

PDF links and annotations

Two pages. Eight annotation objects. A known starting point for your own files.

1. Open the external web link

The button below contains a PDF URI action. It needs a network connection.

Open the W3C website / <https://www.w3.org/>

2. Follow an internal destination

The next button points to page 2 inside this same PDF.

Go to page 2 / comments and ink

3. Inspect a text highlight

This sentence is the highlight reference line.

4. Select the text-box annotation

The blue text box below is an annotation, separate from the page text.

Editable text-box reference

After saving or exporting, reopen the resulting file in a second PDF viewer.

Check the link targets, highlight position and text-box editability separately.

Appearance alone does not establish that the same objects remain.

Comments, replies and ink

Use the comments panel to inspect the note and its reply relationship.

5. Inspect the two note objects

Open the note beside this paragraph, then look for its reply in the comments panel.

Root note: Review the highlighted sentence.

Reply: Keep the link and the highlight as separate objects.



6. Inspect the ink annotation

The blue line below is one Ink annotation with one path.



7. Return to page 1

The button below is another internal link, returning to page 1.

[Return to page 1](#)

Expected inventory

Page 1: 2 Link, 1 Highlight, 1 FreeText.

Page 2: 1 Link, 2 Text (including one reply), 1 Ink.

Total: 8 annotation objects; 3 links; 1 reply relationship.

Viewer controls and annotation appearances can differ between applications.