Window: close() method

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The **`Window.close()`** method closes the current window, or the window on which it was called.

Windows are *script-closable* if they were created by web content. This generally includes:

- Windows opened using Window.open()
- Windows opened via web content, such as links (`<a target="_blank">`) or forms (`<form target="_blank">`), without user modifier actions

Windows opened by browser UI actions — such as right-click → Open in new tab, Ctrl+Click, Shift+Click, or middle-click — are often not script-closable. They may only be closed if they have not been navigated (history length remains 1). Calling `close()` otherwise typically shows a console warning: `Scripts may not close windows that were not opened by script.`

Note also that `close()` has no effect when called on Window objects returned by `HTMLIFrameElement.contentWindow`.

Syntax

```
close()
```

Parameters

None.

Return value

None (undefined).

Examples

Closing a window opened with `window.open()`

This example shows a method which opens a window and a second one which closes the window; this demonstrates how to use `Window.close()` to close a window opened by calling window.open().

```
// Global variable to store a reference to the opened window
let openedWindow;

function openWindow() {
  openedWindow = window.open("more-info.htm");
}

function closeOpenedWindow() {
  openedWindow.close();
}
```

Specifications

Browser compatibility

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