

1 Commenting in org-files

There was an interesting discussion on the org-mode mail list about putting comments in org files. Eric Fraga suggested using inline tasks, and customizing the export of them so they make a footnote, or use the todonotes package (suggested by Marcin Borkowski). Here is Eric's export. A big advantage of this is integration with the Agenda, so you can see what there is todo in your document.

```
1 (setq org-inlinetask-export-templates
2   '((latex "%s\\footnote{%s\\\\ %s}\\marginpar{\\fbox{\\thefootnote}}"
3     '((unless
4       (eq todo "")
5         (format "\\fbox{\\textsc{%s%s}}" todo priority))
6       heading content))))
```

Eric Abrahamsen suggested an idea to use a link syntax. I like the idea a lot, so here we develop some ideas. A link has two parts, the path, and description. A simple comment would just be a simple link, probably in double square brackets so you can have spaces in your comment. It might be feasible to use the description to "mark text" that the comment refers to. The remaining question is what functionality should our link have when you click on it, and how to export it. For functionality, a click will offer to delete the comment. For export, for now we will make it export with todonotes.

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1 (org-add-link-type
2   "comment"
3   nil
4   (lambda (keyword desc format)
5     (cond
6       ((eq format 'html)
7        (format "<font color=\"red\"><abbr title=\"%s\" color=\"red\">COMMENT</abbr></font> %s" keyword (or desc "")))
8       ((eq format 'latex)
9        (format "\\todo{%s}{%s}" keyword (or desc ""))))))
```

To use this, you need to have the L^AT_EX package included.