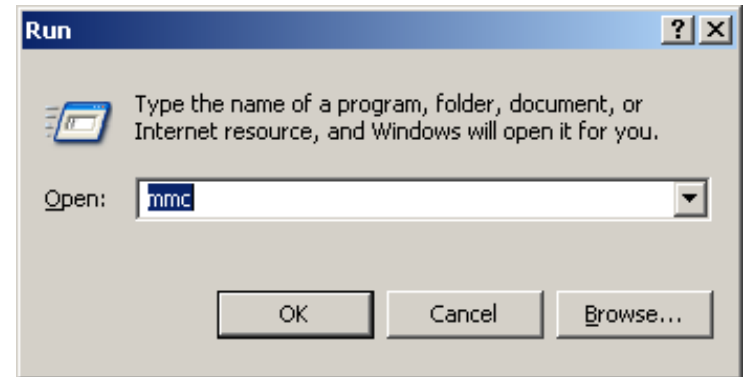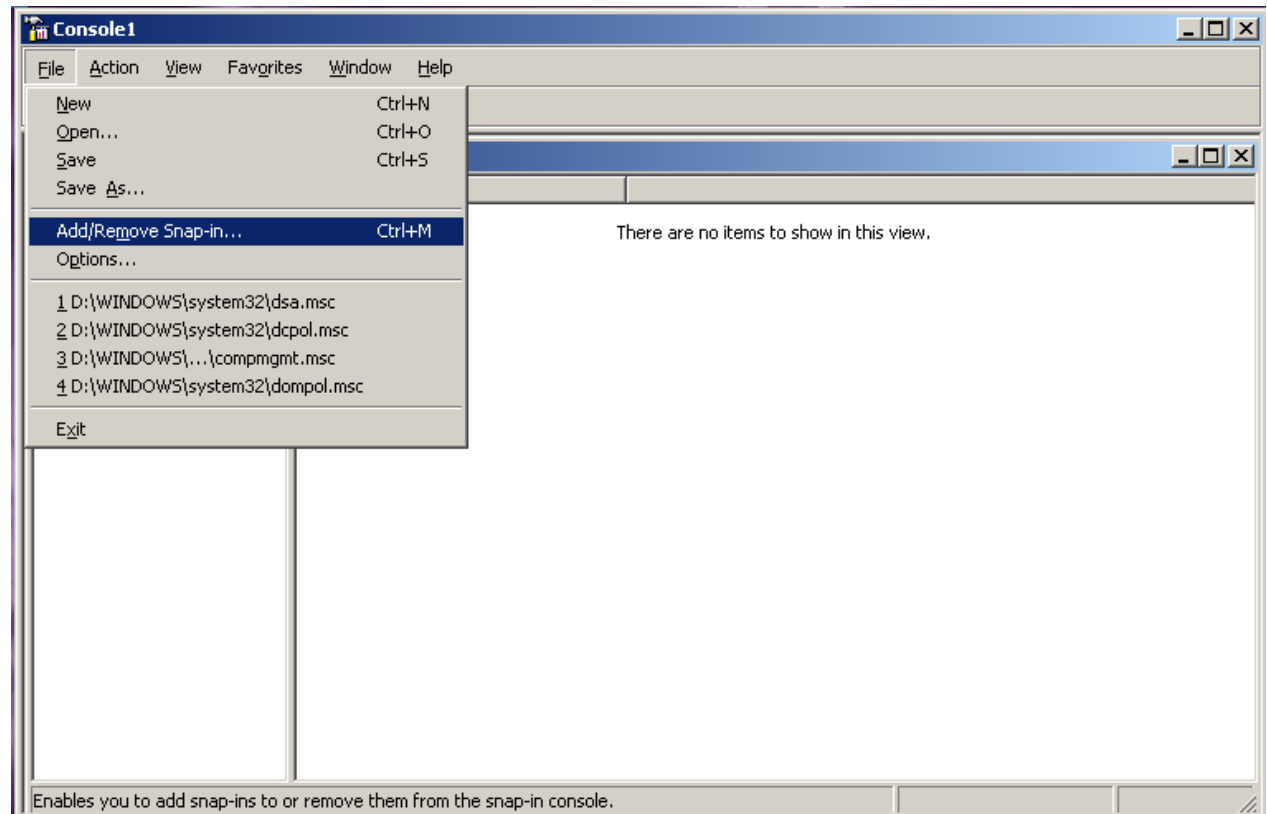# Using Microsoft Management Console

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Starting Microsoft Management Console

To create a custom window, we open the Microsoft Management Console (MMC) by selecting the start button and then choose Run. When the Run window appears, we type mmc in the Open textbox and press the OK command button.
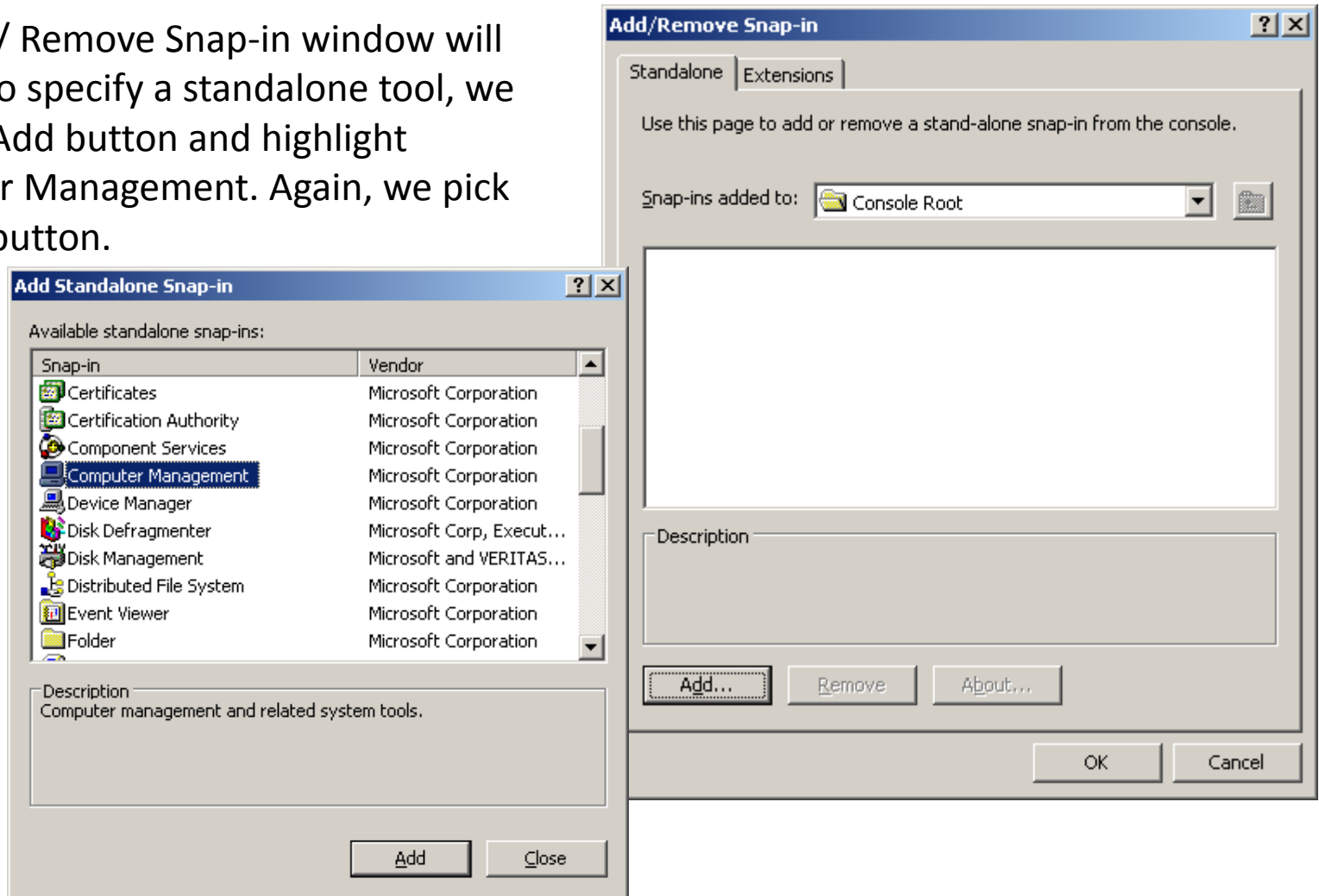
Adding a Snap In

When Console1 appears on the desktop, we pick File on the Menu bar and then we select Add/Remove Snap-in.
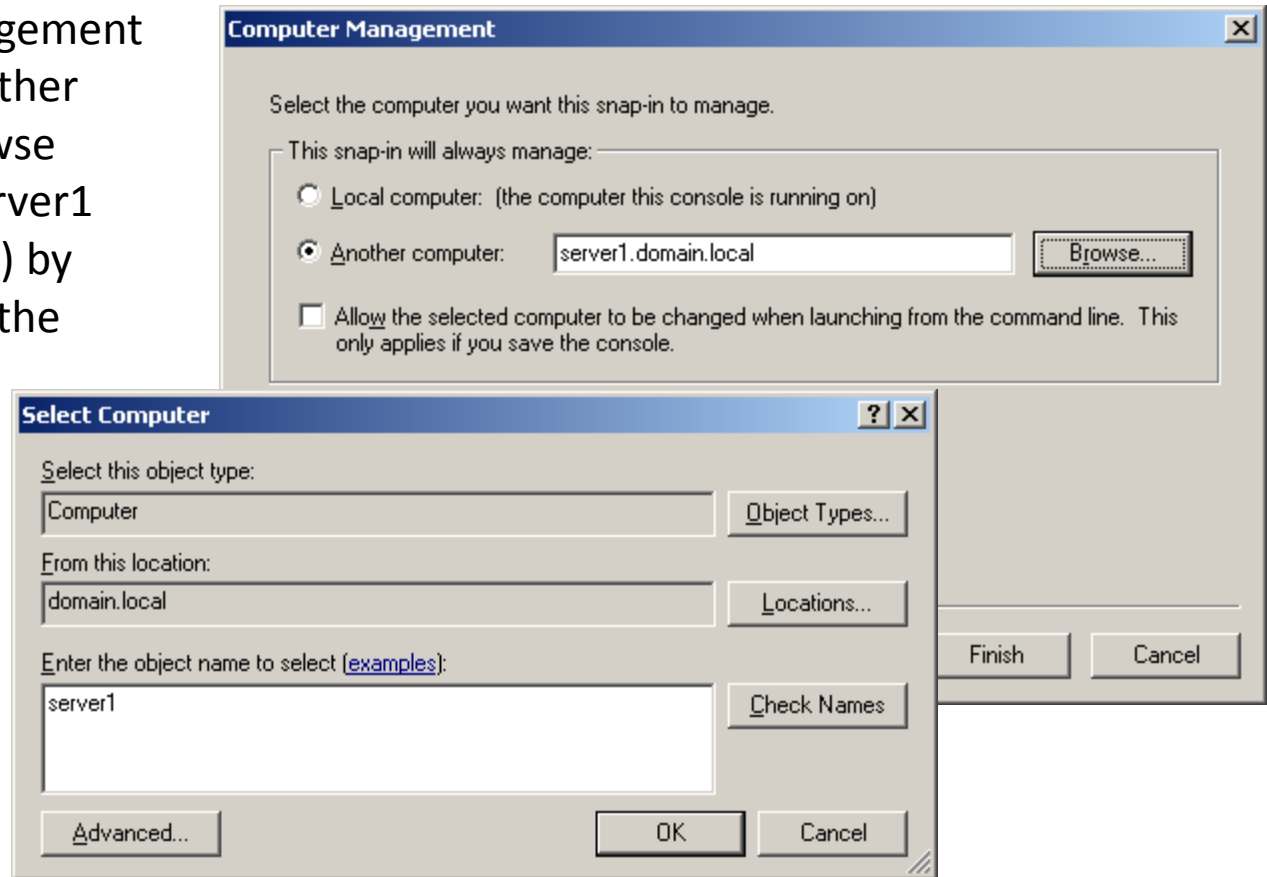
Add Computer Management

The Add / Remove Snap-in window will appear. To specify a standalone tool, we pick the Add button and highlight Computer Management. Again, we pick the Add button.
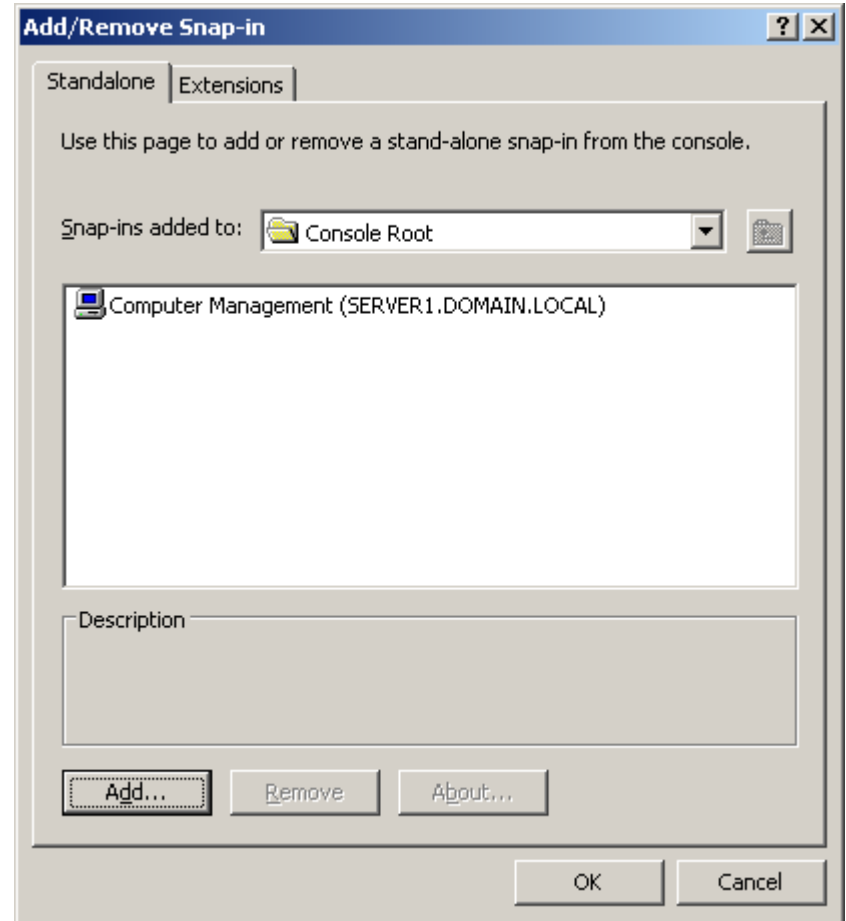
Select the Server to Manage

In the Computer Management window, we select Another computer and the Browse button. We will add Server1 (the Domain Controller) by typing that name in as the object name.
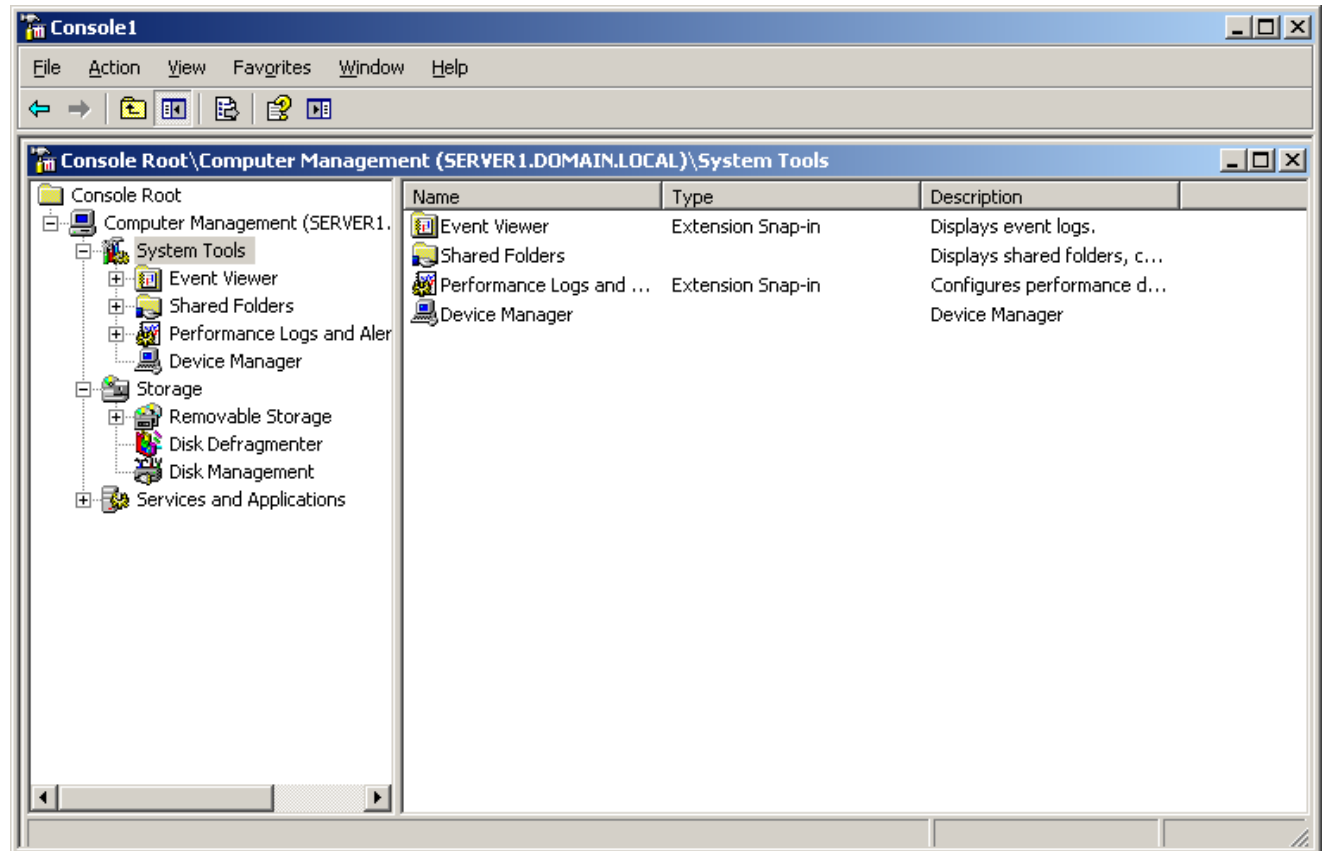
Adding More Snap-ins

Presently, we can see Server1 on the list of standalone tools. We can add more servers to the list if we desire.

If Server1 is the only server we want on the list, we press OK to continue.
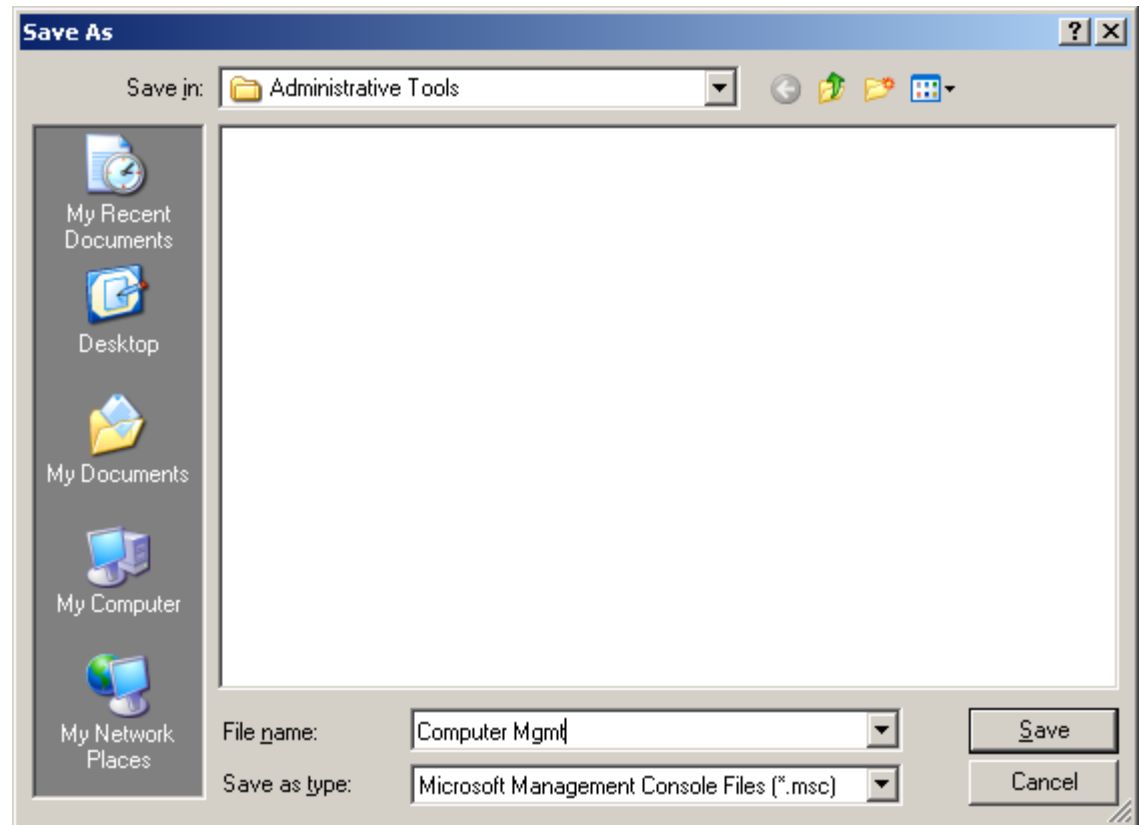
Managing another Server Remotely

So, now we can check the event viewer, shared folders, the device manager and more from our secondary server.
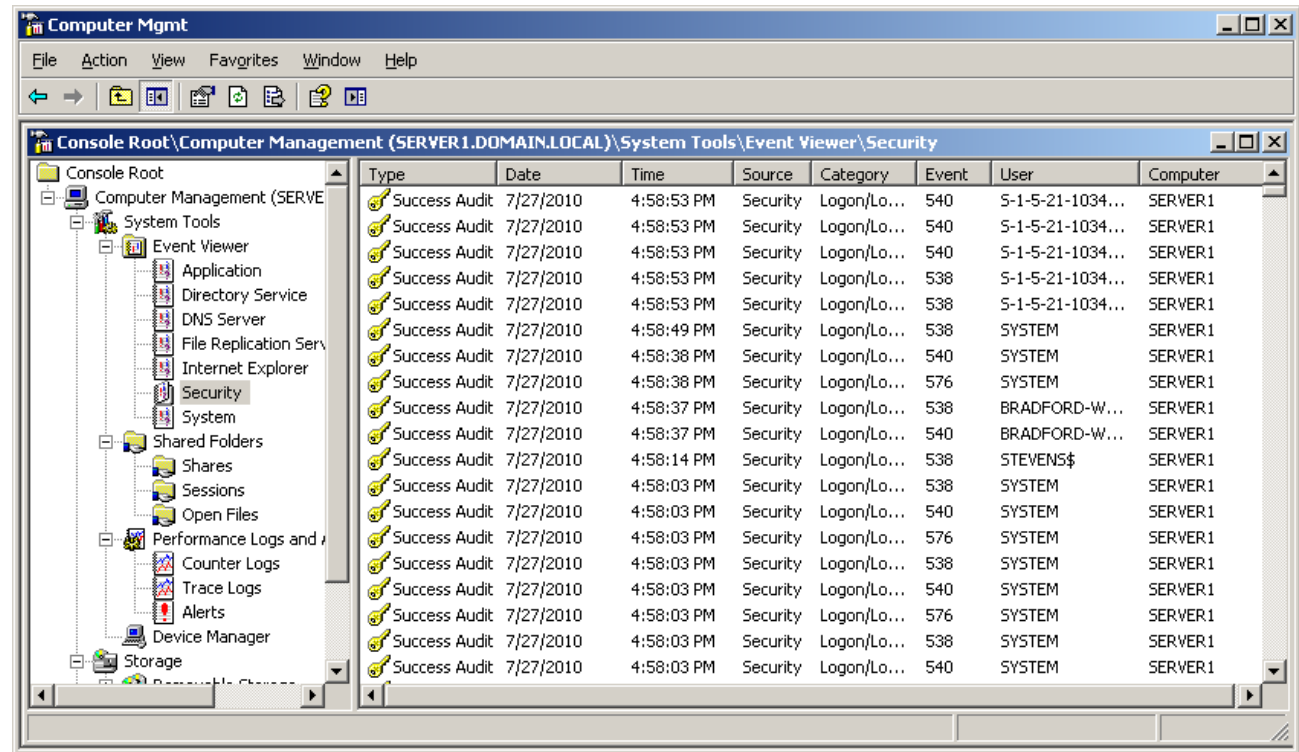
Saving the Console

To save the console, we choose File on the Menu bar and Save. We will save the console as Computer Mgmt.

The Computer Mgmt Console

The console is saved and we can continue checking Server1's event viewer such as the Security log.

Using MMC

To practice working with the custom console, we will want to create a Computer Management Console for each server in the Domain.local forest.