Make element unclickable (click things behind it)

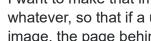▲

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I have a fixed image that overlays a page when the user is in the act of scrolling a touch screen (mobile).

I want to make that image "unclickable" or "inactive" or whatever, so that if a user touches and drags from that image, the page behind it still scrolls as if the image weren't there "blocking" the interaction.

Is this possible? If need be, I could try to provide screen shots exemplifying what I mean.
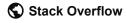
Thanks!

html   css   mobile   scroll   touch

asked Aug 6 '13 at 14:30

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3 Answers

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Setting CSS - `pointer-events: none` should remove any mouse interaction with the image. Supported pretty well in all but IE.

[Here's a full list](#) of values `pointer-events` can take.

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2   Perfect! I had not run across `pointer-events` before, this is
     exactly what I was looking for. Thank you! –
          hannebaumsaway Aug 6 '13 at 14:47

     I can't get `cursor: pointer` to work using this – Dusty Nov
     23 '15 at 19:45

1   @Dusty Kinda makes sense, you're disabling mouse
     interactions yet wanting mouse interactions. What is your
     specific use case? From a UX perspective that seems counter
     intuitive since the pointer implies the element is clickable. If
     you throw together a JSFiddle I can have a look. –
          Chris Brown Nov 23 '15 at 20:01 ✎

     @ChrisBrown the cursor changing was a little jostling. Here's
     a little bit of what I came up with jsfiddle.net/cxwvdos0 Kind of
     crazy just to disable a button for one second and not have the
     cursor change. jQuery `unbind` and `bind` I think would have
     worked if I wanted to convert my anonymous functions.
     Thanks for the response though! – Dusty Nov 24 '15 at 15:16

▲   CSS Pointer Events is what you want to look at. In your
     case, set pointer-events to "none". Look at this JSFiddle
14   for an example... http://jsfiddle.net/dppJw/1/

▼   Notice that double clicking on the icon will still say you click
     the paragraph.

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div.child {
    ...
    background: #fff;
    pointer-events: none //This line is the key!
}
```

answered Aug 6 '13 at 14:41

   Terry

Thanks for the example! – hannebaumsaway Aug 6 '13 at 14:46

Any way to get `cursor: pointer` to work? – Dusty Nov 23 '15 at 19:46

If you want to use JavaScript :

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document.getElementById("x").style.pointerEvents = "none"

<a href="https://www.google.com" id="x" />Unclickable Goo
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<a href="https://www.google.com" id="" />Clickable Google
```

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answered Jun 26 '18 at 14:18

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