Buttons Across the Commons

Overview

There are two main types of buttons:

Type 1: Form Submit buttons

Example:



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

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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:

Create a Blog

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 </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:

active 0 seconds ago
Public Group

Send M	essage →
← All T	opics

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

 Create a Blog

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.

Public	Edit Profile
Editing Profile	'Profile' Pro

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)

1.
// ost Update

Activity: Post Update (form submit)

Christopher Stein's Activity	@csi
My mentions Whenever anyone posts an upo	date on
Post an Update	

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

Public	Edit Profile	Change			
Editing 'Profile' Profile Gro					
Profile					

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

FriendFeed ID	
Save Changes	

Profile: Edit Profile, Save Changes (form submit)

nttp://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_fast software.			
Upload Image Choose File No fi			
If you'd like to delete your current avata			
Delete My Avatar			

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, Delte Message (sytled link, default.css) Send Message →

Messages: Compose, Send Message (form submit)



Messages: Notices. Deactivate/Activate and Delete Message (styled link, button class, default.css and color custom.css) *ls 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?

Private Group / 24 members
Leave Group
Public Group / 64 members

Settings: General, Save Changes (form submit)



Settings: Notifications, Save Changes (form submit)

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



Send Invites: Invite New Members (form submit)

Inner Group Pages

Groups have similar higlighting 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.

Notify group members of ch ○ Yes No Save Changes → Group: Admin, Edit Details (form submit)	 This is a hidden group Only users who are invite This group will not be liste Group content and activit Save Changes → Group: Admin, Group Settings (form submit)	Edit Details Group Settings G Delete Group Upload an image to use as an avatar fo Upload Image Choose File No fil Group: Admin, Group Avatar (form submit)	Category List: notes Edit Delete New Category Add Save Changes → Group: Admin, Files (both form submit)
Options Minimum role to create new Docs: Save Changes	Group Blog Enable group blog Save Changes »	Uncouple Blog Unchecking "Enable group blog" will d to uncouple the blog from the group alt Uncouple Blog	Editor - Somebody who can publish po Author - Somebody who can publish a Contributor - Somebody who can write Subscriber - Somebody who can read Save Changes »
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)
Update Feed URL's	WARNING: Deleting this group will of this option.	// Post Update	Adam S. Wandt posted an u ago · <u>View</u> · <u>Delete</u> The Skunkworks Summit wi Criminal Justice. Additional

Group: Admin, External Blogs (form submit)



Group: Admin, Delete Group (form

submit)

Post Update

Group: Announcements (form submit)

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

Favorite

File List Viewing item 1 to 0 (of 0 items)	Submit	Post New Topic	Choose File No file chosen Choose File No file chosen
Upload a New File	notes (1.5k) Uploaded by Christ general notes	Sorry, there were no forum topics for	[+] more Post Topic
Group: Files, Upload a new file	Group: Files, Edit File	Group : Forum, Link to Post New Topic	Group: Forum, Submit Post Topic

Viewing post 1 to 1 (1 total posts)	Choose File No file chosen	+ Parent	Alternatively, you can compare two re
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werew (1 post)	Post Reply	Save Cancel	Old New Date Crea
Edit Topic I Sticky Topic I Close Topic I De			

Group: Forum, View All Topics and

Group: Forum, Post Reply

Group: Docs, Compare Revisions

submit)

	e group who is not yet a member of the s	Send new topics as they arrive (• All Email
Submit	Send Invites	Send all group activity as it arriv
notes (1.5k) Uploaded by Christ general notes	When you click members:	Note: Normally, you receive email n



Group: Send Invites

Group:	Email	Settinas

People Page



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



Groups Page

Directory Create a Group	Request Membership Private Group / 7 members	Join Group Public Group / 51 members	Leave Group Public Group / 64 members
s (314) My Groups (31)			
o 20 (of 314 groups) Groups: Create a Group on Main	Groups: Request Membership	Groups: Join Group (styled	Groups: Leave Group (styled

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

Blogs Page





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

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

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")