### Bookmarks

Within a WordprocessingML document, bookmarks refer to arbitrary regions of content which are bounded and have a unique name associated with them.

Because bookmarks are a [legacy](legacy.docx) word processing function which predates the concepts of [XML](XML.docx) and well-formedness, they can [start](start.docx) and end at any location within a document's contents and therefore must use the "cross-structure" annotation [format](format.docx) described in §.

[Example: Consider the following WordprocessingML markup for two paragraphs, each reading Example Text, where a bookmark has been added spanning the second word in paragraph one and the first word in paragraph two:

<w:[p](p.docx)>
 <w:[r](r.docx)>
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 </w:[r](r.docx)>
 <w:[bookmarkStart](bookmarkStart.docx) w:[id](id.docx)="0" w:name="sampleBookmark" />
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</w:[p](p.docx)>
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</w:[p](p.docx)>

The [bookmarkStart](bookmarkStart.docx) and [bookmarkEnd](bookmarkEnd.docx) elements (§; §) specify the location where the bookmark starts and ends, but cannot contain it using a single [tag](tag.docx) because it spans part of two paragraphs. However, the two tags are part of one [group](group.docx) because the [id](id.docx) attribute value specifies 0 for both. end example]