Qualys Patch Management

Release Notes

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What's New

Here's what's new in Patch Management 2.6!

Risk Reduction Recommendation - Patch Prioritization with Group By Product
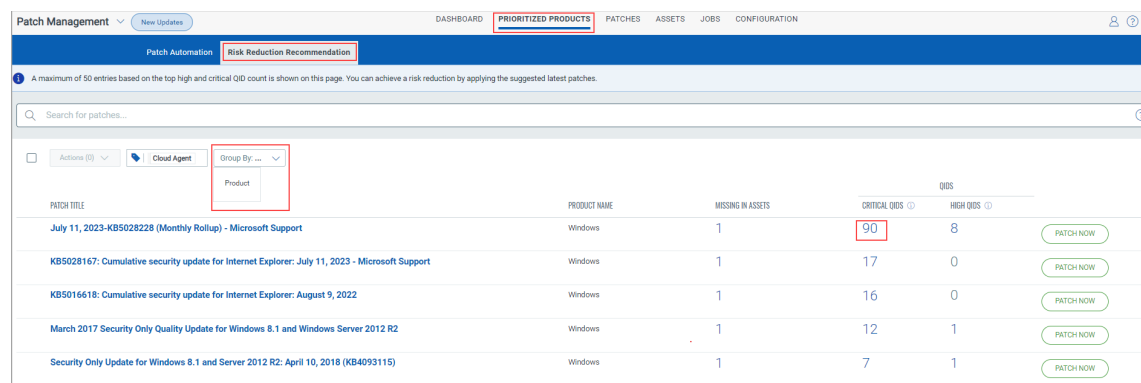Manual Asset Addition to Jobs - Limit Increased from 50 to 100
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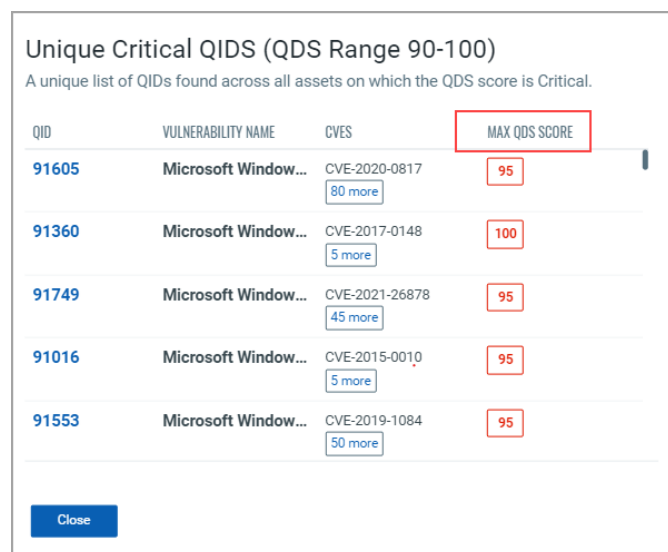**Qualys 2.6 brings you more improvements and updates!** Learn more

Risk Reduction Recommendation - Patch Prioritization with Group By Product

The **Group By** option is added on the **Prioritized Products** > **Risk Reduction Recommendation** tab. Using the **Group By** option, you can filter the latest recommended patches based on the product name and get visibility to corresponding critical and high QIDs product-wise.

When you click the count from the **CRITICAL QIDs** or **HIGH QIDs** column, you can see the **MAX QDS SCORE** column in the pop-up. The Max QDS Score is the score found for assets where the listed QIDs are missing.
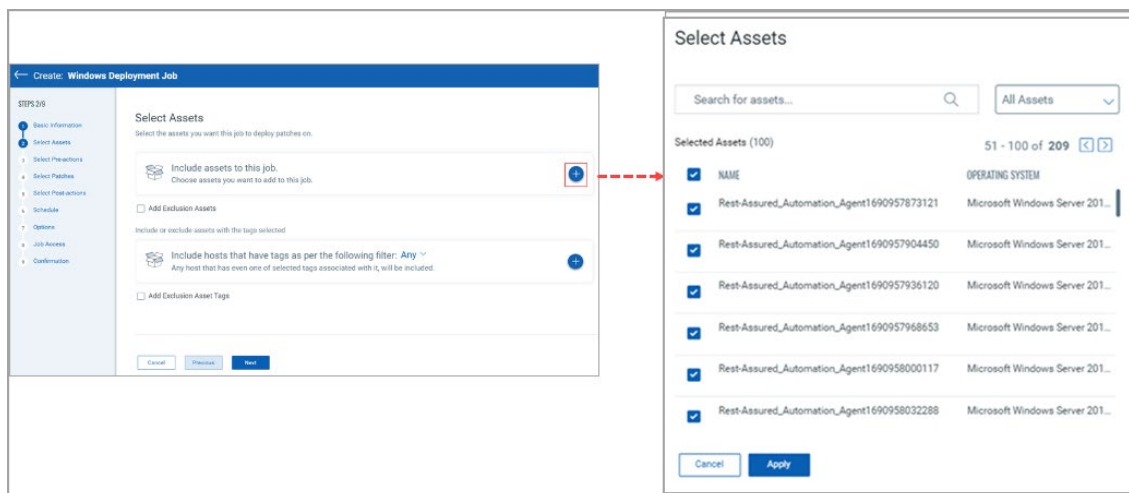

By using the **Patch Now** option, you can mitigate the vulnerabilities. When you click the **Patch Now** option, a QQL-based new job is created.

Manual Asset Addition to Jobs - Limit Increased from 50 to 100

Before the Patch Management 2.6.0.0 release, you could manually add up to a maximum of 50 assets in a deployment job. With this release, this limit is increased. As a result, you can manually add up to 100 assets in a deployment job. This applies to Windows, Linux, and Mac jobs.

Note: This is applicable to the "Include Assets to this job" option.

Report Generation - Support for Mac Patches

Like Windows and Linux, you can now generate the Mac Patches Report. To generate the Mac Patches report, navigate to the **Patches** > **Mac** tab and click the **Download** [↓] icon. The report is generated in the CSV format. Go to the "Report Download Request Status" page, and when the report status is "Ready", you can download the report.

Enable Vendor-Acquired Patch for On-demand Jobs

The Vendor-Acquired patch enablement is now supported for the on-demand jobs as well.

Note: The required cloud agent version for vendor-acquired patch enablement for on-demand jobs is 5.2 and above. For more information, see Enable Vendor Acquired Windows Patch.

Issues Addressed

- Fixed various issues related to email notifications:
  - Though the patch jobs were executed as scheduled, the email notifications customers received for job start and completion were inconsistent with the job schedule.
  - Sometimes, for the scheduled jobs, irregular email notifications were sent in some cases; for example, multiple email notifications were sent for the same job.
  - Sometimes, the customer did not receive the email notification for the job start or job completion.
- Fixed the issue with adding or removing tags from the Assessment Profile.
- Some customers encountered the "FileHasValidationFailed" issue. This issue was due to some old, unsupported patches. We have now purged such patches to fix this issue.