



## Weak Patch Management Often Root Cause of Poor Security Audit Results

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Do you have a patch management plan? If so, how effective is it? Many companies either lack a comprehensive plan or the necessary tools to properly automate the processing of updates. In fact, the underlying reasons many banks and credit unions fail the vulnerability testing component of their IT security audit is this lack of effective patch management.

As for the tools, many companies rely only on Windows Server Update Services (WSUS) to patch their Microsoft Windows operating system and other Microsoft software. WSUS does not patch non-Microsoft application software, such as Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Flash, Adobe Shockwave, which often have severe risks that can lead directly to a system compromise, if left unpatched.

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