



So how does Annoty work you might wonder. This short introduction explains all necessary steps to get your annotations working. Let's start!

To understand the steps, it's best to consider an example. So let's pretend you own the domain "example.com" and want your visitors rate the texts and allow them to comment on your content.

Here's what you need to do:

Sites

After logging in you will find yourself at the configure screen. On this page you can add your websites. In our little example you would press the "new" button and enter "example.com" (without http://www.) into the text field. Press "save". You will see a new entry appears under "Sites" that has a name (example.com), can be configured or deleted. The new entry also got an id, which is shown at the end of the line ("1114617586 " in our example). We call it **siteID**, and get to it back later.

Templates

Press "configure" to get to the templates screen. You will see that a "default" template has been created for the site "example.com". You may delete, or configure it. We create a new template following the same steps as for the sites. Press "new", enter a template name which contains no white spaces, points or any other special characters, e.g. "myFirstTemplate" and press "save" when you have finished.

Again you will see that the new template appears under templates and can be configured or deleted. The template name ("myFirstTemplate") is one **templateID** for the site. you specified Click on the "configure" button for the newly created template to configure the fields that are contained by the template.

Fields

Now we're at the fields screen where you can see all fields that the selected template contains. Create new fields by pressing the "new" button and delete fields by pressing the "delete" button behind the fields.

As you can see fields have different parameters: Name, Interaction, Type and Options.

The name is the caption of the field and appears on the annotation window. Table 1 shows how the different interaction types behave like.

A field can have three different types: Text, Link or Rating. Text means that added entries are plain text only. Choosing link will make entries have a Hyperlink and Rating will provide rating possibilities for your users. You can specify the maximum Rating possible (from 2 to 10) and the rating symbol (click on the symbol to choose another).

When you have finished managing the template fields press "save".

Interaction	Behavior
hidden	The field will not be visible.
read-only	The entries of the field can only be read.
add	New entries can be added for that field.
change	Existing entries can be changed.
add and change	New entries can be added and existing ones can be changed.
delete	New entries can be added, existing ones can be changed or deleted.

Table 1: Interaction types and behaviors.

Now let's see how the Annoty window will look like. On the page you can see a caption that says "Template usages:", hover your mouse over the first icon and wait for one second. The Annoty window will open and show the content right as your users will see it.

The last thing we need to do is test the Annoty window on your website. That is really easy, there are just two steps that need to be done.

1. Copy&Paste this code in the <head> part of your website:

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<script src="http://www.annoty.com/annoty.js" type="text/javascript"></script>
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2. Decide where you want your users to comment or rate content of your site, e.g. an image. The Annoty link has to be put in an <a> element like so:

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<a href="**siteID.templateID.elementID"></a>
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Start with "***" to let Annoty know that this is not a normal link but an Annoty window. The **siteID** is the number that appeared behind "example.com" in our example. The **templateID** is the name you specified for a template in our example "myFirstTemplate". And **elementID** is a simple text string (no white spaces or any special characters) that you can freely choose. For instance, if you want every image of your page rated you have to give each a different elementID.

So in our example a link could look like this:

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<a href="**1114617586.myFirstTemplate.image1"></a>
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Note: For security reasons the Annoty windows will only work if you call them right from the domain you specified under "sites". So if you typed in "example.com" and you test the Annoty windows from "test.com" it will not work.

And that's all. If you still have questions feel free to ask them at <http://www.annoty.com/help>.