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NavLinks

The screenshot displays a CodeSandbox editor with a React application. The code in `index.js` is as follows:

```
1 import React from "react";
2 import { render } from "react-dom";
3 import { BrowserRouter, Route, Link, NavLink } from "react-router-dom";
4
5 const Home = () => <div>Home</div>;
6 const About = () => <div>About</div>;
7 const Users = ({ match }) => <div>{match.params.id}</div>;
8
9 var style = {
10   color: "red"
11 };
12
13 const activeEvent = (match, location) => {
14   if (!match) {
15     return false;
16   }
17   //do something
18   console.log("active on : " + match.url);
19 };
20
21 const App = () => (
22   <BrowserRouter>
23     <div>
24       <ul>
```

The browser preview on the right shows a list of links: [Home](#), [About](#), and [Users: abc](#). The video player controls at the bottom show a duration of 0:13 / 1:55 and a playback speed of 1.50x.

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NavLink

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The NavLink component inherits from the component but also adds styling to the component when the NavLink is active. The NavLink is active when the URL matches the NavLink's `to` property.

We can import the Link component with:

```
import { NavLink } from 'react-router-dom'
```

We can reference the NavLink component using the `<NavLink>` tag.

```
<NavLink to="/somewhere">Somewhere</NavLink>
```

activeClassName

The NavLink component has an `activeClassName` property that specifies a CSS class to be used when the NavLink is active. The default value of the `activeClassName` property is the `active` class.

```
.selected {  
  color: red  
}
```

```
<NavLink to="/somewhere" activeClassName="selected">Somewhere</NavLink>
```

activeStyle

The NavLink component has an `activeStyle` property that specifies a CSS style to apply when the NavLink is active.

```
<NavLink to="/somewhere" activeStyle={{color: 'red'}}>Somewhere</NavLink>
```

or

```
var style = {color: 'red'}  
<NavLink to="/somewhere" activeStyle={style}>Somewhere</NavLink>
```

exact

The NavLink component has an `exact` property that only lets the NavLink become active when the location is matched exactly.

```
<NavLink exact to="/somewhere" activeStyle={{color:'red'}}>Somewhere</NavLink>
```

strict

The NavLink component has a `strict` property that causes trailing slashes to be taken into consideration when determining whether the NavLink is active.

```
<NavLink strict to="/somewhere/" activeStyle={{color:'red'}}>Somewhere</NavLink>
```

isActive TODO

The NavLink component has an `isActive` property that triggers a function when the NavLink is active.

```
const activeEvent = (match, location) => {  
  if (!match) {  
    return false  
  }  
  //do something  
  console.log("active on : " + match.url)  
}  
<NavLink to="/somewhere" isActive={activeEvent}>Somewhere</NavLink>
```

Try out this live example on CodeSandbox: <https://codesandbox.io/s/lrw92z8nlz>