

# Window: load event



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The `load` event is fired when the whole page has loaded, including all dependent resources such as stylesheets, scripts, iframes, and images, except those that are [loaded lazily](#). This is in contrast to [DOMContentLoaded](#), which is fired as soon as the page DOM has been loaded, without waiting for resources to finish loading.

This event is not cancelable and does not bubble.



**Note:** All events named `load` will not propagate to `Window`, even with `bubbles` initialized to `true`. To catch `load` events on the `window`, that `load` event must be dispatched directly to the `window`.



**Note:** The `load` event that is dispatched when the main document has loaded is dispatched on the `window`, but has two mutated properties: `target` is `document`, and `path` is `undefined`. These two properties are mutated due to legacy conformance.

## Syntax

Use the event name in methods like [addEventListener\(\)](#), or set an event handler property.

JS



```
addEventListener("load", (event) => { })
```

```
onload = (event) => { }
```

# Event type

A generic `Event`.

## Examples

Log a message when the page is fully loaded:

JS

```
window.addEventListener("load", (event) => {  
  console.log("page is fully loaded");  
});
```

The same, but using the `onload` event handler property:

JS

```
window.onload = (event) => {  
  console.log("page is fully loaded");  
};
```

Live example

## HTML

HTML



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```
<div class="controls">  
  <button id="reload" type="button">Re load</button>  
</div>  
  
<div class="event-log">  
  <label for="eventLog">Event log:</label>  
  <textarea  
    readonly  
    class="event-log-contents"  
    rows="8"  
    cols="30"  
    id="eventLog"></textarea>  
</div>
```

## JavaScript

JS



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```
const log = document.querySelector(".event-log-contents");
const reload = document.querySelector("#reload");

reload.addEventListener("click", () => {
  log.textContent = "";
  setTimeout(() => {
    window.location.reload(true);
  }, 200);
});

window.addEventListener("load", (event) => {
  log.textContent += "load\n";
});

document.addEventListener("readystatechange", (event) => {
  log.textContent += `readystate: ${document.readyState}\n`;
});

document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", (event) => {
  log.textContent += `DOMContentLoaded\n`;
});
```

## Result

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Reload

Event log:

```
readystate: interactive
DOMContentLoaded
readystate: complete
load
```

## Specifications

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