

## Footnotr makes PDF annotations social

Ever find yourself reading a academic paper and wish you had an expert reading along with you? Ever try a recipe and wonder if a seasoned cook could help you make a perfect dish? Footnotr can help.

Until very recently, written documents were dead as the wicked witch of the west. What you saw is what you got - information crystalized and frozen in time at the moment of publication.

But time moves on and we need living documents that can keep up as rapidly as life changes nowadays.



Footnotr is an attempt to fill that need. It displays PDF documents and allows you to highlight parts of the article text.

You can then write comments associated with highlighted annotations to help update, explain, or correct the document's primary text - we leave it to you to decide how to best evolve the document. This includes voting for useful comments, helping to bubble up the best information so you get the most streamlined, comprehensible, and accurate document possible.

Finally, these annotations and comments are stored online so that anyone who reads the same document later sees all the annotations and comments left before them - a constantly growing breadcrumb trail that makes documents more relevant over time, not less.

## **How To Use It**

Once you've loaded a document, tap and hold on any text to begin annotation mode. In this mode you can select the document text you want to add an annotation to - then tap the Done button at the top.

When you tap on highlighted text a popup containing the comments associated with that annotation



appears. Here you can add, edit, and delete new comments easily. Typo in your comment? Edit the comment by tapping your text, then save your changes by

dismissing the keyboard.

You can also choose how the comments are sorted: by votes or by creation date, so you can follow conversations in a comment thread easily.