### "Cross Structure" [Annotations](Annotations.docx)

"Cross structure" annotations describe the class of annotations which can span portions of WordprocessingML markup [Example: Cross structure annotations may span parts of multiple paragraphs, one half of a custom [XML](XML.docx) markup element's contents, etc. end example]. In these cases, the annotation's region is delimited by two elements: a [start](start.docx) element and an end element. These two elements mark the [start](start.docx) and end points of the annotated content, but do not contain it. The pairing of the [start](start.docx) and end marker are linked via a common value for their [id](id.docx) attributes.

[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)>
 <w:[t](t.docx)>Example</w:[t](t.docx)>
 </w:[r](r.docx)>
 <w:[bookmarkStart](bookmarkStart.docx) w:[id](id.docx)="0" w:name="sampleBookmark" />
 <w:[r](r.docx)>
 <w:[t](t.docx) xml:space="preserve"> text.</w:[t](t.docx)>
 </w:[r](r.docx)>
</w:[p](p.docx)>
<w:[p](p.docx)>
 <w:[r](r.docx)>
 <w:[t](t.docx)>Example</w:[t](t.docx)>
 </w:[r](r.docx)>
 <w:[bookmarkEnd](bookmarkEnd.docx) w:[id](id.docx)="0" />
 <w:[r](r.docx)>
 <w:[t](t.docx) xml:space="preserve"> text.</w:[t](t.docx)>
 </w:[r](r.docx)>
</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 because it spans part of two paragraphs. They are part of one [group](group.docx) because the [id](id.docx) attribute value specifies 0 for both. end example]