

Styling the link color with RGBA

Next, let's add some padding to each link, and change the color to a semi-transparent white. We'll use RGBA to assign white (255, 255, 255) at 70% opacity (0.7), letting the text soak up some of the background color behind it (FIG 3.10).

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#nav li a {  
    padding: 5px 15px;  
    font-weight: bold;  
    color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.7);  
}
```

FIG 3.10: Links now styled with RGBA, blending the text into the background a bit.

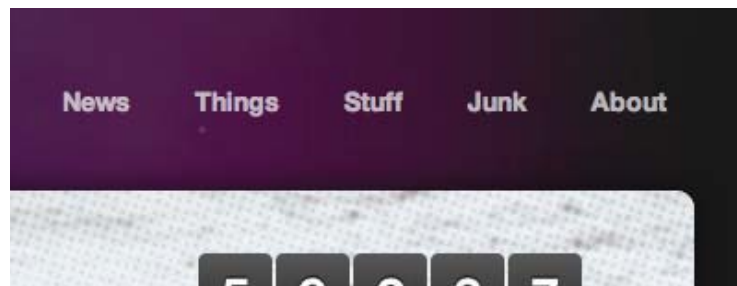


FIGURE 3.11 shows a close up of the links, where the white at 70% opacity via RGBA lets the background shine through, ever so slightly.

Providing a backup for RGBA

Now, while RGBA is an amazingly flexible way of specifying color along with a level of opacity, it's not supported in all browsers. Current flavors of Safari, Chrome, Firefox, and Opera all support it, and it's available in Internet Explorer 9—but what about IE6–8?