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To: pqc-forum <ppc-forum@list.nist.gov>
Subject: [ppc-forum] Call for Additional Signatures is released
Date: Tuesday, September 06, 2022 04:16:06 PM ET

All,

NIST is calling for additional digital signature proposals to be considered in the PQC standardization process. NIST is primarily interested in additional general-purpose signature schemes that are not based on structured lattices. For certain applications, such as certificate transparency, NIST may also be interested in signature schemes that have short signatures and fast verification. NIST is open to receiving additional submissions based on structured lattices, but is intent on diversifying the post-quantum signature standards. As such, any structured lattice-based signature proposal would need to significantly outperform CRYSTALS-Dilithium and FALCON in relevant applications and/or ensure substantial additional security properties to be considered for standardization.

You can find the Call, as well as instructions and requirements for submissions at:

<https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/ppc-dig-sig/standardization/call-for-proposals>

Submission packages must be received by NIST by June 1, 2023. Submission packages received before March 1, 2023, will be reviewed for completeness by NIST; the submitters will be notified of any deficiencies by March 31, 2023, allowing time for deficient packages to be amended by the submission deadline. No amendments to packages will be permitted after the submission deadline, except at specified times during the evaluation phase.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Dustin Moody

NIST PQC team

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To: Paul Hoffman <paul.hoffman@icann.org>, pqc-forum <ppc-forum@list.nist.gov>
Subject: RE: [Ext] [ppc-forum] Call for Additional Signatures is released
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That said, I'm also curious why CT was singled out as *the* motivating use-case in Dustin's announcement.

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Mike Ounsworth
Software Security Architect, Entrust

——Original Message——

From: pqc-forum@list.nist.gov <pqc-forum@list.nist.gov> On Behalf Of Paul Hoffman
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> For certain applications, such as certificate transparency, NIST may also be interested in signature schemes that have short signatures and fast verification.

Can you say more about the motivation here? Are you focusing on schemes that have possibly-giant keys but short signatures, or are you still hoping for schemes that have a variety of different key/signature size balances? I ask as someone who supports a protocol (DNSSEC) that is concerned with delivering both keys and signatures, so size of each will matter to us.

--Paul Hoffman

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Subject: Re: [Ext] [pqc-forum] Call for Additional Signatures is released
Date: Wednesday, September 07, 2022 07:25:42 AM ET

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Date: Wednesday, September 07, 2022 07:49:04 AM ET
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Hi Sofi and everyone,

I've read a few of these before, but some were new, so thank you. I think I have a reasonable understanding of the impacts and constraints for wired frame based protocols, but I've never been able to find anything about the impacts to wireless protocols. I have very little understanding of how things like LTE and other long range wireless protocols use signatures and what their constraints are. Have you ever come across any similar research for non-avian (RFC1149) over the air protocols? I have some intuition about it, but haven't been able to find any research.

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Interesting question. Should 4G, 5G, 6G, 7G or "future mobile technologies" align with the CNSA 2.0 roadmap? (Perhaps they already are aligned?)

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Cc: Paul Hoffman <paul.hoffman@icann.org>, pqc-forum <pqc-forum@list.nist.gov>
Subject: Re: [Ext] [pqc-forum] Call for Additional Signatures is released

On Wed, Sep 7, 2022 at 12:22 AM 'Mike Ounsworth' via pqc-forum <pqc-forum@list.nist.gov> wrote:

crt.sh shows that we're in the single-digit-billion certs in the index. If you were to download and integrity-check the entire thing on a regular basis, then I could see short signatures and fast verifications being a big deal.

I'd say having a small-signature&fast-verification scheme is a much bigger deal for the 2+ SCTs that are in every single leaf certificate on the web. Also it's nice for the signature in the intermediate certificate. There are not that many root CAs and CT logs, so having slightly larger public keys for those keypairs could be a worthwhile trade-off.

Best,

Bas

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