#### commentReference (Comment Content Reference Mark)

This element specifies the presence of a [comment](comment.docx) content reference mark, which links the [comment](comment.docx) content (§) with the contents of a document story. This [link](link.docx) is established by matching the [comment](comment.docx) whose [id](id.docx) attribute matches the [id](id.docx) attribute on this element. The resulting [comment](comment.docx) is anchored to the range with [comment](comment.docx) range elements with the same [id](id.docx) attribute values (if present) as follows:

* If either or both of the [commentRangeStart](commentRangeStart.docx) and [commentRangeEnd](commentRangeEnd.docx) elements (§; §) are present, then the [comment](comment.docx) reference shall anchor the [comment](comment.docx) to the resulting range.
* If neither element is present, then the [comment](comment.docx) reference shall anchor the [comment](comment.docx) to its current location.

If this element appears in a [comment](comment.docx) content story (§), then it may be ignored. If no [comment](comment.docx) exists with an [id](id.docx) attribute which matches the [id](id.docx) attribute on this element, then this document is non-conformant.

[Example: Consider a paragraph in a WordprocessingML document whose second word is annotated with a comment:



The WordprocessingML fragment for this [comment](comment.docx) is defined as follows:

<w:[p](p.docx)>  
 <w:[r](r.docx)>  
 <w:[t](t.docx) xml:space="preserve">Some </w:[t](t.docx)>  
 </w:[r](r.docx)>  
 <w:[commentRangeStart](commentRangeStart.docx) w:[id](id.docx)="0" />  
 <w:[r](r.docx)>  
 <w:[t](t.docx)>text.</w:[t](t.docx)>  
 </w:[r](r.docx)>  
 <w:[commentRangeEnd](commentRangeEnd.docx) w:[id](id.docx)="0" />  
 <w:[r](r.docx)>  
 <w:commentReference w:[id](id.docx)="0" />  
 </w:[r](r.docx)>  
</w:[p](p.docx)>

The commentReference element specifies that the associated [comment](comment.docx) in the [comments](comments.docx) part shall be the [comment](comment.docx) whose [id](id.docx) attribute value is 0. As well, since a [start](start.docx) and end marker exist with a matching ID, this [comment](comment.docx) is anchored to that region of the document. end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| [id](id.docx) (Annotation Identifier) | Specifies a unique identifier for an annotation within a WordprocessingML document. The restrictions on the [id](id.docx) attribute, if any, are defined by the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.  If this attribute is omitted, then the document is non-conformant.  [Example: Consider an annotation represented using the following WordprocessingML fragment:  <w:… w:[id](id.docx)="1" … >  …  </w:…>  The [id](id.docx) attribute specifies that the ID of the current annotation is 1. This value is used to uniquely identify this annotation within the document content. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

<attribute [name](name.docx)="[id](id.docx)" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx)" use="required"/>

</complexType>