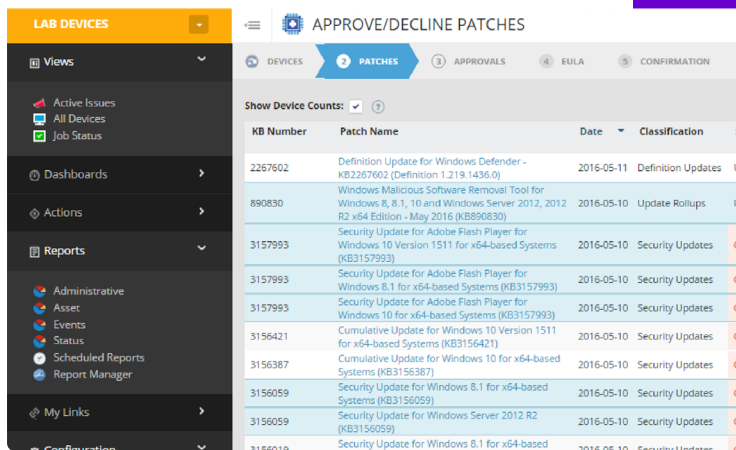# Patch Management

A feature available with N-able N-central

Deploying updates or patches can make or break productivity—not just for the IT support team, but your entire organization. If you manage many workstations and servers, patch management can quickly become complex and possibly expose your system to sluggish performance and serious security risks.

Designed with IT departments in mind

The advanced patch management module in N-able™ N-central® allows you to patch Microsoft® applications and platforms as well as third-party software, such as Java®, Adobe® products, and common browsers. Combined with flexible workflows and powerful reporting capabilities, you can now easily manage your patching requirements anywhere devices reside, without the need for WSUS.

Granular patch approval

Patches can be allowed or blocked by device, patch, or keyword, and approved automatically as they are detected. Patches can even be delayed for approval to allow for testing prior to full-scale deployment.

Powerful reports

Create reports to show the current patch levels of your business' devices and get visibility into what patch-related activities have been performed.

Bandwidth optimization via probe caching

Updates needed in the network are downloaded once and cached locally.

Agent-based patch discovery and installation

Enjoy stable, flexible, and simplified patching in an environment free of complex infrastructures, such as WSUS.

Profile-based configuration

Manage your patch configuration for your entire IT environment from a single, unified dashboard.

Flexible scheduling options

Set patching windows to update software without disrupting employees during times of high productivity.

Rich monitoring

Patch monitoring provides deep insight into approved, unapproved, pending, and failed patching efforts.

Key benefits

- Save time and money by approving and managing patches for all your devices at once through the N-central console

- Reduce time to deploy and install patches by specifying when automated reboots should occur

- Help eliminate complexity by approving or declining patches at patch, device, or group level

- Conserve bandwidth consumption with our optimized patch-management architecture

- Justify investments and demonstrate value to management/stakeholders by leveraging advanced reporting capabilities