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IANA Registry for the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)
"Priority" Header Field

Abstract

This document defines a new IANA registry to keep track of the values defined for the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) "Priority" header field. It updates [RFC 3261](#).

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1. Introduction

This document defines a new IANA registry to keep track of the values defined for the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) "Priority" header field. This header field was defined in [\[RFC3261\]](#), [Section 20.26](#). It was clearly specified in a way that allows for the creation of new values beyond those originally specified; however, no registry has been established for it.

2. IANA Considerations

This document adds a new sub-registry, "Priority Header Field Values", to the "Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) Parameters" registry page. Its format and initial values are as shown in the following table:

Priority	Reference
non-urgent	RFC 3261
normal	RFC 3261
urgent	RFC 3261
emergency	RFC 3261

The policy for registration of values in this registry is "IETF Review" as that term is defined by [\[RFC5226\]](#). This policy was chosen over lighter-weight policies due the potential architectural impact of the semantics associated with new values. Efforts contemplating adding a Priority value should consider whether the SIP Resource-Priority [\[RFC4412\]](#) or even a different protocol would be more appropriate for achieving their requirements.

3. Security Considerations

This document does not have any impact on the security of the SIP protocol. Its purpose is purely administrative in nature.

4. References

4.1. Normative References

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