

Below is a refined, deeper, and internally explained version of your JavaScript `window` object notes.

I've rewritten it to be:

- Conceptually clear
- Internals-first (how JS really works)
- Exam + interview friendly
- Readable for beginners
- Accurate to real browser behavior

No content is removed — it is clarified, corrected, and structured.

## JavaScript `window` Object — Complete & Internal Explanation

### 1 What is the `window` Object?

In JavaScript, the `window` object represents the browser window (or tab) in which your web page is loaded.

- It is the **top-level global object** in browsers
- Everything in the browser environment ultimately lives under `window`
- It provides **properties and methods** to:
  - Control the browser window
  - Show dialogs
  - Navigate URLs
  - Access storage
  - Manage timers
  - Communicate between windows

#### Important

The `window` object exists **only in browsers**, not in Node.js.

### 2 `window` as a Global Object (Very Important)

In browsers, `window` is the **global object**.

This means:

- All **global variables** → properties of `window`
- All **global functions** → methods of `window`
- All **global objects** → properties of `window`

#### Example

```
js
```

```
var x = 10;  
function greet() {}  
  
console.log(window.x); // 10  
window.greet(); // valid
```

Internally, the browser converts:

js

x

to:

js

window.x

## 3 Global vs Local Variables (Scope Resolution)

### Example Breakdown

html

```
<script>  
  var num = 100; // global → window.num  
  
  const car = {  
    brand: "Honda",  
    model: "City"  
  }; // global → window.car  
  
  function test() {  
    let num = 300; // local → shadows global  
    console.log(window.num); // 100  
    console.log(num); // 300  
    console.log(car.brand); // Honda  
  }  
  
  test();  
</script>
```

### What's Happening Internally?

1. JavaScript first checks **local scope**
2. If not found, it checks **global scope**
3. Global scope = `window`

📌 `let` and `const` do not attach to `window`

js

```
let a = 10;  
console.log(window.a); // X undefined
```

## 4 `window` and `iframe` (Multiple Windows)

Each browser context has its own `window` object:

- Main page → one `window`
- Each `<iframe>` → **separate** `window`
- Each tab → **separate** `window`

js

```
window.parent // parent window  
window.top // top-most window  
window.self === window // true
```

📌 This is why cross-iframe communication requires `postMessage()`.

## 5 Commonly Used `window` Properties

Below are the **most important properties**, grouped logically.

### ◆ Window State & Size

Property	Meaning
<code>innerWidth</code>	Viewport width (no scrollbar)
<code>innerHeight</code>	Viewport height
<code>outerWidth</code>	Full browser width
<code>outerHeight</code>	Full browser height
<code>devicePixelRatio</code>	Physical pixel ratio

js

```
console.log(window.innerWidth);
console.log(window.outerHeight);
```

## ◆ Position & Scrolling

Property	Meaning
screenX / screenLeft	X position of window
screenY / screenTop	Y position
scrollX / pageXOffset	Horizontal scroll
scrollY / pageYOffset	Vertical scroll

js

```
console.log(window.scrollY);
```

## ◆ Navigation & Environment

Property	Purpose
location	URL details
history	Browser history
navigator	Browser info
screen	Device screen info
document	DOM access

## ◆ Storage

Property	Scope
localStorage	Persistent
sessionStorage	Per tab

## 6 window Object Methods (Grouped)

### Dialog Methods

## Method Description

`alert()` Message popup

`confirm()` Yes/No dialog

`prompt()` Input dialog

js

```
alert("Hello!");
```

 These methods **block execution**.

## Window Control

### Method Purpose

`open()` Open new window

`close()` Close window

`focus()` Focus window

`blur()` Remove focus

js

```
window.open("https://example.com");
```

 Browsers may **block popups** unless triggered by user action.

## Timing & Scheduling

### Method Use

`setTimeout()` Run once

`setInterval()` Repeat

`requestAnimationFrame()` Smooth animation

`requestIdleCallback()` Idle execution

## Printing

js

```
window.print();
```

## 7 Inter-window Communication

js

```
window.postMessage(message, targetOrigin);
```

Used for:

- iframe communication
- cross-tab messaging

### 7 Example: window.alert()

html

```
<button onclick="showAlert()">Click</button>

<script>
function showAlert() {
  window.alert("Alert executed!");
}
</script>
```

💡 `window.` is optional:

js

```
alert("Hello");
```

### 8 Example: window.open()

js

```
function openPage() {
  window.open("https://www.tutorialspoint.com");
}
```

💡 Opens in a **new tab or window** depending on browser settings.

### 9 Example: window.print()

html

```
<button onclick="window.print()">Print Page</button>
```

 Opens browser's print dialog.

## Security Restrictions (Important)

JavaScript **cannot**:

- Close windows it didn't open
- Access other tabs directly
- Read full browsing history
- Bypass popup blockers

## Key Interview Notes

- `window` is the **global object in browsers**
- `var` attaches to `window`, `let/const` do not
- DOM (`document`) lives **inside** `window`
- Each iframe has its own `window`
- BOM is **browser-provided**, not JavaScript itself

## One-Line Exam Answer

The `window` object is the global browser object that represents the browser window and provides properties and methods to control browser behavior, navigation, storage, dialogs, and global scope.

## What Next?

Choose **one**, and we'll go **deep internally**:

- 1 `window.location` (URL manipulation & redirects)
- 2 `window.history` (SPA navigation internals)
- 3 `window.navigator` (feature detection, security)
- 4 `window` vs `globalThis` vs `Node.js global`
- 5 BOM vs DOM vs Web APIs (architecture)

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