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Abstract

This OGC Engineering Report provides guidelines for dealing with geospatial annotations in OGC standards. It proposes a generic data model and a set of mappings into different popular encodings. This OGC document is applicable to OWS context, GMLJP2 and any other standards that can require annotations.

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Preface

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standards in next generation air traffic management systems to support European and US aviation modernization programs.

Annotations activities were part of the Open Mobility thread.
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1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

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1.4 Future work

These are some aspects that require a review if this document is further considered in the OGC standardization process: MotivationType was included in the abstract model in the last minute and is not incorporated into the mapping to the encodings. The definition of the abstract annotation model is defined as a UML diagram and ann.xsd XML schema includes the definition of each annotation element. It could be better to have tables in this
document fully describing each element of the abstract annotation model. The XML
ann:Annotation needs and extension point. The requirements listed in this document have
different targets and need to be in different requirements classes.

Include some other use cases and extend the model to them if needed and include a
symbolization language in the model can be aspects that require further consideration.
See also more generic future work in Section 8.

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OGC 07-036 Geographic Markup Language, GML 3.2.1,
http://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=20509

In addition to this document, this report includes an XML Schema Document file and
some examples as specified in Annex A.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this report, the definitions specified in Clause 4 of the OWS Common
Implementation Standard [OGC 06-121r3] shall apply. In addition, the following terms
and definitions apply.

3.1 annotation
any marking on illustrative material for the purpose of clarification [ISO19117]

NOTE This generic definition of the annotations concept applies here but one of the purposes of this
document is clarify the definition an annotation.
4 Conventions

4.1 Abbreviated terms

Some more frequently used abbreviated terms:

UML Unified Modeling Language
GML Geographic Markup Language

4.2 UML notation

Most diagrams that appear in this standard are presented using the Unified Modeling Language (UML) static structure diagram, as described in Subclause 5.2 of [OGC 06-121r3].

4.3 Data dictionary tables

The UML model data dictionary is specified herein in a series of tables. The contents of the columns in these tables are described in Table 1.

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<td>Definition (second column)</td>
<td>Specifies the definition of this parameter (omitting un-necessary words such as “a”, “the”, and “is”). If the parameter value is the identifier of something, not a description or definition, the definition of this parameter should read something like “Identifier of TBD”.</td>
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<td>Multiplicity and use (right or fourth column)</td>
<td>Normally contains two items: The mandatory first item specifies the multiplicity and optionality of this</td>
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or Multiplicity
(if are no second items are included in rows of table)

parameter in this data structure, either “One (mandatory)”, “One or more (mandatory)”, “Zero or one (optional)”, or “Zero or more (optional)”. The second item in the right column of each table should specify how any multiplicity other than “One (mandatory)” shall be used. If that parameter is optional, under what condition(s) shall that parameter be included or not included? If that parameter can be repeated, for what is that parameter repeated?

When the data type used for this parameter, in the third column of such a table, is an enumeration or code list, all the values specified shall be listed, together with the meaning of each value. When this information is extensive, these values and meanings should be specified in a separate table that is referenced in the third column of this table row.

The data type of many parameters, in the third table column, is specified as “Character String type, not empty”. In the XML Schema Documents specified herein, these parameters are encoded with the xsd:string type, which does not require that these strings not be empty.

5 Annotations overview

The draft W3C Open Annotation data model defines an annotation as a relation between a piece of information (called body) and a target object made with some motivation. Motivations could be highlighting, describing or commenting (see Figure 1). In the case of geospatial annotation, the body is an illustrative feature overlapped to a map and anchored to a complete geospatial feature (the target object), a part of it, or a spatial region for the purpose of making the map presentation more informative. This aim for improving presentation adds the need for a graphical representation of the body and the target and the need for representing a connector between them.

![Figure 1 — Open Annotation data model](image-url)
In OGC, annotations were previously proposed in the XML for Image and Map Annotations (XIMA) discussion paper (http://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=1020) that was later revised and included in GML in JPEG 2000 for Geographic Imagery (GMLJP2) document (http://portal.opengeospatial.org/files/?artifact_id=13252) in section 7.6, pages: 15-22. XIMA defines annotation as composed by 3 basic elements

- Pointer: A line that links the annotation (called content in XIMA) with a region in space that is being annotated (called annotates in XIMA).
- Content: A Label that has a text or a picture.
- Annotates: It is the region of the space we are annotating. E.g.: a point or a polygon

These concepts are also the bases for this document even if they get new names and are implemented in a different way. In practice, XIMA was defined as a profile of GML, limiting the geometric capabilities to the minimum required and was included in GMLJP2. This document takes a different approach and defines a generic data model for annotations that is not restricting the geometrical capabilities to define the annotation. The model concepts can then be mapped to common existing encodings other than GML.

5.1 Annotation aspects

Annotations are very similar to features. They can both describe a real phenomenon, they use properties to do that, and some of their properties are geometrical. However, there are some practical differences:

- Annotations are not always required to be geometrically precise (sometimes they are just rectangles or arrows pointing to a rough area).
- Annotations come in small quantities (just a few annotations over a map). This implies that they are not long arrays of instances of a specific feature type.
- Annotations do not require a complex schema with many properties (to have a text, or an image pointing to a geometry can be enough).
- Symbolization of annotations is important, but it is up to clients to present them in different ways, and avoid visual collisions of annotations coming from different sources.

5.2 Use cases

A common use case for annotations is to highlight some element in a georeferenced image or in a map. The annotation is composed of

1. Something identifying a location (point, polygon,...)
2. Something pointing to that location (not always required)

3. An associated text or an image saying something about that location or a descriptive picture

An example is the treasure map use case (see Figure 2) where we can clearly see the above mentioned 3 elements.

Figure 2 — The treasure map use case

The thing that we want to highlight is not always a point. It is often an area that requires some highlighting via an annotation, hence the need for polygons. This is shown in the refinery use case (see Figure 3).
Figure 3 — The refinery use case

6 Annotation abstract data model

Requirement 1: A feature is an annotation if it contains the required elements of the UML model in Figure 4.

An annotation is a feature identified by an *id* that can have *metadata* associated with it and a *motivation*. The annotation annotates something in the real world represented by an *anchor*. The *anchor* (called *target* in the Open Annotation data model) can geometrically be marked in the following ways:

- annotatedFeature: A link to a feature that geographically describes what is annotated.

- location: A geographic object that describes an area being annotated. It does not require that it is precisely defined. The recommended symbology is provided in *locationSym*.

- poi: A point position that represents the object (if the *location* is not a point). Sometimes, when *location* has a line or a polygon geometry, it is useful to have a point that represents it (e.g. in the aviation domain, an airport has an official Airport Reference Point). The recommended symbology is provided in *poiSym* (that can make the coordinates visible). *poi* could also be used to place the *icon*. 
If all three values are present, this gives the client the option to represent the geometry of the feature in any one of 3 levels of detail, from a general point location to a precise description of its boundary.

NOTE 1 To annotate an image as a whole, the annotatedFeature points to the corresponding coverage identifier.

An annotation has a label (called body in the Open Annotation data model) that is annotating the anchor. A connector is a linear feature that connects both entities. Many times an annotation needs to be more explicit and the Label element provides the capability to associate a text or an image with the purpose of being presented near the Anchor.

Requirement 2: A client shall draw the connector (if it exists) from the label area to the border, or the interior of the location (ignoring the poi).

NOTE 2 We need a way to define the position of the anchor to be able to eventually draw a connector pointing to it. Since the connector is not geometrically described, the anchor element location is made mandatory.

NOTE 3 If location does not want to be shown, the creating software is encouraged to define location as simple as possible (as a single point) and to define a “transparent” locationSym.

The connector will be drawn from an area next to the label (from the recommendedPos, if provided) to the border or the interior of the location (ignoring the poi, if provided).

![Annotation abstract UML model](image)

**Figure 4 — Annotation abstract UML model**
There is a general consensus that a client has to be able to decide how to distribute and place annotations over the map. Interactive clients can allow users to move annotation around the map. Clients that present more than one file containing overlapping annotations and need to be able to avoid collisions and overlaps between them by moving and separating them. They should also be able to change symbolization properties of the annotations to make them more visible. Nevertheless, the capability to provide a default symbolization can be useful. For this reason, the 3 elements of the annotation contain some properties for describing the default symbolization:

- **Anchor**: if location is provided, locationSym can describe the way the geometry has to be symbolized (e.g. a border color or a fill in pattern for a polygon). If poi is provided, poiSym can describe the way the point has to be symbolized (e.g. a cross with the coordinates as a text, like in Figure 3). Note that poiSym can also describe where to position the icon.

- **Label**: if text is provided, textSym can describe the style of the text (e.g. white text on top of a black background rectangle, like in Figure 3). If image or imageURI are provided, imageSym can describe the way the image has to be scaled, rotate etc. Both symbolizers can make use of the recommendedPos for both the text and the image. In the case that a text and an image are provided at the same time, they are competing for the same area next to recommendedPos and the clients have to decide how to place them avoiding overlaps.

- **Connector**: both type and connectorSym describe the symbology of the connector. connectorSym is expected to be a line symbolizer while type allow to decide if the connector is a simple line of an arrow (so it will present an arrow cap). In the absence of type, line will be used.

The model is extensible and provides the capability to include any number of additional attributes of any kind.

**Requirement 3**: When the encoding supports it, the annotation coordinates will be expressed in the same CRS as the feature they are annotating. When the selected encoding can reference a different CRS for coordinates, other CRSes are allowed but discouraged.

**NOTE**: Some encodings have constraints in the CRS that they can represent. For example KML 2.2 only supports long/lat in WGS84. For that reason the CRS requirement above has been left quite open.

**NOTE2**: The presented annotation model is compatible to the more generic Open Annotation Data Model, Community Draft, 08 February 2013, http://www.openannotation.org/spec/core/

### 6.1 Consideration of symbolizers

During OWS 10 some alternatives to incorporate a standard symbolization model were studied, including: KML styles, OGC Symbology Encoding (OGC SE), SVG and CSS. Symbology encodings are deeply related to data encodings and can not be easily adapted. Some alternatives have important limitations for annotations such as the impossibility to
associate an icon or an image to a Point feature in OGC SE or the lack of arrow caps in KML.

Another point is to give clients some freedom in representing the annotations. In some cases, clients will have to combine different annotations for the same feature in a single session and automatically avoid position or color collisions.

For these reasons, Symbolizer is deliberately not defined in this document and left for future work. Each encoding is expected to have their own capabilities and language to symbolize and clients are expected to adapt to it.

7 Mapping to specific encodings

In this section we are showing how the general model can be mapped into 3 different encodings. The first encoding in GML can be a perfect match to the abstract model because of the intrinsic flexibility in GML. For OWS Context and KML, instead of aiming for a perfect match, we think that is better to map annotation concepts into common OWS context and KML elements.

7.1 Mapping to GML

As said before, this document is taking a different practical route than XIMA approach. We deliberately avoid creating a profile of GML (that chooses a subset of the GML capabilities). Profiles (at least the way XIMA was defined) have problems when you try to mix them in a single application, becoming impossible to validate when they share the same namespace.

Instead, this document is suggesting a set of properties (in a different namespace) that can be used in the definition of GML applications schemas and in conjunction with the geospatial properties that the complete GML provides.

The namespace chosen in this interoperability experiment is:
ann="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0"

The properties are defined in an ann.xsd and they are the same as the ones in the UML model defined in the Figure 4 but defined as independent elements in a way that makes easy to reuse them by means of XML references.

<!--Anchor-->
<element name="annotatedFeature" type="ann:FeatureType"/>
<element name="location" type="ann:GeometryType"/>
<element name="poi" type="ann:PoiType"/>
<element name="icon" type="ann:IconType"/>
<element name="locationSym" type="ann:SymbolizedType"/>

<!--Connector-->
<element name="connectorType" type="ann:ConnectorTypeType"/>
The id and the metadata elements in the UML model are mapped to the gml:id and to the gml:metaDataProperty respectively.

For example, let’s imagine that we want to define a road feature. In a normal GML application schema, we will do it this way:

```xml
<element name="Road" type="xmp:RoadType" substitutionGroup="gml:AbstractFeature"/>
<complexType name="RoadType">
    <complexContent>
        <extension base="gml:AbstractFeatureType">
            <sequence>
                <element name="position" type="gml:CurvePropertyType"/>
                <element name="width" type="double"/>
                <element name="name" type="string"/>
            </sequence>
        </extension>
    </complexContent>
</complexType>
<complexType name="RoadPropertyType">
    <sequence minOccurs="0">
        <element ref="xmp:Road"/>
    </sequence>
    <attributeGroup ref="gml:AssociationAttributeGroup"/>
    <attributeGroup ref="gml:OwnershipAttributeGroup"/>
</complexType>
```

And we will use this application schema to validate a particular road instance like this:

```xml
<my_srf:AnnotatedRoad gml:id="ID_ROAD1">
    <my_srf:position>
        <gml:LineString gml:id="ID_ROADPOS1">
            <gml:pos>300 200</gml:pos>
            <gml:pos>350 222</gml:pos>
        </gml:LineString>
    </my_srf:position>
    <my_srf:width>4.1</my_srf:width>
    <my_srf:name>M30</my_srf:name>
</my_srf:AnnotatedRoad>
```
Now we are going to extend the GML definition of a road and create the schema for an annotated road by adding the properties defined in the “ann” namespace:

```xml
<element name="AnnotatedRoad" type="xmp:AnnotatedRoadType"
    substitutionGroup="gml:AbstractFeature"/>
<complexType name="AnnotatedRoadType">
    <complexContent>
        <extension base="gml:AbstractFeatureType">
            <sequence>
                <!--Anchor-->
                <element ref="ann:annotatedFeature" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:location"/>
                <element ref="ann:poi" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:icon" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:locationSym" minOccurs="0"/>
                <!--Connector-->
                <element ref="ann:connectorType" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:connectorSym" minOccurs="0"/>
                <!--Label-->
                <element ref="ann:text" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:image" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:recommendedPos" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:textSym" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:imageSym" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element name="position" type="gml:CurvePropertyType"/>
                <element name="width" type="double"/>
                <element name="name" type="string"/>
            </sequence>
        </extension>
    </complexContent>
</complexType>
```

And this way we are able to add an annotation to a road instance:

```xml
<my_srf:RoadCollection gml:id="ID_ROADS1"
xmlns:my_srf="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0/examples/example1"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2"
xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
xmlns:ann="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2 http://schemas.opengis.net/gml/3.2.1/gml.xsd http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0 ../ann.xsd http://schemas.opengis.net/annotations/1.0/examples/example1 AnnotatedRoad.xsd">
    <my_srf:road>
        <my_srf:AnnotatedRoad gml:id="ID_ROAD1">
            <ann:annotatedFeature xlink:href="other.xml#1234"/>
            <ann:location>
                <gml:LineString gml:id="ID_LINEROAD1">
                    <gml:pos>300 200</gml:pos>
                    <gml:pos>350 222</gml:pos>
                </gml:LineString>
```
Annotations do not need complex geometrical definitions but they can require common shapes like points, short lines, coarse polygons, ellipse etc. In fact, ellipses are not defined in the GML schemas. In this XML representation, ann:location is defined as a choice between points, arcs, lines, ellipses and polygons.

```xml
<complexType name="GeometryType">
  <choice>
    <element ref="gml:Point"/>
    <element ref="gml:LineString"/>
    <element ref="gml:Arc"/>
    <element name="Ellipse" type="ann:EllipseGeometryType"/>
    <element ref="gml:Polygon"/>
  </choice>
</complexType>
```

The definition of ellipse has been added to the ann.xsd XML schema:

```xml
<complexType name="EllipseGeometryType">
  <annotation>
    <documentation>Inspired in "Best way to define an Ellipse in GML?" http://www.ogcnetwork.net/node/1033</documentation>
  </annotation>
</complexType>
```
Creating a specific application schema for annotations can be complicated and can make interoperability more difficult. An alternative is to use the ann:Annotation object available directly in the in the ann.xsd application schema for a single annotation and the ann:AnnotationCollection for an array of annotations.

```xml
<ann:AnnotationCollection gml:id="ID_ROADS1"
xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2"
xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
xmlns:ann="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0">
  <ann:annotation>
    <ann:Annotation gml:id="ID_ROAD1">
      <ann:location>
        <gml:LineString gml:id="ID_LINEROAD1">
          <gml:pos>300 200</gml:pos>
          <gml:pos>350 222</gml:pos>
        </gml:LineString>
      </ann:location>
      <!--Label-->
      <ann:text>Annotation to the heaven</ann:text>
    </ann:Annotation>
  </ann:annotation>
</ann:AnnotationCollection>
```

Additionally an ann:StructuredAnnotation class is also provided. The later has been added to mimic the UML model completely. However, we believe there is no need to apply such a tree complex structure to describe annotation and recommends the ann:Annotation class.

The complete schemas and examples can be found in the Annex A.

Requirement 4: An annotation encoded in GML shall use the elements defined in the ann.xsd provided in the Annex A of this document.

7.1.1 Using the GML mapping into GMLJP2 v2

At the time of writing this document the GMLJP2 v2 is in the final stages and it is almost ready for its final release as a new OGC standard. The GMLJP2 v1 standard has been reviewed, and in the version 2 it uses GMLCOV but removes the XIMA approach.
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GMLCOV has been used to include the GML description of coverages in the JPEG2000 file. The standard adds placeholders for other features and annotations. Nevertheless, no specific annotation encoding is provided or suggested. The proposed annotation schema ann.xsd can be used in conjunction to GMLJP2 proposal to include annotations in a JPEG2000.

The following XML fragment illustrates

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<gmljp2:GMLJP2CoverageCollection gml:id="ID_JPEG2000_0"
    xmlns="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2"
    xmlns:gmljp2="http://www.opengis.net/gmljp2/2.0"
    xmlns:gmlcov="http://www.opengis.net/gmlcov/1.0"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/gmljp2/2.0 ../gmlJP2.xsd">
    <boundedBy/>
    <domainSet/>
    <rangeSet/>
    <gmlcov:rangeType/>
    <gmljp2:featureMember>
        <gmljp2:GMLJP2RectifiedGridCoverage gml:id="ID_1">
            <domainSet/>
            <rangeSet/>
            <gmlcov:rangeType/>
            <gmljp2:annotation>
                <ann:Annotation gml:id="AN001"
                    xmlns:ann="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0"
                    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0 http://schemas.opengis.net/annotations/1.0/ann.xsd">
                    <ann:location>
                        <gml:LineString gml:id="ID_LINEROAD1">
                            <gml:pos>300 200</gml:pos>
                            <gml:pos>350 222</gml:pos>
                        </gml:LineString>
                    </ann:location>
                    <ann:text>Annotation to the heaven</ann:text>
                </ann:Annotation>
            </gmljp2:annotation>
        </gmljp2:GMLJP2RectifiedGridCoverage>
    </gmljp2:featureMember>
    <gmljp2:GMLJP2CoverageCollection>
```

Requirement 5: A GMLJP2 document that contains annotation shall use the elements defined in the ann.xsd and provided in the Annex A and define annotations in the <gmljp2:annotation> elements provided by the GMLJ2 standard schemas. When no annotatedFeature reference is provided, it is assume that the annotation is annotating the parent coverage.
7.2 Mapping to OWS Context Atom encoding

There is a temptation to reuse the same GML encoding to include annotations in the owc:content section of an atom:entry of a OWS Context document. Even though this could be syntactically correct, we believe it makes more sense to map the annotation concepts and elements to the common elements of an atom:entry of the OWS Context atom:feed document. Table 2 provides the mapping between the abstract UML model for annotations and a atom:entry element.

Requirement 6: An OWS Context atom:entry is an annotation if it follows the mapping in Table 2.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Names: Annotation OWS Context mapping</th>
<th>Definition</th>
<th>Data type and value</th>
<th>Multiplicity and use</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>id</td>
<td>An unambiguous reference to the identification of the annotation (IRI)</td>
<td>URI</td>
<td>One (mandatory)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>metadata</td>
<td>A reference to a metadata about the annotation.</td>
<td>atom:link type. @rel shall be &quot;via&quot; (e.g. metadata document from which the metadata of the resource is derived).</td>
<td>Zero or more (optional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>motivation</td>
<td>This element marks this entry as an annotation.</td>
<td>Value SHALL be one of the MotivationType possible values.</td>
<td>Zero or one (optional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>annotatedFeature</td>
<td>A reference to a feature that is being annotated.</td>
<td>atom:link type. @rel shall be &quot;related&quot;</td>
<td>Zero or more (optional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>location</td>
<td>The spatial extent or scope of the annotation.</td>
<td>georss:where element</td>
<td>Zero or one (optional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>poi</td>
<td>A point inside the extent of the annotation.</td>
<td>georss:point element</td>
<td>Zero or one (optional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>icon</td>
<td>An icon representing the place being annotated.</td>
<td>atom:link type. @rel shall be &quot;icon&quot; The attributes length</td>
<td>Zero or one (optional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Names: Annotation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-------------------</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OWS Context mapping</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Definition</strong></td>
<td><strong>Data type and value</strong></td>
<td><strong>Multiplicity and use</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>text</td>
<td>A textual label that annotates the feature position</td>
<td>Character String type, not empty</td>
<td>One (mandatory)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>atom:entry/ atom:content</td>
<td>The use of atom:content with @type equal to &quot;html&quot; is recommended.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>imageURI</td>
<td>A image label that annotates the feature position</td>
<td>atom:link type. @rel shall be &quot;enclosure&quot; @type shall be and image format</td>
<td>Zero or one (optional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>atom:entry/ atom:link[@rel=&quot;enclosure&quot;]</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>None</td>
<td>This element marks this entry as an annotation.</td>
<td>Value SHALL be “annotation”.</td>
<td>Zero or one (optional) but SHOULD be used to help clients to identify these entries</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>atom:feed/ atom:category [@scheme='<a href="http://www.opengis.net/spec/annotation">http://www.opengis.net/spec/annotation</a>'] [@term</td>
<td>Any other element</td>
<td>Any (outside of the atom or owc namespace)</td>
<td>Zero or more (optional)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>attributes</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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The OWS Context document can also contain the full description of a feature or a coverage that is being annotated in another entry or can transport annotations that annotates external features.

Requirement 7: When the annotation entry is annotating another entry of the same Atom feed, the annotation entry shall point to the annotated feature using a atom:entry/atom:link with @rel="related" and href="#{entry_id}”, where {entry_id} is the atom:entry/atom:id of the annotated entry.
7.3 Mapping to KML

Mapping the model to KML requires an additional effort of imagination because KML objects are very limited in the number of properties they have. Fortunately, the concept of KML folder allows us for grouping some KML objects in a single box, making possible to generate a more complete structure inside a folder that can transport and pack the different elements of the annotation.

Next we will describe a KML structure that maps well with the abstract UML model for annotations shown in Figure 4. This is the way we represent the different elements of an annotation:

- <Style>s are used to express the annotation Symbolizers. In fact, we use 3 different <Style> id’s: “anchor”, “connector” and “label” for the different needed symbolizers in an annotation. You can use variants of these names if you require different symbolization for different annotations in a single KML file.

- <Folder> encapsulates a single annotation. “id” and “atom:link” are used to express the annotation id and the annotation metadata.
  - <Placemark>s can be used to represent several elements in the annotation such as: location, poi, icon, connector, text, and recommendedPos. Note that annotatedFeature is the “atom:link” of the first <Placemark>. Also note that only one Placemark/Point element can have a name because the text in the name is automatically shown as a label in some KML viewers.
  - <GroundOverlay> is used to show and label image.

The following simplified KML template shows how these annotation elements can be combined in a single KML file.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<kml xmlns="http://www.opengis.net/kml/2.2"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:gx="http://www.google.com/kml/ext/2.2"
xmlns:kml="http://www.opengis.net/kml/2.2"
xmlns:atom="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom">
  <Document>
    <name>Annotation example: Barcelona</name>
    <Style id="anchor">
      <!--Style for the anchor: locationSym and poiSym (including icon) -->
    </Style>
    <Style id="connector">
      <!--Style for the connetor: connectorSym -->
    </Style>
    <Style id="label">
      <!--Style for the label: textSym and imageSym -->
    </Style>
  </Document>
</kml>
```
NOTE: We have observed some discrepancies in between Google Earth and Google Maps representation of the same KML file. The most significant one is that name text is shown as an overlapped text in Google Earth but is not shown in Google Maps.

Requirement 8: A KML document that contains annotations shall use the KML structure presented above and fully exemplified in the Annex B.

Figure 5 shows how Annex B example is presented in Google Earth. The three main elements of an annotation are clearly seen:

- The anchor is represented both by a green polygon and a square icon.
- The connector is represented by a red arrow
- The label is seen as a text and image and an icon.
8 Future work

These are aspects that have been identified as requiring future work:

- Open Annotation Data Model W3C Community draft was taken into account in the abstract UML model for annotations but more work can be done in this direction.

- Reexamine the symbolization encodings and add a solution to the abstract model. Consider adopting OGC SE and send a CR to OGC SE when needed, or adopt W3C CSS3 to better align with the larger software marketplace.

- Implement the mappings in integrated clients and demonstrate the degree of interoperability of the presented annotation model.

- Test the annotation model in GMLJP2 implementations and suggest it as an extension to GMLJP2.

- Include mappings to other encodings such as OWS Context JSON. Suggest this model to the OWS Context SWG to explore how the SWG can endorse it.
Annex A

Annotations XML schema and example

A.1 General

This Annex provides additional information related to the Section 7.1. In particular, it provides the full version of the annotation application schema, an XML example that used directly it to generate annotations, an example of a GML application schema that includes elements of the annotation application schema and an example of a GML instance based on the GML application schema example.

A.2 Annotation application schema

This is the full application schema ann.xsd.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252"?>
<schema xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2"
xmlns:ann="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0"
targetNamespace="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0"
elementFormDefault="qualified" version="1.0">
  <import namespace="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
schemaLocation="../../xlink/1.0.0/xlinks.xsd"/>
  <import namespace="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2"
schemaLocation="../../gml/3.2.1/gml.xsd"/>
  <!--Anchor-->
  <element name="annotatedFeature" type="ann:FeatureType"/>
  <element name="location" type="ann:GeometryType"/>
  <element name="poi" type="ann:PoiType"/>
  <element name="icon" type="ann:IconType"/>
  <element name="locationSym" type="ann:SymbolizedType"/>
  <element name="anchor" type="ann:AnchorPropertyType"/>
  <complexType name="AnchorPropertyType">
    <sequence>
      <element ref="ann:Anchor"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>
  <element name="Anchor" type="ann:AnchorType"/>
  <complexType name="AnchorType">
    <sequence>
      <element ref="ann:annotatedFeature" minOccurs="0"/>
      <element ref="ann:location"/>
      <element ref="ann:poi" minOccurs="0"/>
      <element ref="ann:icon" minOccurs="0"/>
    </sequence>
  </complexType>
</schema>
```
<element ref="ann:locationSym" minOccurs="0"/>
</sequence>
</complexType>

<!--Connector-->
<element name="connectorType" type="ann:ConnectorTypeType"/>
<element name="connectorSym" type="ann:SymbolizedType"/>

<element name="connector" type="ann:ConnectorPropertyType"/>
<complexType name="ConnectorPropertyType">
  <sequence>
    <element ref="ann:Connector"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>
</element name="Connector" type="ann:ConnectorTypeType"/>

<complexType name="ConnectorType">
  <sequence>
    <element ref="ann:connectorType" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element ref="ann:connectorSym" minOccurs="0"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>

<!--Label-->
<element name="text" type="ann:TextType"/>
<element name="image" type="ann:ImageType"/>
<element name="recommendedPos" type="ann:RecommendedPosType"/>
<element name="textSym" type="ann:SymbolizedType"/>
<element name="imageSym" type="ann:SymbolizedType"/>

<element name="label" type="ann:LabelPropertyType"/>
<complexType name="LabelPropertyType">
  <sequence>
    <element ref="ann:Label"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>
</element name="Label" type="ann:LabelType"/>

<complexType name="LabelType">
  <sequence>
    <element ref="ann:label" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element ref="ann:image" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element ref="ann:recommendedPos" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element ref="ann:textSym" minOccurs="0"/>
    <element ref="ann:imageSym" minOccurs="0"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>

<simpleType name="TextType">
  <annotation>
    <documentation>Text to be presented on the screen next to the feature</documentation>
  </annotation>
  <restriction base="string"/>
<complexType name="ImageType" mixed="true">
  <annotation>
    <documentation>Image to be presented on the screen next to
    the feature; probably a picture</documentation>
  </annotation>
  <sequence>
    <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>

<complexType name="IconType">
  <annotation>
    <documentation>Icon pointing to the feature center position
    such as a pin</documentation>
  </annotation>
  <sequence>
    <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </sequence>
</complexType>

<complexType name="FeatureType">
  <annotation>
    <documentation>A feature id that is being annotated by this
    one</documentation>
  </annotation>
  <attributeGroup ref="xlink:simpleLink"/>
</complexType>

<simpleType name="ConnectorTypeCodeType">
  <restriction base="string">
    <enumeration value="line"/>
    <enumeration value="arrow"/>
  </restriction>
</simpleType>

<simpleType name="ConnectorTypeType">
  <annotation>
    <documentation>A code describing the arrow and its cap. The
    arrow connects the text or the image to the center of the
    feature</documentation>
  </annotation>
  <union memberTypes="ann:ConnectorTypeCodeType string"/>
</simpleType>

<complexType name="RecommendedPosType">
  <annotation>
    <documentation>Last or recommended position of the text
    and/or image</documentation>
  </annotation>
  <complexContent>
    <extension base="gml:PointType"/>
  </complexContent>
</complexType>
<complexType name="SymbolizedType">
  <annotation>
    <documentation>Generic Symbolizer</documentation>
  </annotation>
  <sequence>
    <any namespace="##other" processContents="lax" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
  </sequence>
  <attribute name="href" type="anyURI"/>
</complexType>

<!--
=======================================================================
Generic annotation for direct use without specific application
schema
=======================================================================
-->
A.3 Direct use example

This is an XML instance that uses the ann.xsd and contains two annotations using the flat annotation alternative and the structured annotation alternative.
A.4 GML application schema using annotations schema

This is an example of GML application schema that uses the ann.xsd and the GML schemas to include some annotation properties and some GML properties in the definition of a annotated road feature type.

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="windows-1252"?>
<schema xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2"
  xmlns:ann="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0"
  xmlns:xmp="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0/examples/example1"
  targetNamespace="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0/examples/example1"
  elementFormDefault="qualified" version="1.0">
  <import namespace="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2"
    schemaLocation="../../../gml/3.2.1/gml.xsd"/>
  <import namespace="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0"
    schemaLocation="../ann.xsd"/>
  <element name="RoadCollection" type="xmp:RoadCollectionType"
    substitutionGroup="gml:AbstractFeature"/>
  <complexType name="RoadCollectionType">
    <complexContent>
      <extension base="gml:AbstractFeatureType">
        <sequence>
          <element name="road" type="xmp:AnnotatedRoadPropertyType"
            minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
        </sequence>
      </extension>
    </complexContent>
  </complexType>
</schema>
```
<complexType name="RoadCollectionPropertyType">
    <sequence minOccurs="0">
        <element ref="xmp:RoadCollection"/>
    </sequence>
    <attributeGroup ref="gml:AssociationAttributeGroup"/>
    <attributeGroup ref="gml:OwnershipAttributeGroup"/>
</complexType>

<element name="AnnotatedRoad" type="xmp:AnnotatedRoadType" substitutionGroup="gml:AbstractFeature"/>

<complexType name="AnnotatedRoadType">
    <complexContent>
        <extension base="gml:AbstractFeatureType">
            <sequence>
                <!--Anchor-->
                <element ref="ann:annotatedFeature" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:location"/>
                <element ref="ann:poi" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:icon" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:locationSym" minOccurs="0"/>
                <!--Connector-->
                <element ref="ann:connectorType" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:connectorSym" minOccurs="0"/>
                <!--Label-->
                <element ref="ann:text" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:image" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:recommendedPos" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:textSym" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element ref="ann:imageSym" minOccurs="0"/>
                <element name="position" type="gml:CurvePropertyType"/>
                <element name="width" type="double"/>
                <element name="name" type="string"/>
            </sequence>
        </extension>
    </complexContent>
</complexType>

<complexType name="AnnotatedRoadPropertyType">
    <sequence minOccurs="0">
        <element ref="xmp:AnnotatedRoad"/>
    </sequence>
    <attributeGroup ref="gml:AssociationAttributeGroup"/>
    <attributeGroup ref="gml:OwnershipAttributeGroup"/>
</complexType>
</schema>

A.5  GML features using annotation schema.

This GML instance uses the previous application schema to define an annotated road feature.
<my_srf:RoadCollection gml:id="ID_ROADS1"
xmlns:my_srf="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0/examples/example1"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2"
xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
xmlns:ann="http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2
../gml/3.2.1/gml.xsd http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0
../ann.xsd http://www.opengis.net/annotations/1.0/examples/example1
AnnotatedRoad.xsd">
  <my_srf:road>
    <my_srf:AnnotatedRoad gml:id="ID_ROAD1">
      <ann:annotatedFeature xlink:href="other.xml#1234"/>
      <ann:location>
        <gml:LineString gml:id="ID_LINEROAD1">
          <gml:pos>300 200</gml:pos>
          <gml:pos>350 222</gml:pos>
        </gml:LineString>
      </ann:location>
      <ann:poi>
        <gml:Point gml:id="ID_POIROAD1">
          <gml:pos>300 200</gml:pos>
        </gml:Point>
      </ann:poi>
      <!--Connector-->
      <ann:connectorType>arrow</ann:connectorType>
      <!--Label-->
      <ann:text>Annotation to the heaven</ann:text>
      <ann:recommendedPos gml:id="POS1">
        <gml:pos>400 400</gml:pos>
      </ann:recommendedPos>
      <my_srf:position>
        <gml:LineString gml:id="ID_ROADPOS1">
          <gml:pos>300 200</gml:pos>
          <gml:pos>350 222</gml:pos>
        </gml:LineString>
      </my_srf:position>
      <my_srf:width>4.1</my_srf:width>
      <my_srf:name>M30</my_srf:name>
    </my_srf:AnnotatedRoad>
  </my_srf:road>
</my_srf:RoadCollection>
Annex B

KML annotation example

B.1 General

The mapping between the annotation abstract data model and KML is explained in Subsection 7.3. This Annex includes a full KML document that illustrates all the aspects of the model and honors the proposed structure for annotations in KML. The KML includes an anchor a connector and a label. It marks Barcelona city with a polygon (anchor) and icon (anchor), an arrow (connector), a text and a picture (label).

B.2 KML annotation example

This is a full KML example created during the OWS10 IE.

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<kml xmlns="http://www.opengis.net/kml/2.2"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xmlns:gx="http://www.google.com/kml/ext/2.2"
    xmlns:kml="http://www.opengis.net/kml/2.2"
    xmlns:atom="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/kml/2.2 schemas\2.2.0\ogckml22.xsd">
    <Document>
        <name>Annotation example: Barcelona</name>
        <Style id="anchor">
            <IconStyle>
                <scale>1</scale>
                <heading>0</heading>
                <Icon>
                    <href>http://maps.google.com/mapfiles/kml/shapes/cross-hairs_highlight.png</href>
                    <hotSpot x="20" y="20" xunits="pixels" yunits="pixels"/>
                </Icon>
            </IconStyle>
            <LineStyle>
                <color>ff00ff55</color>
                <width>3</width>
            </LineStyle>
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                <color>ffffffff</color>
                <fill>0</fill>
            </PolyStyle>
        </Style>
        <Style id="connector">
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            <PolyStyle>
                <color>ffffffff</color>
                <fill>0</fill>
            </PolyStyle>
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    </Document>
</kml>
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<LineStyle>
<PolyStyle>
<color>ff0000ff</color>
</PolyStyle>
</Style>

<Style id="label">
<IconStyle>
<scale>1</scale>
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<Icon>
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</Icon>
<hotSpot x="20" y="2" xunits="pixels" yunits="pixels"/>
</IconStyle>
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</LabelStyle>
</Style>

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<open>0</open>
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<tilt>0</tilt>
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</LookAt>
<Placemark>
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<atom:link href="http://features.server.org/gml#id" rel="related"/>
<styleUrl>#anchor</styleUrl>
<Polygon>
<outerBoundaryIs>
<LinearRing>
<coordinates>
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