Window: confirm() method

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`window.confirm()` instructs the browser to display a dialog with an optional message, and to wait until the user either confirms or cancels the dialog.

Under some conditions — for example, when the user switches tabs — the browser may not actually display a dialog, or may not wait for the user to confirm or cancel the dialog.

Syntax

```
confirm()
confirm(message)
```

Parameters

- `message`
  - : A string you want to display in the confirmation dialog.

Return value

A boolean indicating whether OK (`true`) or Cancel (`false`) was selected. If a browser is ignoring in-page dialogs, then the returned value is always `false`.

Examples

Confirming before an action

The following example shows how to check the returned value of a confirmation dialog. When the user clicks the OK button, we call window.open(), and if the user clicks Cancel, we print some text to a pre element.

```
<button id="windowButton">Open new tab</button>
<pre id="log"></pre>
```

```
const windowButton = document.querySelector("#windowButton");
const log = document.querySelector("#log");

windowButton.addEventListener("click", () => {
  if (window.confirm("Do you want to open in new tab?")) {
    window.open("https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/Window/open");
  } else {
    log.innerText = "Glad you're staying!";
  }
});
```

Notes

Dialog boxes are modal windows — they prevent the user from accessing the rest of the program's interface until the dialog box is closed. For this reason, you should not overuse any function that creates a dialog box or a modal window. Alternatively, a dialog element can be used for confirmations.

Specifications

Browser compatibility

See also

- dialog element
- window.alert()
- window.prompt()
- Never Use a Warning When you Mean Undo on A List Apart (2017)

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