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Hey, that's an interesting suggestion. I'd be a bit concerned about doing this as an official outreach activity by NIST, because these long online conversations can generate a lot of vaguely-worded text that can later be taken out of context and misinterpreted by other people.

However, I wonder if you can do this as a voluntary effort by a private citizen, not connected with NIST?

--Yi-Kai

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I found out on Twitter that random "ex-NSA" dudes working on post-quantum crypto (I assume we'll get a submission from them) are currently the #1 AMA (ask me anything) on Reddit.  
(<https://www.reddit.com/r/IAmA/>)

I think a Reddit AMA (Ask Me Anything [although anything often doesn't mean literally anything]) on NIST's PQC project would be a really good way to interface with the wider interested populace at perhaps a somewhat less involved level than via the PQC listserv which appears to be limited to a very small number of people (which isn't a bad thing, but there is clearly interest in the project based on this other AMA).

I could do it myself if nobody else wants to (and y'all are okay with that).

What do you think?

—Jacob Alperin-Sheriff