

Space Assigned Numbers Authority (SANA)

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Introduction



- SANA = Space Assigned Numbers Authority
- SANA Working Group formed in response to CCSDS reengineering done in 2003-4:
 - Restructured Organization and Processes for the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems. Space Data System Standards, CCSDS A02.1-Y-2. Yellow Book. Issue 2. Washington, D.C.: CCSDS, April 2004.
- Inspired by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority, used for IETF protocols.
- SANA = registrar service to the CCSDS community

What?



- SANA manages protocol parameter registries
- Constants used in a frame field, in an id string, ...
- Some examples:
 - Spacecraft Ids, Protocol version numbers, CDMA PN Codes, XML namespaces
 - IP transport port numbers: i.e. Port 80 = http; port 25 = smtp,
 ... (IANA example)
 - Cryptographic algorithms: SHA1, MD5, DES, 3DES, ...
- Registries are located outside of protocol specifications (i.e. CCSDS books/IETF RFC)

Why Protocol Parameter Registries?



Characteristics:

- central location:
 - one place to look at all codepoints assigned for a field.
- independent of the protocol specifications
 - No need to update the protocol specs to add one codepoint
- managed by an operator
 - third party trusted by all parties involved in protocol authoring and implementing
- receives assignment instructions from protocol authors and CCSDS management
- guarantees uniqueness of codepoints
- enables interoperability between implementations.

IANA Example



- IP transport ports registry:
 - List of all ports used for IP transport
 - Port field = 16 bits =65536 max.
 - Three ranges of port numbers are defined:
 - Reserved
 - IETF specification required
 - Request with justification
- IANA assigns port numbers based on the requests it receives. It verifies if the request fulfills the registration procedures that were established when the registry was created.

SANA and CCSDS Books



- Many working groups and document editors need registry services.
- Each CCSDS book includes a section on SANA.
 - The section specifies how SANA should create (or update) the registry and how the new assignments requests will be handled.
 - For example, the book may say: create this registry XYZ, assign 0,1,2,3,4 codepoints. Additional codepoints below 100 are assigned by a new specification approved by CCSDS. Codepoints above 100 can be assigned to any CCSDS member agency.

SANA Update



- SANA Yellow Book is at its last stages in the Working Group and will soon be sent for approval/publication
- A contract for start-up of the SANA operator is being put in place by the CCSDS Secretariat
- Eventual permanent home of SANA may be an international organization dedicated to coordinating international space mission cross support (such as the Inter-agency Operations Advisory Group, IOAG)

Conclusion



- SANA is the registrar for CCSDS protocol parameters registries.
- If you need to setup a registry, please contact me directly:

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until SANA is fully operational.