Why "self" is needed instead of "this" in JavaScript?

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var self = this;

In the JavaScript, "[self](http://www.code-sample.com/2016/01/javascript-self-vs-this.html)" is a pattern to maintaining a reference to the original "[this](http://www.code-sample.com/2016/01/javascript-self-vs-this.html)" keyword and also we can say that this is a technique to handle the events.

Right now, "self" should not be use because modern browsers provide a "self" as global variable (window.self).

Example for "self" keyword is needed instead of "this" keyword.

var employee = function (name) {

    var self = this;

    self.username = name;

};