

Qualys Patch Management

Release Notes

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Here's what's new in Patch Management 1.3.0.0!

[Patch Scheduling enhancements](#)

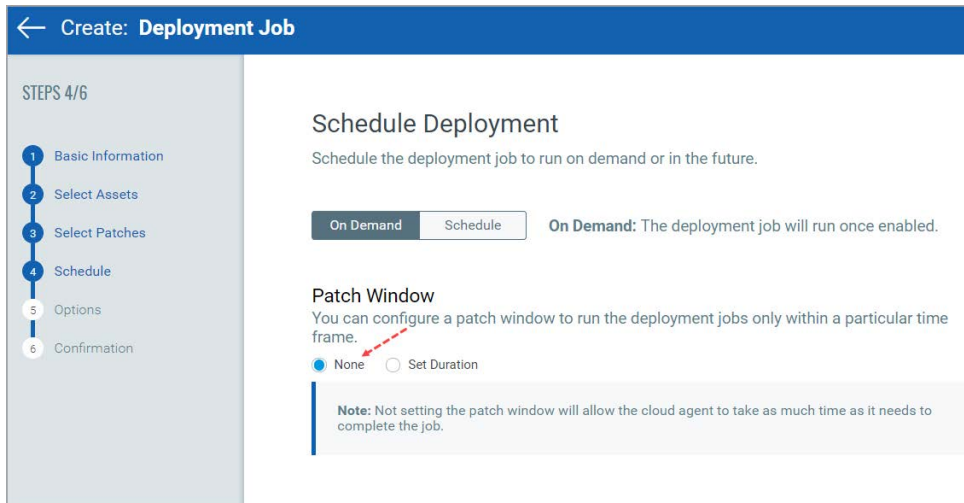
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Patch Scheduling enhancements

You can now configure patch deployment/uninstall jobs with no patch window. This allows the Cloud Agent to take the time it needs to complete the job, instead of getting “timed out” if the installation does not start within the set patch window.



The screenshot shows the 'Create: Deployment Job' interface. On the left, a sidebar lists six steps: 1 Basic Information, 2 Select Assets, 3 Select Patches, 4 Schedule (highlighted), 5 Options, and 6 Confirmation. The main content area is titled 'Schedule Deployment' and includes the instruction 'Schedule the deployment job to run on demand or in the future.' Below this are two buttons: 'On Demand' (selected) and 'Schedule'. To the right of the 'On Demand' button is the text 'On Demand: The deployment job will run once enabled.' Further down, the 'Patch Window' section explains that users can configure a patch window to run deployment jobs only within a particular time frame. It features two radio buttons: 'None' (selected) and 'Set Duration'. A red dashed arrow points from the 'None' radio button to the 'Patch Window' text. A note at the bottom states: 'Note: Not setting the patch window will allow the cloud agent to take as much time as it needs to complete the job.'

Suppress Reboot

You can now configure patch deployment/uninstall jobs to suppress (not show) reboot prompts where asset reboot is required upon patch deployment/uninstallation.

← Create: Deployment Job

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- 1 Basic Information
- 2 Select Assets
- 3 Select Patches
- 4 Schedule
- 5 Options
- 6 Confirmation

Deployment Complete ☐ OFF
Display message to users when patch Deployment is complete.

Reboot messages

Suppress Reboot ☒ ON
Asset reboot is suppressed and users are not prompted for reboot post patch installation.

Additional configurations

We have introduced following new configurations for deployment/uninstall jobs.

Create Job in Enabled state

You can configure a job to be enabled immediately upon creation.

Opportunistic patch download

In case of scheduled jobs, you can enable opportunistic patch download to allow the Cloud Agent to download the required patches before a scheduled job run begins. This will help the Cloud Agent to deploy/uninstall patches in less amount of time instead of waiting to download the patches only after a job run starts.

← Create: Deployment Job

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- 1 Basic Information
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Show message to users indicating that a reboot is required.
(If no user is logged in, reboot will start immediately after patch deployment)

Reboot Countdown ☐ OFF
Show countdown message to users after deferment limit is reached.

Additional Job Settings

Create job in Enabled state ☐ OFF
The job is enabled immediately upon creation.

Enable opportunistic patch download ☐ OFF
The agent attempts to download patches before a scheduled job run.

Fallback to free version

Patch Management will revert to the Free version once your Trial or Full subscription expires. Existing scan intervals of less than four hours will get converted to intervals of four hours. Your existing jobs will be disabled and you can re-enable them once you renew your subscription.

The free version allows you to create assessment profiles with a minimum scan interval of four hours and see a list of missing and installed patches on the assets in your environment. It doesn't allow creating deployment/uninstall jobs.