

# Annotate Tool

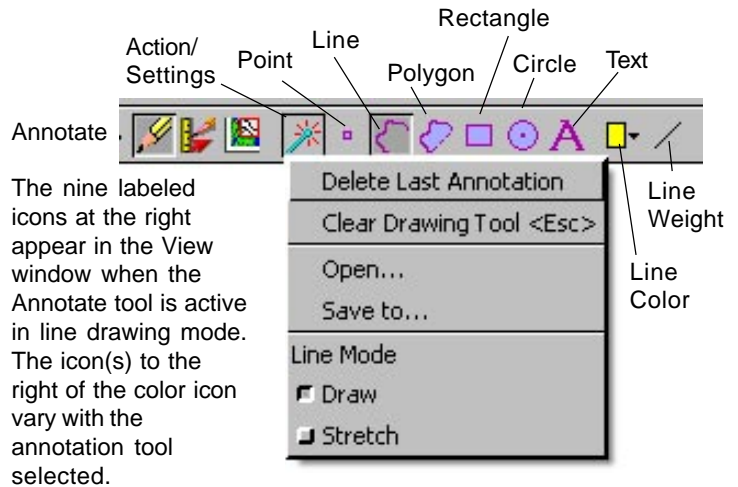
The Annotate tool provides quick access to frequently used sketching tools without having to open the GeoToolbox. Just as with the Sketch tool in the GeoToolbox, a CAD object is created as the output. The drawing tools for annotation are added directly to the View window toolbar when the Annotate tool is active. Additionally, your annotations are automatically saved to C:\Documents and Settings\yourname\MyDocuments\MicroImages\Sketches. If you have previously designated a different location using the Save to option on the left-click dropdown menu from the Action/Settings icon that appears when the Annotate tool is active your annotations are saved there. The file automatically created is a Project File named by the date and time in the form YYYYMMDD\_HHMMSS. This automatically saved object can subsequently be added like any CAD object or opened as a sketch to add more elements.

The icons that appear on the View window toolbar when the Annotate tool is active vary with the selected drawing mode. Be sure your View is open wide enough to show the full set of icons. The Action / Settings icon is always present when the Annotate tool is selected. When Point is the selected annotation tool, there is a Color icon. When Line is selected there are Color and Line Weight icons. When polygon is selected there are Fill Color, Border Color, and Border Weight icons to let you adjust these parameters.

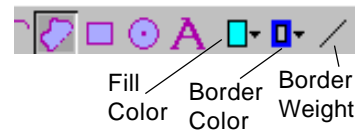
The Action/Settings icon has a left mouse button menu that lets you delete the last element you added to your annotation, clear the current drawing tool, open a previously saved annotation or any other sketch layer, save your annotations to a new sketch object, and switch your line drawing mode between draw (nodes added as you drag the mouse) and stretch (nodes added when you release the mouse).

Line thickness in annotations does not change as you zoom in and out. Annotation text elements do increase/decrease in size as you zoom in and out.

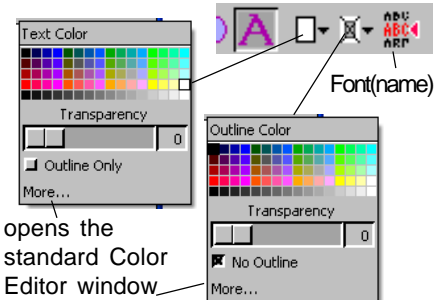
You can open your annotation object as the starting point for a new sketch layer and continue to add elements. To



The three icons shown to the right of the Text icon appear when the polygon, rectangle, or circle tool are active



The text-specific icons let you set whether or not to add an outline (enhanced text), use an outline only, set the color for both components, and choose your font.



work with an annotation object as a sketch layer, click on the GeoToolbox icon in the View window, then click on the Open Sketch icon on the Sketch tabbed panel. Sketch layers have more drawing shape choices (e.g. ellipse, arc wedge, regular polygons), more styling options (you can choose line patterns and fill patterns as well as solid styles), and you can attach attributes to the elements added. These additional options apply only to newly added elements. To attach attributes and change drawing styles for the original annotation elements you can add your completed sketch as a CAD layer in the Display process. For additional information on using the sketch tools see the Tutorial booklet entitled *Sketching and Measuring*.

