#### annotationRef (Comment Information Block)

This element specifies the presence of an annotation reference mark at the current location in the comment. An annotation reference mark is an information block that represents the metadata about the current [comment](comment.docx) within the document. This annotation reference mark should typically consist of the initials and a unique integer associated with its [position](position.docx) in the document, but may be displayed in any desired format.

If this element is omitted from a single comment's contents, then an annotation reference mark may be added at the [start](start.docx) of the [comment](comment.docx) in reading order (right in a right-to-left paragraph or left in a left-to-right paragraph). As well, an annotation reference mark may be relocated as desired within a comment's content.

[Example: Consider a document with text with an annotated [comment](comment.docx) as follows:



This [comment](comment.docx) is represented as the following WordprocessingML fragment:

<w:[comment](comment.docx) … w:initials="User">

<w:[p](p.docx)>

<w:[r](r.docx)>

<w:annotationRef />

</w:[r](r.docx)>

…

</w:[p](p.docx)>

</w:[comment](comment.docx)>

The annotationRef element specifies that the [comment](comment.docx) shall [start](start.docx) with an annotation reference mark. In this example, this mark is displayed as a combination of the user initial, User, and a unique sequential number, 1. end example]

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| Parent Elements |
| [r](r.docx) (§); [r](r.docx) (§) |

The following [XML](XML.docx) Schema fragment defines the contents of this element:

<complexType [name](name.docx)="CT\_Empty"/>