

React NavLink vs. Link

Link :

Link is a basic component used for declarative navigation in React applications. It renders an anchor tag (`<a>`) with the appropriate href attribute, allowing users to navigate to different routes without triggering a full page reload.

Link is suitable for creating links within the application, such as navigation between different pages or sections.

Link can also be used to create buttons that trigger navigation when clicked.

Navlink:

NavLink is a specialized version of Link that adds styling and functionality for handling active links. It is commonly used in navigation menus where we want to highlight the currently active link. NavLink applies an “active” class to the rendered element when the current URL matches the link’s “to” prop.

NavLink is perfect for building navigation menus where we want to visually highlight the active link, giving users clear feedback about their current location within the application.