## Annotations

Within a WordprocessingML document, annotations refer to various types of supplementary markup which may be stored inside or around a region of text within the document's contents. [Example: The types of supplementary information stored within a document may include: [comments](comments.docx), revisions, spelling and/or grammatical errors, bookmark information and optional editing permissions. end example]

Within a document's contents, annotations are stored in one of three different methods:

* Inline
* "Cross Structure"
* Properties

These three forms are needed in order to maintain compatibility with both the [legacy](legacy.docx) annotations functionality of current word processing applications and the requirements of an XML-based [format](format.docx) (i.e. wellformedness of the resulting [XML](XML.docx) markup). These three forms are referenced within the individual annotation types described in the following sub clauses.