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Jacob:

I looked at the site you pointed. It is a good site for people to learn something casually. However, I do not feel it is necessary to put our PQC procedure there because maintaining could be resource consuming. It is also challenging to manage answering all the questions without risking certain bias or accidentally misleading at this stage of our procedure.

I feel that we have obtained sufficient publicity through research community, industry groups, as well as government agencies. If someone hasn't heard us and our effort before, it is unlikely that they have been engaged in the mainstream research and practice in this area.

On the other hand, it is worth to observe the discussions there since some opinions may be valuable and we haven't had thought about.

Lily

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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