

# What is wrong with the code below? How to fix it

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1  import React from "react";
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3  ✓ function App() {
4  ✓    function handleClick(event) {
5      |     alert("Clicked " + event.target.id);
6      |   }
7
8  ✓    return (
9  ✓      <div id="parentElement" onClick={handleClick}>
10         This is the parent element
11  ✓      <div id="childElement" onClick={handleClick}>
12         |     This is the child element
13         |   </div>
14         | </div>
15         | );
16     }
```

We have an event bubbling problem. To fix, use **stopPropagation()**

```
1  import React from "react";
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3  function App() {
4    function handleClick(event) {
5      event.stopPropagation();
6      alert("Clicked " + event.target.id);
7    }
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9    return (
10     <div id="parentElement" onClick={handleClick}>
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12       <div id="childElement" onClick={handleClick}>
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14       </div>
15     </div>
16   );
17 }
```

Event bubbling is a process where an event triggered on the innermost element (in this case, the child element) **bubbles up through its ancestor elements** (in this case, the parent element) in the DOM hierarchy, triggering any event handlers that have been set on those ancestor elements. In our example:

- 1) You click on the child element with the id "**childElement**."
- 2) The **onClick** event handler for the child element is triggered first, which is the `handleClick` function.
- 3) After the **handleClick** function for the child element is executed, the event continues to bubble up through the DOM hierarchy to the parent element.
- 4) The **onClick** event handler for the parent element is also triggered, and the same `handleClick` function is called again with the event object representing the parent element.

You can use the `stopPropagation()` method to stop the event from continuing to bubble up the DOM hierarchy when an event occurs on a child element. **So if child element is clicked and `event.stopPropagation()` is called, the event won't reach the parent element, and the event handler attached to the parent element won't be executed.**