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With CSS, links can be styled in different ways.

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Styling Links

Links can be styled with any CSS property (e.g. color, font-family, background, etc.).

Example

```
a {
  color: hotpink;
```

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In addition, links can be styled differently depending on what **state** they are in.

The four links states are:

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

Example

```
/* unvisited link */
a:link {
 color: red;
}
/* visited link */
a:visited {
 color: green;
}
/* mouse over link */
a:hover {
  color: hotpink;
}
/* selected link */
a:active {
  color: blue;
}
```

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When setting the style for several link states, there are some order rules:

- a:hover MUST come after a:link and a:visited
- a:active MUST come after a:hover

Text Decoration

The text-decoration property is mostly used to remove underlines from links:

Example

```
a:link {
  text-decoration: none;
}

a:visited {
  text-decoration: none;
}

a:hover {
  text-decoration: underline;
}

a:active {
  text-decoration: underline;
}
```

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Background Color

The background-color property can be used to specify a background color for links:

Example

```
a:link {
  background-color: yellow;
}
a:visited {
  background-color: cyan;
```

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

a:active {
   background-color: hotpink;
}
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```

Link Buttons

This example demonstrates a more advanced example where we combine several CSS properties to display links as boxes/buttons:

Example

```
a:link, a:visited {
  background-color: #f44336;
  color: white;
  padding: 14px 25px;
  text-align: center;
  text-decoration: none;
  display: inline-block;
}

a:hover, a:active {
  background-color: red;
}
```

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More Examples

Add different styles to hyperlinks

This example demonstrates how to add other styles to hyperlinks.

Advanced - Create a link button with borders

Another example of how to create link boxes/buttons.

Change the cursor

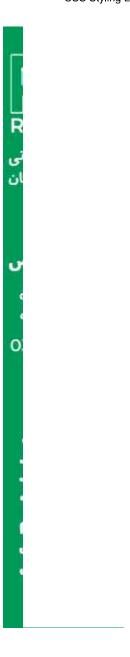
The cursor property specifies the type of cursor to display. This example demonstrates the different types of cursors (can be useful for links).

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