

# Buttons Across the Commons

## Overview

There are two main types of buttons:

### Type 1: Form Submit buttons

Example:

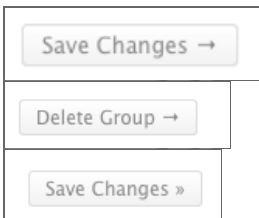


These are pretty consistent throughout since they are styled with this CSS in default.css:

```
a.button, input[type="submit"], input[type="button"],
input[type="reset"], ul.button-nav li a,
div.generic-button a {
  background: url(../images/white-grad.png) top left repeat-x;
  border: 1px solid #DDD;
  padding: 3px 10px;
  -moz-border-radius: 3px;
  -webkit-border-radius: 3px;
  border-radius: 3px;
  text-decoration: none;
  color: #888;
  font-size: 12px;
  font-weight: normal;
  vertical-align: bottom;
  cursor: pointer;
}
```

The only minor inconsistency is that some have arrows on them. These arrows are part of the HTML and not done through CSS.

Example:

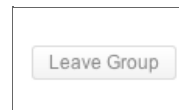


### Type 2: Links Styled to Look Like Buttons

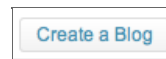
These generally fall into two camps:

#### Camp 1: Same Styling as Form Submit Buttons

Example:



There are some of these buttons that have blue text like this:



Whether or not it has blue text depends on how the classes have been applied to it.

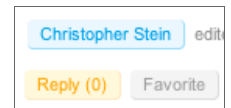
In the ones that don't have blue text the class is applied to an element that contains the link like so:

```
<div class="generic-button">
  <a>Leave Group</a>
</div>
```

This triggers the exact same selector as seen in the column on the left for the form submit button

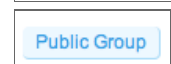
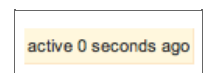
#### Camp 2: Different Colors

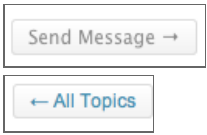
Example:



These are used for links in the activity stream. The blue is for the Person, yellow for Reply and grey to Favorite. The blue and grey are both styled through specific selectors in default.css while the yellow is gets the color through styles in custom.css.

The only problem here is that sometimes these same stylings are used for things that are not links. Examples:





Those with the blue text have the button class applied to them like so:

```
<a class="button">
  Create a Blog
</a>
```

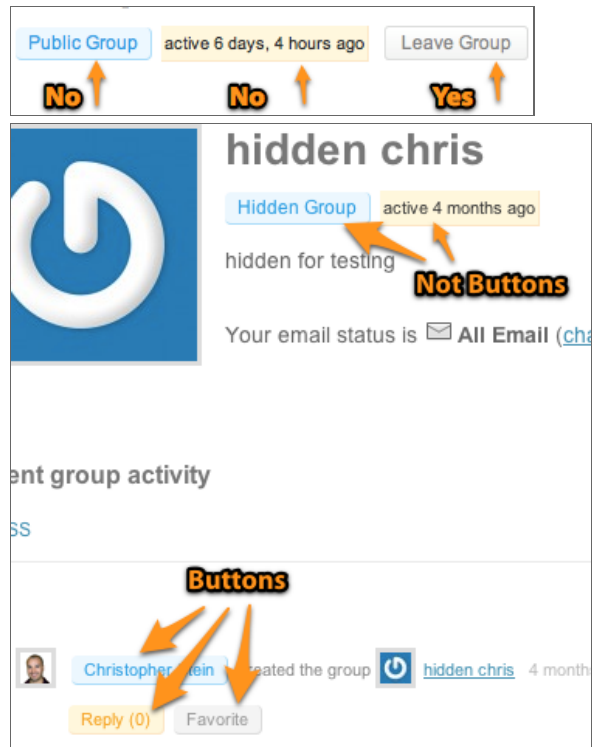
I haven't had the time to really look at it but somehow since the specificity is different these buttons don't override the CSS in custom.css that turns all links blue.

```
a, a:link, a:visited {
color: #2F90B4;
}
```



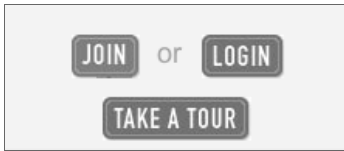
So the question there is how do we highlight things without making them look like buttons?

When the colored and non-colored and colored but not buttons are together it can sometimes be confusing:

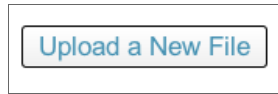


# Outliers

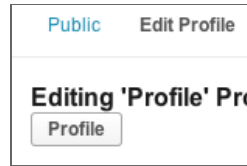
There are a few buttons that are just different



**Join/Login/Take a Tour** These are styled differently than any other buttons on the site.



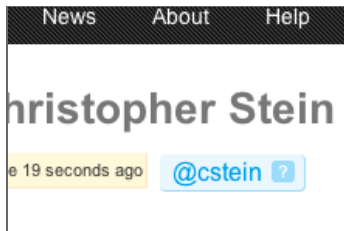
**Upload New File in Files:** this has been given a larger font size and a darker border color in custom.css #bp-group-documents-upload-button is the selector.



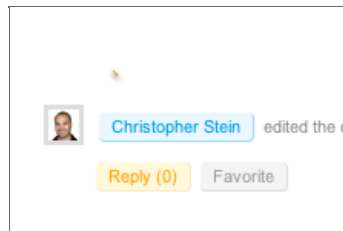
**Editing Profile Button:** This looks a little different because it has been bolded. But the main oddity is that it just takes you back to this same page so it is not clear why it's needed.

The following is a cataloging of most of the buttons on the site. It is more for documenting where things are in case we decide to change things.

## Person's Pages



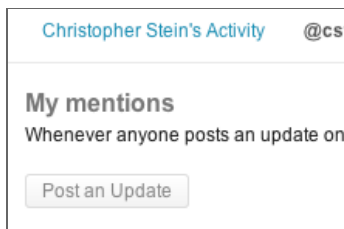
**Person:** This info appears on all pages related to a person. Yellow class "activity") and Blue (class "highlight") are NOT buttons and styled in default.css. ? is also styled using class="highlight" Javascript makes the link work.



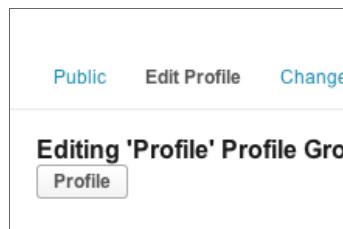
**Activity:** Activity Stream. All are styled links not form buttons (in default.css)



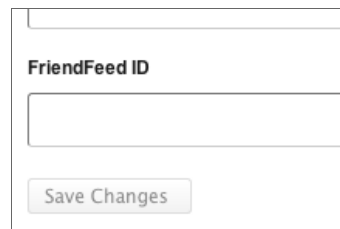
**Activity:** Post Update (form submit)



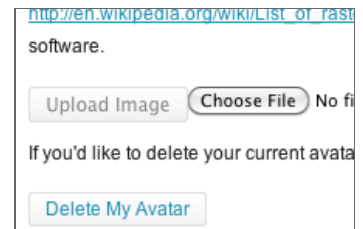
**Profile:** Public, link to Post Update (styled link, default.css)



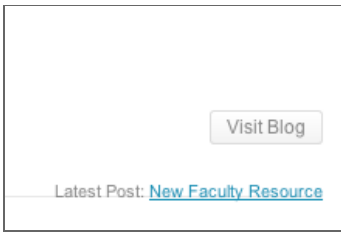
**Profile:** Edit Profile, Top link. Not sure why this is there, links back to the same page (sytlled link, default.css)



**Profile:** Edit Profile, Save Changes (form submit)



**Profile:** Change Avatar. Upload Image is form submit; Choose File is OS/browser default; Delete My Avatar is styled link;



**Blogs:** Visit Blog (styled link, default.css)



**Messages:** Inbox and Sent Messages, Delete Message (styled link, default.css)

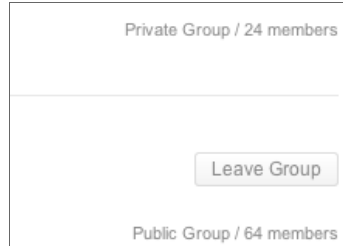


**Messages:** Compose, Send Message (form submit)



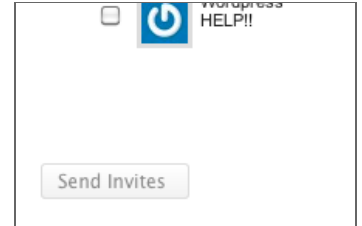
**Messages:** Notices. Deactivate/Activate and Delete Message (styled link, button class, default.css and color custom.css) *Is this Site Admins only?*

**Friends:** Requests may have buttons but I had no requests.

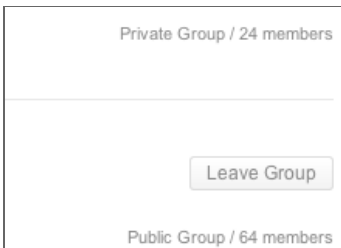


**Groups:** My Groups, Leave Group (styled link, default.css). Not all groups have link to leave. Why is that? Something to do with being super admin?

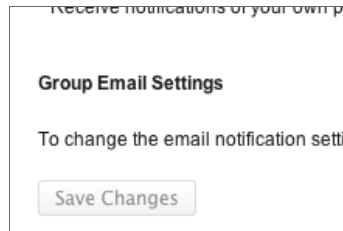
**Groups:** Invites may have buttons but I had no invites.



**Send Invites:** Invite New Members (form submit)



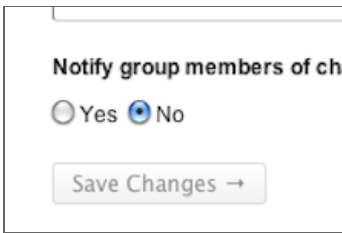
**Settings:** General, Save Changes (form submit)



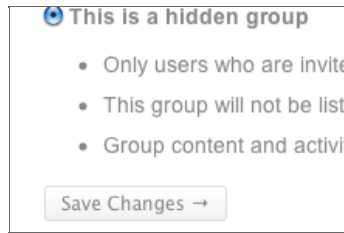
**Settings:** Notifications, Save Changes (form submit)

## Inner Group Pages

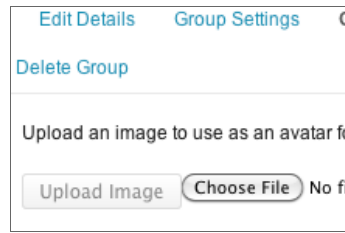
Groups have similar highlighting as people do, blue (@name on person) is whether group is hidden, yellow is the activity for the group. Also the activity stream uses the same three colors as the Person's activity stream.



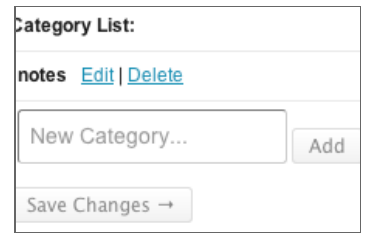
Group: Admin, Edit Details (form submit)



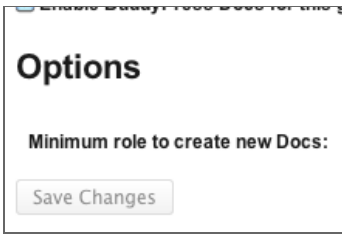
Group: Admin, Group Settings (form submit)



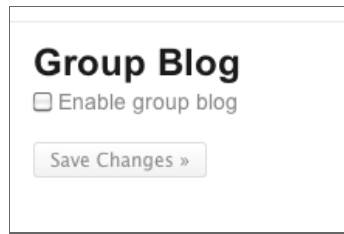
Group: Admin, Group Avatar (form submit)



Group: Admin, Files (both form submit)



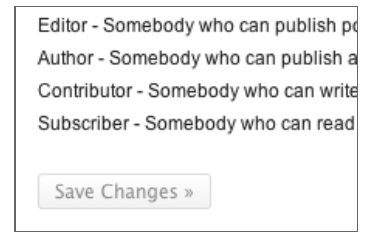
Group: Admin, Docs (form submit)



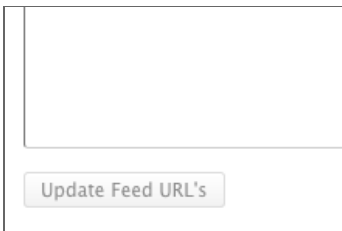
Group: Admin, Group Blog (form submit)



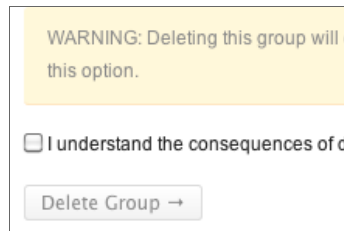
Group: Admin, Group Blog, Uncouple Blog. Styled Link (class "button")



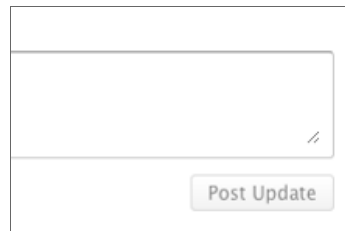
Group: Admin, Group Blog, Save Changes, when enabling blog. (form submit)



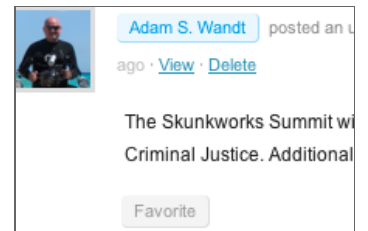
Group: Admin, External Blogs (form submit)



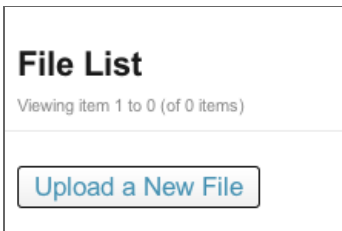
Group: Admin, Delete Group (form submit)



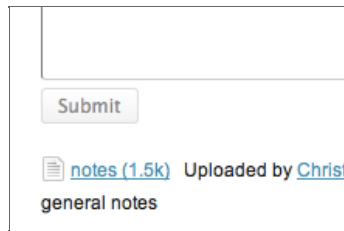
Group: Announcements (form submit)



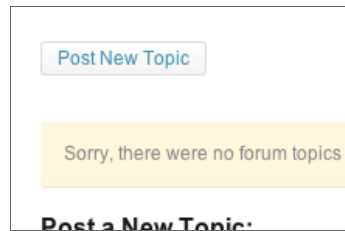
Group: Announcements, List of announcements. Both are styled links



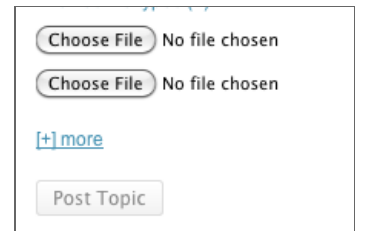
Group: Files, Upload a new file



Group: Files, Edit File



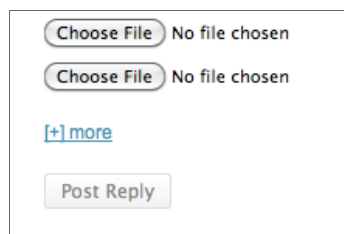
Group: Forum, Link to Post New Topic



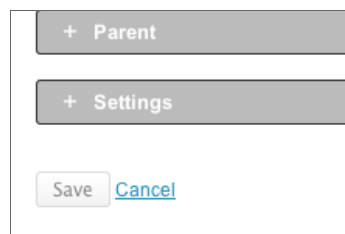
Group: Forum, Submit Post Topic



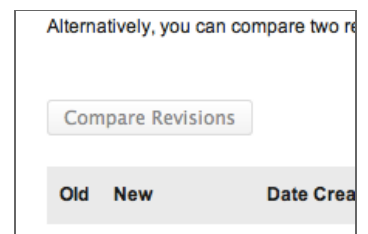
Group: Forum, View All Topics and



Group: Forum, Post Reply



Group: Docs, Save Doc (form

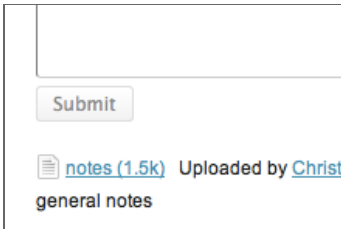


Group: Docs, Compare Revisions

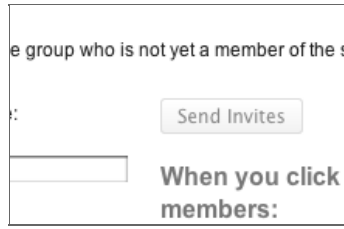
Leave a Reply. Both styled links with "button" class.

submit)

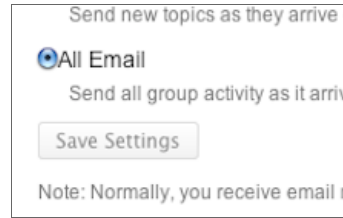
(form submit)



**Group:** Docs, Post Comment (form submit)



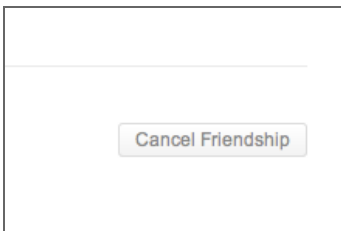
**Group:** Send Invites



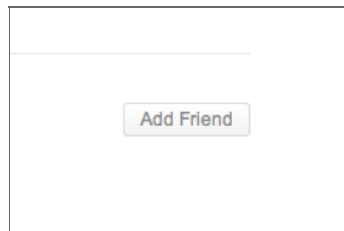
**Group:** Email Settings

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## People Page



**People:** Cancel Friendship (styled link with default button styling)



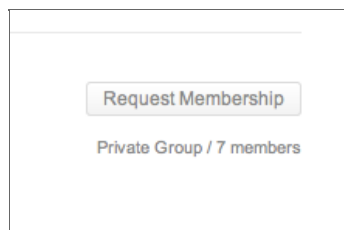
**People:** Add Friend (styled link with default button styling)

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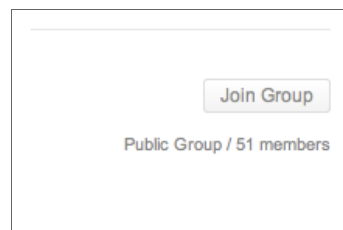
## Groups Page



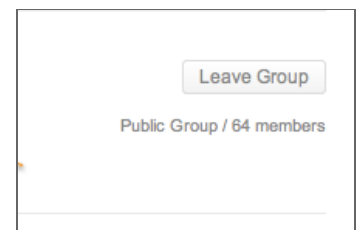
**Groups:** Create a Group on Main Groups page. (styled link with button class)



**Groups:** Request Membership (styled link, class="generic-button group-button public")



**Groups:** Join Group (styled link, class="generic-button group-button public")



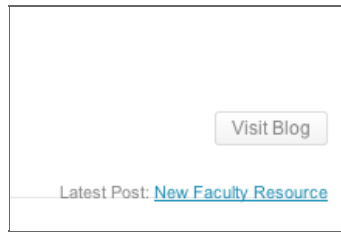
**Groups:** Leave Group (styled link, class="generic-button group-button public")

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# Blogs Page



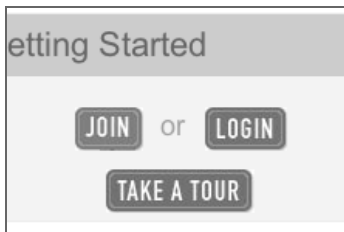
**Blogs:** Create a Blog . (styled link with button class)



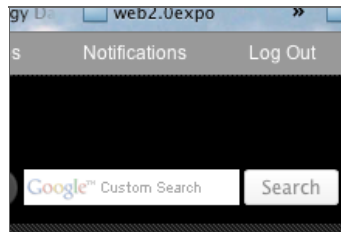
**Blogs:** Visit Blog. (styled link with button class)

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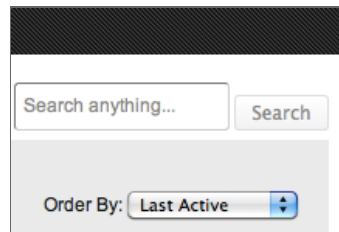
# Other Buttons



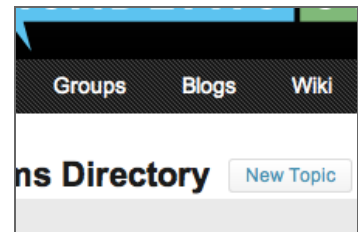
Home Page Getting Started



Sitewide Search Button (form submit)



Section Search, used for searching People, Groups, Blogs. (form submit)



**Forums:** New Topic (styled link, class="button")