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Global object

A global object is an object that always exists in the global scope.

In JavaScript, there's always a global object defined. In a web browser, when scripts create global variables, they're created as members of the global object. (In Node.js this is not the case.) The global object's **interface** depends on the execution context in which the script is running. For example:

- In a web browser, any code which the script doesn't specifically start up as a background task has a `Window` as its global object. This is the vast majority of JavaScript code on the Web.
- Code running in a `Worker` has a `WorkerGlobalScope` object as its global object.
- Scripts running under Node.js have an object called `global` as their global object.

window object in the Browser

The window object is the Global Object in the Browser. Any Global Variables or Functions can be accessed as *properties* of the window object.

Access Global Variables

```
1 | var foo = "foobar";  
2 | foo === window.foo; // Returns: true
```

After defining a Global Variable `foo`, we can access its value directly from the window object, by using the variable name `foo` as a property name of the Global Object `window.foo`.

Explanation:

The global variable `foo` was stored in the `window` object, like this:

```
1 | foo: "foobar"
```

Access Global Functions

```
1 | function greeting() {  
2 |     console.log("Hi!");  
3 | }  
4 |  
5 | window.greeting(); // It is the same as the normal invoking: greeting();
```

The example above explains how Global Functions are stored as *properties* in the `window` object. We created a Global Function called `greeting`, then invoked it using the `window` object.

Explanation:

The global function `greeting` was stored in the `window` object, like this:

```
1 | greeting: function greeting() {  
2 |     console.log("Hi!");  
3 | }
```

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