**Setting Styles to Links**

Links can be styled with any CSS property (e.g., color, font-family, background, etc.).  
In addition, links can be styled differently, depending on what state they are in. The following pseudo selectors are available:  
**a:link** - defines the style for normal unvisited links  
**a:visited** - defines the style for visited links  
**a:active** - a link becomes active once you click on it  
**a:hover** - a link is hovered when the mouse is over it  
  
The example below creates a link that will change the style when the mouse is moved over it.  
  
**The HTML:**

<p><a href="http://www.sololearn.com" target="\_blank">This link is hovered when we mouse over it</a></p>  
**The CSS:**

**a:hover** {  
color: red;  
}

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

**Links' Text Decoration**

By default, text links are underlined by the browser.  
One of the most common uses of CSS with links is to **remove the underline**. In the example below, the **text-decoration** property is used to remove the underline.   
  
**The HTML:**

<p><a href="http://www.sololearn.com" target="\_blank">This link has no underline.  
</a></p>  
**The CSS:**

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

The following properties are used to control the look and feel of links:  
**border:none** - removes border from images with links  
**outline:none** - removes the dotted border on clicked lines in IE