CSS3 Buttons

What is this?

CSS3 Buttons is a simple *framework* for creating good-looking GitHub style button links.

UPDATE 19th of Mar. Now you can also indicate a *positive* action by using the `.positive` class, which will change the hover-state to green.

UPDATE 19th of Mar. It is now possible to use `<button>` tags to easily submit forms.

UPDATE 26th of Feb. The icon sprite has been optimized and additional icons has been added. Scroll down to see what's new!

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Buttons

To create a button, the only thing you have to do is this:

Code:

```
<a href="#" class="button">This is a Button</a>
```

Result:

This is a Button

You can also use the button tag:

Code:

```
<button class="button">This is a Button</button>
```

Result:

This is a Button

If you prefer a pill-like button with more rounded corners, you can add a `.pill` class to the button

Code:

```
<a href="#" class="pill button">This is a Pill Button</a>
```

Result:

This is a Pill Button

Sometimes when you have multiple buttons, it's considered good practice to highlight the button with the primary action in order to give the user a visual clue of what action to take if in doubt. This can be accomplished by adding a `.primary` class to the button

Code:

```
<a href="#" class="primary button">Publish Post</a> or <a href="#" class="button">Save as Draft</a>
```

Result:

[Publish Post](#) or [Save as Draft](#)

Buttons with negative actions

If you have a button that triggers a *negative* action, like deleting data, it's good practice to warn the user by styling the button differently than the normal buttons. Give a button the class `.negative` and the hover-state will change to red

Code:

```
<a href="#" class="negative button">Divide by Zero</a>
```

Result:

[Divide by Zero](#)

Buttons with positive actions

If you have a button that triggers an action you want to encourage your users to do, you can give a button a `.positive` class and the hover-state will change to green

Code:

```
<a href="#" class="positive button">Save the World</a>
```

Result:

[Save the World](#)

Grouped buttons

You can create grouped buttons that are linked together, like seen at [Gmail](#) and other places, by using the `.left`, `.middle` and `.right` classes:

Code:

```
<a href="#" class="left primary button">Archive</a>
<a href="#" class="middle button">Report Spam</a>
<a href="#" class="right negative button">Delete</a>
```

Result:

[ArchiveReport SpamDelete](#)

You can also add the pill class to grouped buttons if preferred:

Code:

```html
<a href="#" class="left primary pill button">Archive</a>
<a href="#" class="middle pill button">Report Spam</a>
<a href="#" class="right negative pill button">Delete</a>
```

Result:

[ArchiveReport SpamDelete](#)

Buttons with icons

CSS3 Buttons supports a wide range of icons that can easily be added to any button by adding a `span` tag inside the anchor tag with the class of `.icon` and any one of the provided icon classes:

Code:

```html
<a href="#" class="button"><span class="magnifier icon"></span>Search</a>
```

Result:

[Search](#)

Here is a list of all the supported icon classes:

Class	Example
`.book`	[View Log](#) NEW
`.calendar`	[Add to Calendar](#)
`.chat`	[Start Chat](#)
`.check`	[Approve Registration](#)
`.clock`	[Register Work Time](#) NEW
`.cog`	[Settings](#)
`.comment`	[Add Comment](#)
`.cross`	[Remove Item](#)
`.downarrow`	[Move Down](#) NEW
`.fork`	[Create Branch](#) NEW
`.heart`	[Add to Favorites](#)
`.home`	[Back to Frontpage](#)
`.key`	[Password Protect](#)
`.leftarrow`	[Move Left](#)
`.lock`	[Lock Article](#)
`.loop`	[Resend Message](#)
`.magnifier`	[Search](#)
`.mail`	[Send Newsletter](#)
`.move`	[Move](#)
`.pen`	[Edit Post](#)
`.pin`	[Pin to Map](#)

:plus   Add Post
:reload   Reload Page

.rightarrow   Move Right NEW

.rss   Subscribe to RSS Feed

.tag   Add Tag

.trash   Delete Post

.unlock   Unlock Article NEW

.uparrow   Move Up NEW

.user   Add New User

Big buttons

If you wish to emphasize a specific action you can add the `.big` class to make a more prominent *call-to-action* button:

Code:

```html
<a href="#" class="big button">Create Project</a>
```

Result:

Create Project

Browser compatibility

CSS3 Buttons works in all major browsers

Note: Some CSS3 features used in CSS3 Buttons is not supported in Internet Explorer browsers! (IE 8 and under)

Installation

1. Drop `css3buttons.css` in your stylesheets folder
2. Drop `css3buttons_backgrounds.png` and `css3buttons_icons.png` in your images folder
3. Link to `css3buttons.css` in the head section of your HTML page (*see code example below*)

Code:

```html
<link rel="stylesheet" href="stylesheets/css3buttons.css" media="screen">
```

CSS3 Buttons expects that some kind of CSS reset is in place in your project, otherwise the look might not be, as seen here

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Shout-Outs

- Thanks to GitHub and David Walsh for inspiration!
- Icons used in CSS3 Buttons are from the excellent Iconic pack by some random dude!

Contact

Found a Bug?

Please create a ticket on GitHub With a description of the problem, browser and operating system information and how to reproduce the problem.

Need Help?

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