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Subject: Re: [pqc-forum] Digest for pqc-forum@list.nist.gov - 2 updates in 1 topic
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Looks like some (header) files are missing from the tar file

```
manoj63@fermi:...kem/mceliece8192128> make
./build
```

```
In file included from operations.c:5:0:
```

```
crypto_hash.h:3:10: fatal error: libkeccak.a.headers/SimpleFIPS202.h: No such file or directory
#include <libkeccak.a.headers/SimpleFIPS202.h>
```

```
^~~~~~
```

```
compilation terminated.
```

```
Makefile:5: recipe for target 'kat' failed
```

```
make: *** [kat] Error 1
```

```
manoj63@fermi:...kem/mceliece8192128>
```

Thanks for helping out. Manoj.

On Tue, Oct 25, 2022 at 8:24 AM <pqc-forum@list.nist.gov> wrote:

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"D. J. Bernstein" <djb@cr.yp.to>: Oct 25 02:00PM +0200

The round-4 Classic McEliece submission is available here:

<https://classic.mceliece.org/nist/mceliece-20221023.tar.gz>

As before, KATs have been split into a separate file:

<https://classic.mceliece.org/nist/mceliece-kat-20221023.tar.gz>

---D. J. Bernstein, on behalf of the Classic McEliece team

Wrenna Robson <wren.robson@gmail.com>: Oct 25 01:17PM +0100

Thanks for this, Dan.

Obviously I've just had a quick glance, and will read in detail in the fullness of time, but I just want to say that I love the restructuring of the supporting documentation and the separation of content into the different documents for different purposes, and the rewriting and clarification of the content that I've seen already. It looks really great.

Best,

Wrenna

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Alternatively, just use <https://bench.cr.yp.to/supercop.html>, which includes the Keccak libraries, includes more comprehensive KEM tests, and isn't AVX2-specific.

Beware that buffer overflows have recently been reported in the official Keccak libraries, in particular "when partial data with some specific sizes are queued, where at least one of them has a length of $2^{32} - 200$

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cd XKCP
```

```
time make AVX2/libXKCP.a
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```
mkdir -p $HOME/include
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ln -s $HOME/XKCP/bin/AVX2/libXKCP.a.headers $HOME/include/libkeccak.a.headers
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cd mceliece-20221023
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```
for x in *Impl*/kem/mceliece*
do
  find "$x" -type d \
  | while read dir
  do
    [ -e "$dir"/Makefile ] || continue
    ( cd "$dir"
      echo "$dir"
      make
      for kat in kat_kem.req kat_kem.rsp kat_kem.int
      do
        p=`basename "$x"`
        cmp $kat "$HOME/mceliece-kat-20221023/KAT/kem/$p/$kat"
      done
    )
  done
done
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hello

why saber is not selected among the candidates of round 4 (nist)

Le mardi 25 octobre 2022 à 16:53:37 UTC+1, D. J. Bernstein a écrit :

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