Question:How To Raise Domain \ Forest Functional Level Windows Server 2008 R2
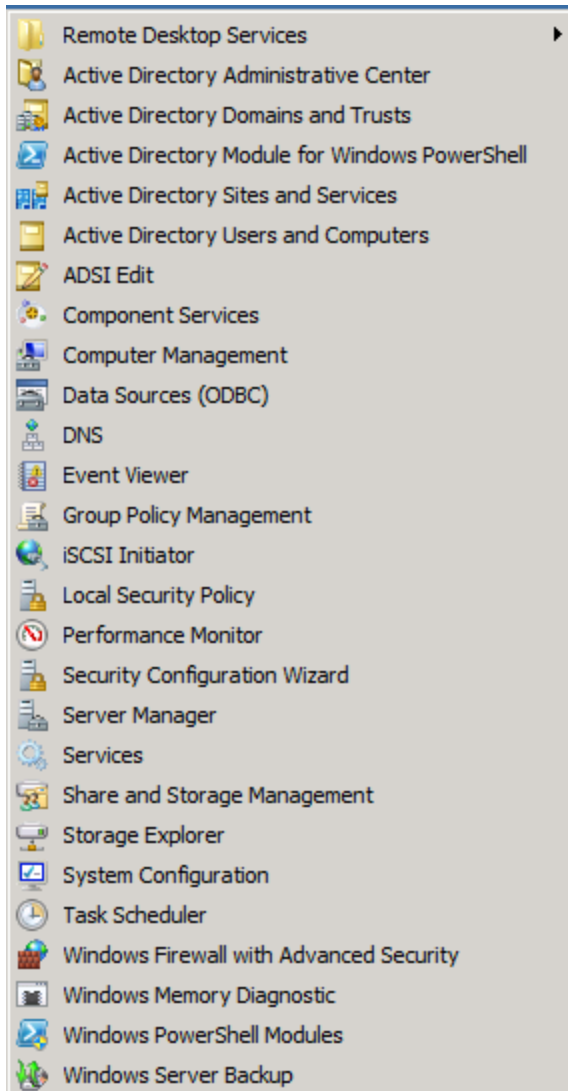
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Answer: In order to use many of Windows Server 2008 and Windows Server 2008 R2 new function we need to raise the domain and forest functional level.

Before using this KB you will have to prepare you your domain controller for windows server 2008 R2 domain controller which mean that your DC needs to run windows server 2008 R2.
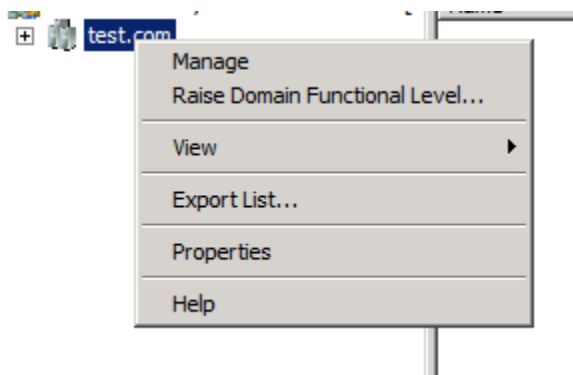
To raise the domian functional level to Windows Server 2008 R2 follow the steps below:
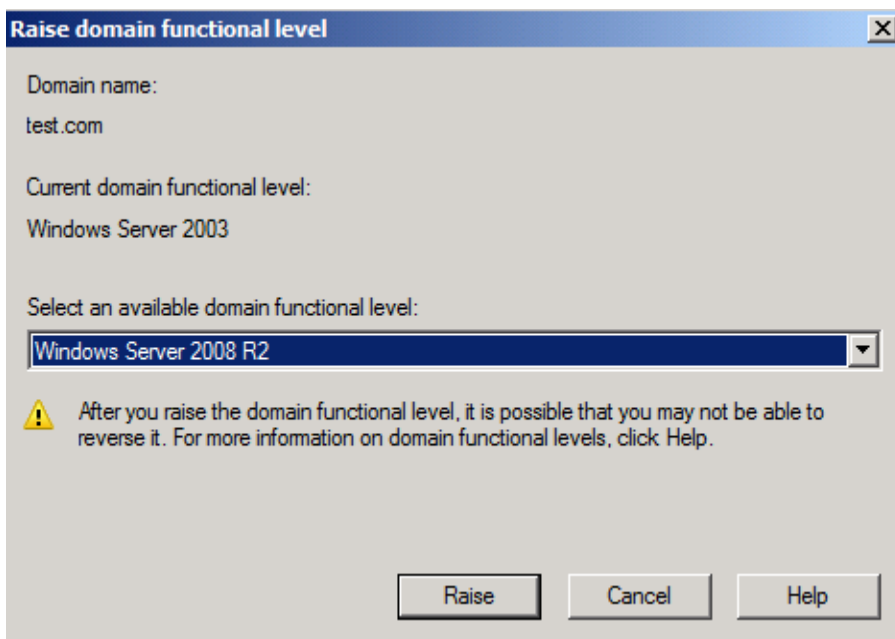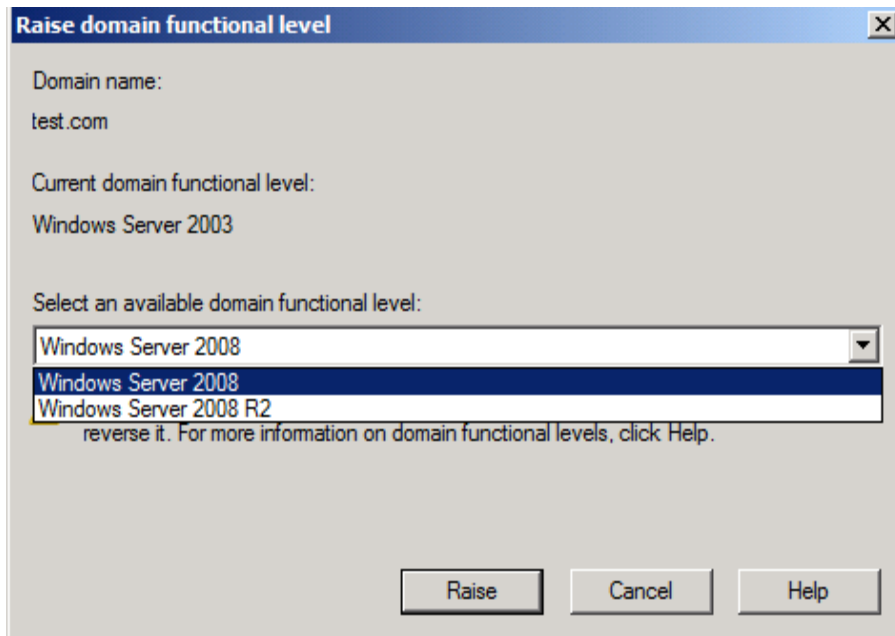
Step 1: Raise Domain Functional Level.

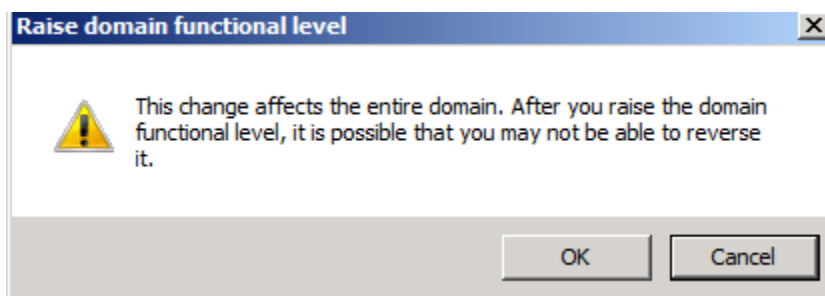Open Active Directory Domain And Trusts.

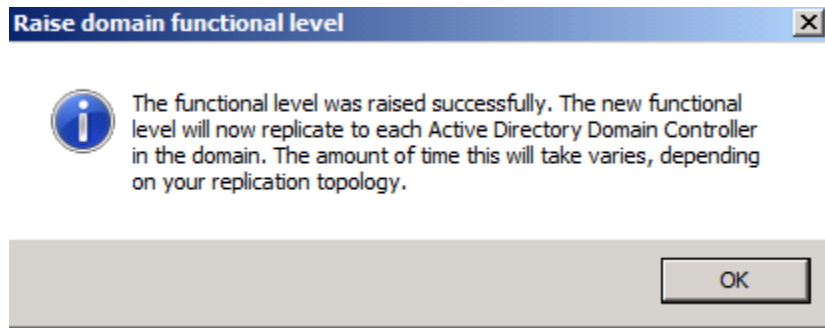Right Click on your domain name and click on Raise Domain Functional Level.

You will see the options (I will use R2).

Raise domain functional level

Domain name:

test.com

Current domain functional level:

Windows Server 2003

Select an available domain functional level:

Windows Server 2008

Windows Server 2008
Windows Server 2008 R2

reverse it. For more information on domain functional levels, click Help.

[Raise] [Cancel] [Help]

Raise domain functional level

Domain name:

test.com

Current domain functional level:

Windows Server 2003

Select an available domain functional level:

Windows Server 2008 R2

⚠ After you raise the domain functional level, it is possible that you may not be able to reverse it. For more information on domain functional levels, click Help.

[Raise] [Cancel] [Help]

Click OK.

Raise domain functional level

⚠ This change affects the entire domain. After you raise the domain functional level, it is possible that you may not be able to reverse it.
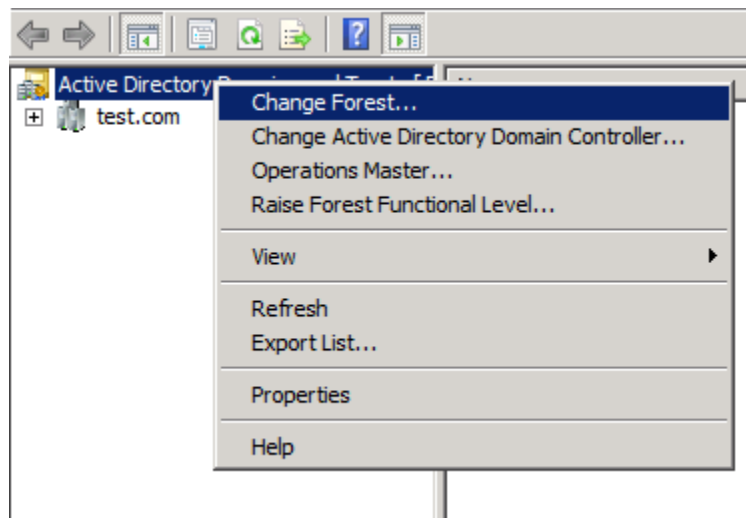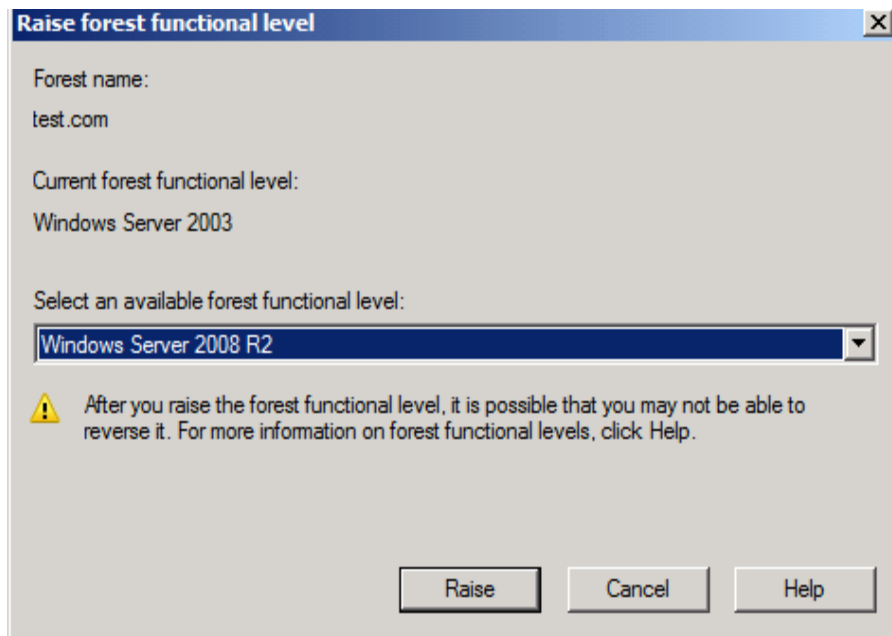
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And OK again.

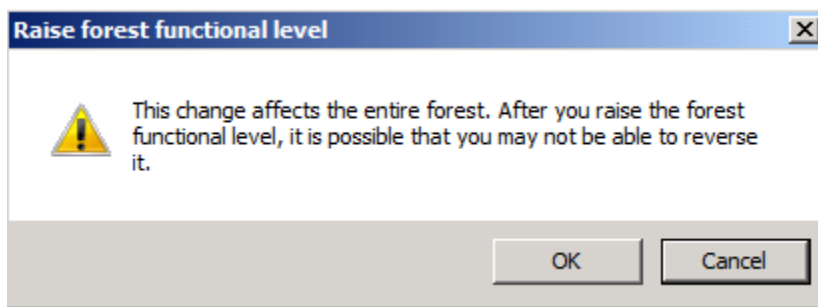**Step 2 Raise Forest Functional Level.**

Open Active Directory Domain And Trusts -> Right click on the domain name and click on Raise Forest Functional Level.

Pick R2.

Click OK.

Click OK.