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# Window defaultStatus Property

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## Definition and Usage

The defaultStatus property sets or returns the default text in the status bar at the bottom of the browser (the text will be displayed when the page loads).

## Syntax

```
window.defaultStatus
```

## Browser Support



**Note:** The defaultStatus property does not work in the default configuration of IE, Firefox, Chrome, or Safari. To allow scripts to change the text of the status, the user must set the dom.disable\_window\_status\_change preference to false in the about:config screen. (or in Firefox: "Tools - Options - Content -Enable JavaScript / Advanced - Allow scripts to change status bar text").

## Example

### Example

Set a default text in the status bar:

```
<html>
<body>

<script type="text/javascript">
window.defaultStatus="This is the default text in the status bar!!"
</script>

</body>
</html>
```

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