PQCRYPTO – Post-Quantum Cryptography for Long-term Security

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- Project funded by EU in Horizon 2020.
- Starting date 1 March 2015, runs for 3 years.
- 11 partners from academia and industry, TU/e is coordinator





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- PQCRYPTO will design a portfolio of high-security post-quantum public-key systems, and will improve the speed of these systems, adapting to the different performance challenges of mobile devices, the cloud, and the Internet of Things.
- PQCRYPTO will provide efficient implementations of high-security post-quantum cryptography for a broad spectrum of real-world applications.



Work packages

Technical work packages

- WP1: Post-quantum cryptography for small devices Leader: Tim Güneysu, co-leader: Peter Schwabe
- WP2: Post-quantum cryptography for the Internet Leader: Daniel J. Bernstein, co-leader: Bart Preneel
- WP3: Post-quantum cryptography for the cloud Leader: Nicolas Sendrier, co-leader: Lars Knudsen

Non-technical work packages

- WP4: Management and dissemination Leader: Tanja Lange
- WP5: Standardization Leader: Walter Fumy



WP1: Post-quantum cryptography for small devices

- Find post-quantum secure cryptosystems suitable for small devices in power and memory requirements (e.g. smart cards with 8-bit or 16-bit or 32-bit architectures, with different amounts of RAM, with or without coprocessors).
- Develop efficient implementations of these systems.
- Investigate and improve their security against implementation attacks.
- Deliverables include reference implementations and optimized implementations for software for platforms ranging from small 8-bit microcontrollers to more powerful 32-bit ARM processors.
- Deliverables also include FPGA and ASIC designs and physical security analysis.



WP2: Post-quantum cryptography for the Internet

- Find post-quantum secure cryptosystems suitable for busy Internet servers handling many clients simultaneously.
- Develop secure and efficient implementations.
- Integrate these systems into Internet protocols.
- Deliverables include software library for all common Internet platforms, including large server CPUs, smaller desktop and laptop CPUs, netbook CPUs (Atom, Bobcat, etc.), and smartphone CPUs (ARM).
- Aim is to get high-security post-quantum crypto ready for the Internet.



WP3: Post-quantum cryptography for the cloud

- Provide 50 years of protection for files that users store in the cloud, even if the cloud service providers are not trustworthy.
- Allow sharing and editing of cloud data under user-specified security policies.
- Support advanced cloud applications such as privacy-preserving keyword search.
- Work includes public-key and symmetric-key cryptography.
- Prioritize high security and speed over key size.



What does PQCRYPTO mean for you?

- Expert recommendations for post-quantum secure cryptosystems.
- Recommended systems will get faster/smaller as result of PQCRYPTO research.
- More benchmarking to compare cryptosystems.
- Cryptographic libraries will be made freely available for several computer architectures.
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