

Styling Links in CSS

Overview

A Link is generated by HTML using the anchor tag, and it can be styled or beautified in many ways like color, font-family, background, etc.

There are four links states:

- **a : link** - Normal, unvisited link
- **a : visited** - Link the user has visited
- **a : hover** - Link when the user mouses over it
- **a : active** - Link the moment it is clicked

Generally, an unvisited link is underlined and blue. A visited link is underlined and purple. An active link is underlined and red.

Text Decoration

It is generally used to remove the underline from the links.

HTML :	<code> Link to Coding Ninjas </code>
CSS :	<pre>a{ text-decoration: none; }</pre>
Before :	Link to Coding Ninjas
After :	Link to Coding Ninjas

Background color

We can also specify background colour for the link and by this the link will look like it is enclosed in a coloured rectangular div.

CSS :

```
a{  
    background-color: lightgreen;  
}
```

Browser : [Link to Coding Ninjas](#)

Now by using the background colour property the link can also be made to look like a button.

Link as a Button

Modifying the above example by giving some padding to the anchor tag, which will make the rectangle look like a button.

CSS :

```
a{  
    text-decoration: none;  
    background-color: lightgreen;  
    padding: 10px;  
    border-radius: 10px;  
}
```

Browser : [Link to Coding Ninjas](#)