

# Modal Window Project

🎓 **CS Perspective:** This project demonstrates the **state machine** concept—the modal has two states (visible/hidden), and user actions trigger state transitions. The pattern of showing/hiding via CSS classes rather than inline styles follows the **separation of concerns** principle. Using `querySelectorAll` returns a **NodeList** (array-like structure) requiring iteration. The keyboard event listener on `document` implements **global event handling**, and the condition check `(!modal.classList.contains('hidden'))` prevents unnecessary state transitions—a form of **guard condition** in state machine terminology. This is also an example of the **facade pattern**: `openModal()` and `closeModal()` provide simple interfaces to complex DOM manipulations.

## 📌 Selecting Multiple Elements

```
// Returns NodeList (array-like, must loop)
const btnsOpenModal = document.querySelectorAll('.show-modal');

// Loop through all buttons
for (let i = 0; i < btnsOpenModal.length; i++) {
  btnsOpenModal[i].addEventListener('click', openModal);
}
```

Method	Returns	Use Case
<code>querySelector()</code>	First match	Single element
<code>querySelectorAll()</code>	NodeList	Multiple elements

## 📌 Showing & Hiding with Classes

Toggle visibility by adding/removing CSS classes:

```
const openModal = function () {
  modal.classList.remove('hidden');
  overlay.classList.remove('hidden');
};

const closeModal = function () {
  modal.classList.add('hidden');
  overlay.classList.add('hidden');
};
```

### CSS Hidden Class

```
.hidden {  
  display: none;  
}
```

## Why Classes Over Inline Styles?

- ✓ Separation of concerns (styles in CSS)
- ✓ Can toggle multiple properties at once
- ✓ Easier to maintain and debug
- ✓ Better performance

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## 📌 Multiple Event Listeners

Attach same handler to multiple elements:

```
for (let i = 0; i < btnsOpenModal.length; i++) {  
  btnsOpenModal[i].addEventListener('click', openModal);  
}
```

Note: Pass function **reference** (`openModal`), not function **call** (`openModal()`).

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## 📌 Handling Keyboard Events

Listen for keyboard events on the entire document:

```
document.addEventListener('keydown', function (e) {  
  console.log(e.key); // Log which key was pressed  
  
  if (e.key === 'Escape' && !modal.classList.contains('hidden')) {  
    closeModal();  
  }  
});
```

## Event Object Properties

Property	Description	Example
<code>e.key</code>	Key pressed	<code>'Escape'</code> , <code>'Enter'</code>
<code>e.code</code>	Physical key	<code>'KeyA'</code> , <code>'ArrowUp'</code>
<code>e.type</code>	Event type	<code>'keydown'</code> , <code>'keyup'</code>

## Keyboard Event Types

Event	Fires When
<code>keydown</code>	Key is pressed (repeats if held)
<code>keyup</code>	Key is released
<code>keypress</code>	Character key pressed (deprecated)

## Guard Conditions

Check state before performing action:

```
// Only close if modal is currently visible
if (e.key === 'Escape' && !modal.classList.contains('hidden')) {
  closeModal();
}
```

This prevents calling `closeModal()` when the modal is already hidden.

## Overlay Pattern

The overlay creates a backdrop behind the modal:

```
<div class="overlay hidden"></div>
```

```
.overlay {
  position: fixed;
  top: 0;
  left: 0;
  width: 100%;
  height: 100%;
  background-color: rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.5);
  z-index: 5;
}
```

Clicking the overlay also closes the modal:

```
overlay.addEventListener('click', closeModal);
```

## Code Organization

Extracting repeated logic into named functions:

```
// ❌ Repeated code
btnCloseModal.addEventListener('click', function () {
  modal.classList.add('hidden');
  overlay.classList.add('hidden');
});

// ✅ Reusable function
const closeModal = function () {
  modal.classList.add('hidden');
  overlay.classList.add('hidden');
};

btnCloseModal.addEventListener('click', closeModal);
overlay.addEventListener('click', closeModal);
```

## Benefits

- **DRY** (Don't Repeat Yourself)
- Easier to maintain
- Single point of change
- Self-documenting code