installation time	✓	✗
Based on the device class concept rather than connectivity port concept. This contributes to making it easier for the users to understand.	✓	✗
Minimal hardware and software requirements for the application to work	✓	✓
Intuitive troubleshooting module	✓	✗
Full product available in German language	✓	✗
Network devices discovery and management	✓	✗
Protection against USB software which runs automatically - keyloggers	✓	✗
Active Directory integration for agent deployment	✓	✗
Integration with other owner's software	✓	✓
Management application installs on 64bits OS	✓	✓
Protects 64bits OS machines ALL windows versions	✓	✓
Support for Vista and Windows server 2008	✓	✓
Reporting features	EndPointSecurity	Endpoint Protection
Technical reports	✓	✓
Trend reports	✓	✓

Summary / count reports	✓	✓
Top 20 reports (most active users /machines)	✓	✗
Scheduled reporting	✓	✓

Prices in US Dollars (for Endpoint protection - online shops, not official quotes):

Number of computers to protect	EndPointSecurity	Endpoint Protection
5	-	235
25	750	841-1200
100	1620	-
250	2700	-