



# Post Quantum Crypto and Mozilla

Crypto beyond TLS

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Agenda

Crypto @ Mozilla

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# Crypto @ Mozilla

There's more than TLS

# Motivation

- PQC Algorithms have significantly different properties
- Selection of “right” algorithms heavily depends on use-case
- Showcase different use cases

## **Main Question**

How can we select the right algorithm for each use case?



<https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/>

# Crypto in TLS

## Authentication

- RSA-PKCS1
  - SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA512
  - SHA-1
- RSA-PSS
  - SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA512
- ECDSA
  - P-256, P-384, P-521
  - SHA-1
- EdDSA
  - x25519, x448
- Custom

## Transport Encryption

- AES-GCM
  - 128, 256
- AES-CCM 128
- AES-CCM-8 128
- ChaCha20Poly1305

## Key Exchange

- P-256, P-384, P-521
- x25519, x448
- FFDHE-2048, FFDHE-3072, FFDHE-4096, FFDHE-6144, FFDHE-8192
- Custom DHE or ECDHE



# TLS is a very specific use-case for Mozilla

- Secure transport of content over the internet
- High number of handshakes
  - how many?
- Protocol optimisations to avoid full handshake
- Standardised protocol that's hard to change

# Updates and Integrity

- Firefox Updates
- Firefox extensions
- Involves PKI and HSMs





# Device Linking & Discovery

Link browser instances


- debugging
- simplified login on mobile/TV

# Web Authentication

- An API for accessing Public Key Credentials
- Can use hardware tokens
  - hard to replace
  - resource constraint



# Firefox Accounts & Sync



## Create a Firefox Account

Looking for Firefox Sync? [Get started here](#) ×

Email

Password

Repeat password

How old are you?

**Practical knowledge is coming to your inbox.  
Sign up for more:**

☐ Be safer and smarter online

☐ Test new Firefox products

☐ Take action to keep the internet healthy

Create account

By proceeding, you agree to the [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Notice](#).

[Have an account? Sign in](#)

### Get more from these features:



Travel the internet with protection, on every device.



Keep your passwords protected and portable.



Get a lookout for data breaches.

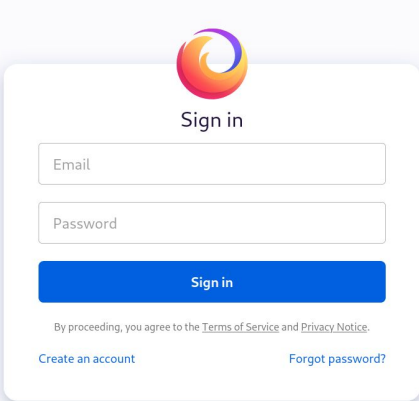


Share large files without prying eyes.

# Firefox Accounts & Sync

## Sync Browser Data

- Logins and Passwords
- Addresses
- Bookmarks
- Open Tabs
- History



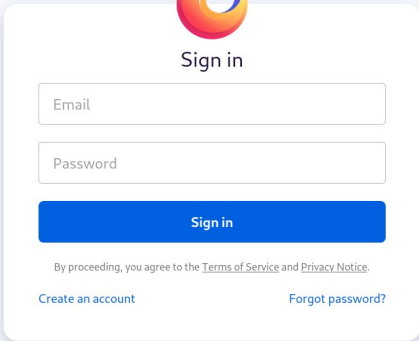
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# Firefox Accounts & Sync

## Firefox Account

- SSO provider
- Access to services



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# Telemetry Data

- Firefox telemetry doesn't use PETs (yet)
- PRIO
  - allows privacy-preserving origin telemetry (somewhat)



# DevSecOps

- Securing development & operations
- AWS, GCP, Azure, ...
- SOPS
  - Secrets OPerationS

# Crypto Code @ Mozilla



# The Crypto Library

NSS

- Mozilla has (some) control over NSS
- Used for most things in the browser
  - not all though

# Other Crypto Code

- Server-side implementations
  - Mostly use Go crypto
  - Some JavaScript crypto
- Rust 3rd party libraries in Firefox
- Openssl
  - used all over the place for services

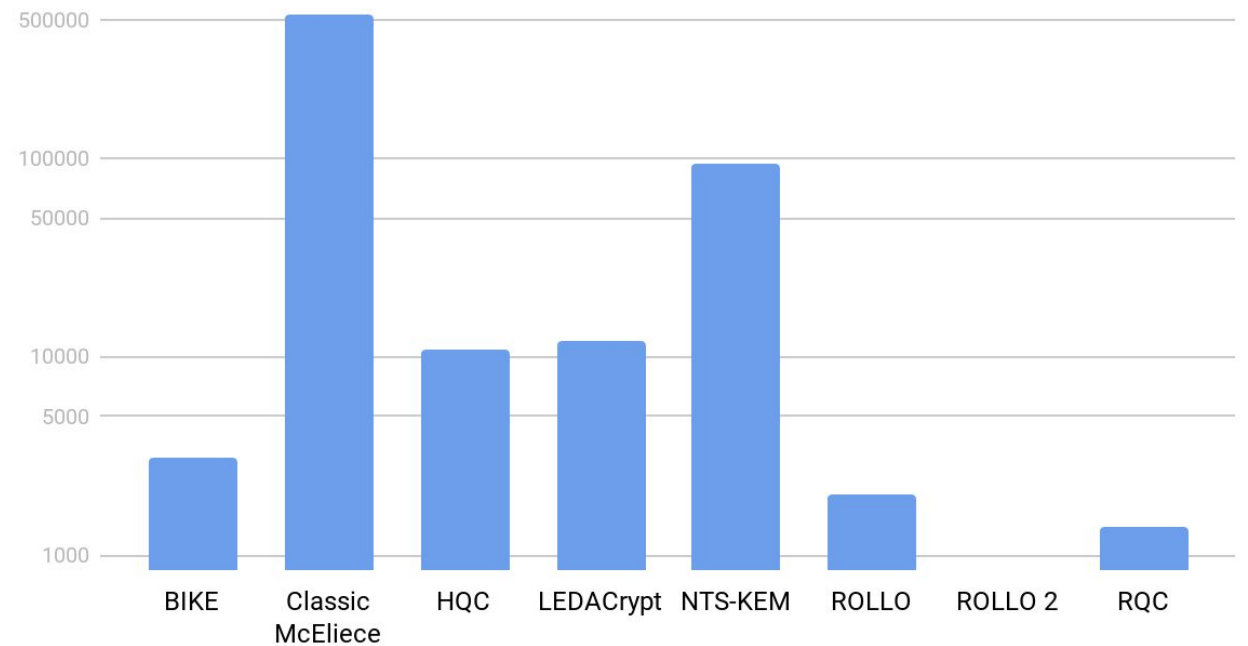
# Assessing NIST candidates for Mozilla

- Key size
- Key generation performance
- KEM message size
- KEM performance
- Sign/Verify performance
- Signature size

# NIST candidates

Level 3 Public Key Size

Code-based KEMs

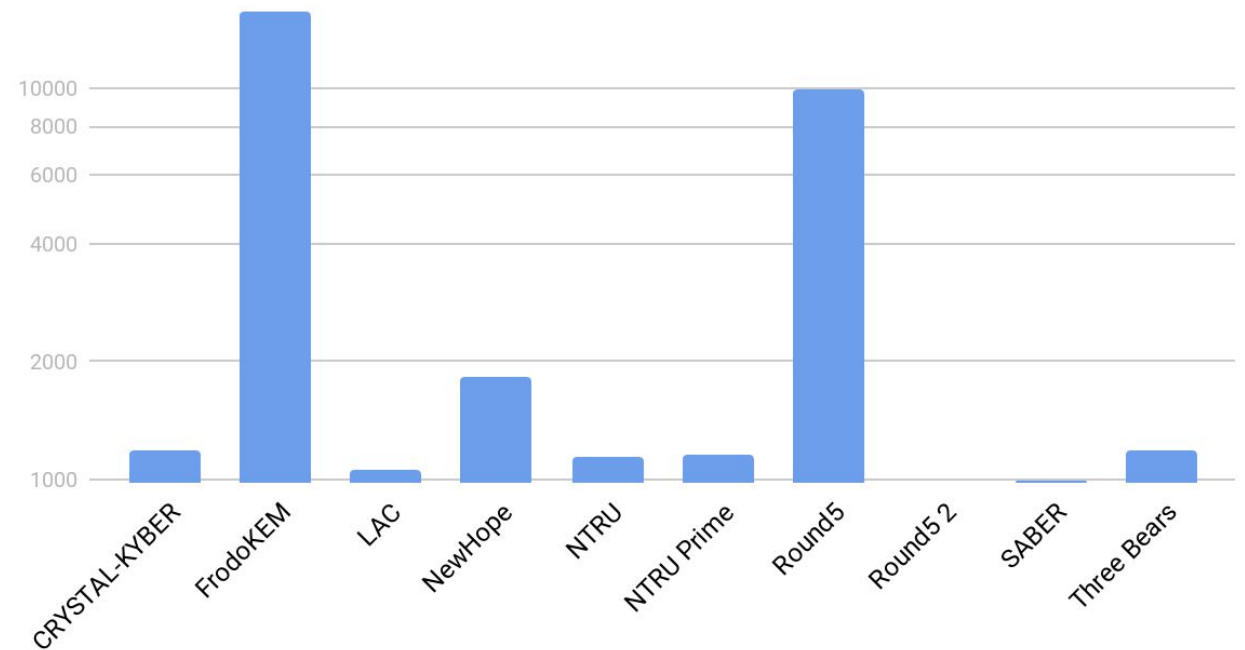




# NIST candidates

Level 3 Public Key Size

Lattice-based KEMs



# NIST Candidates

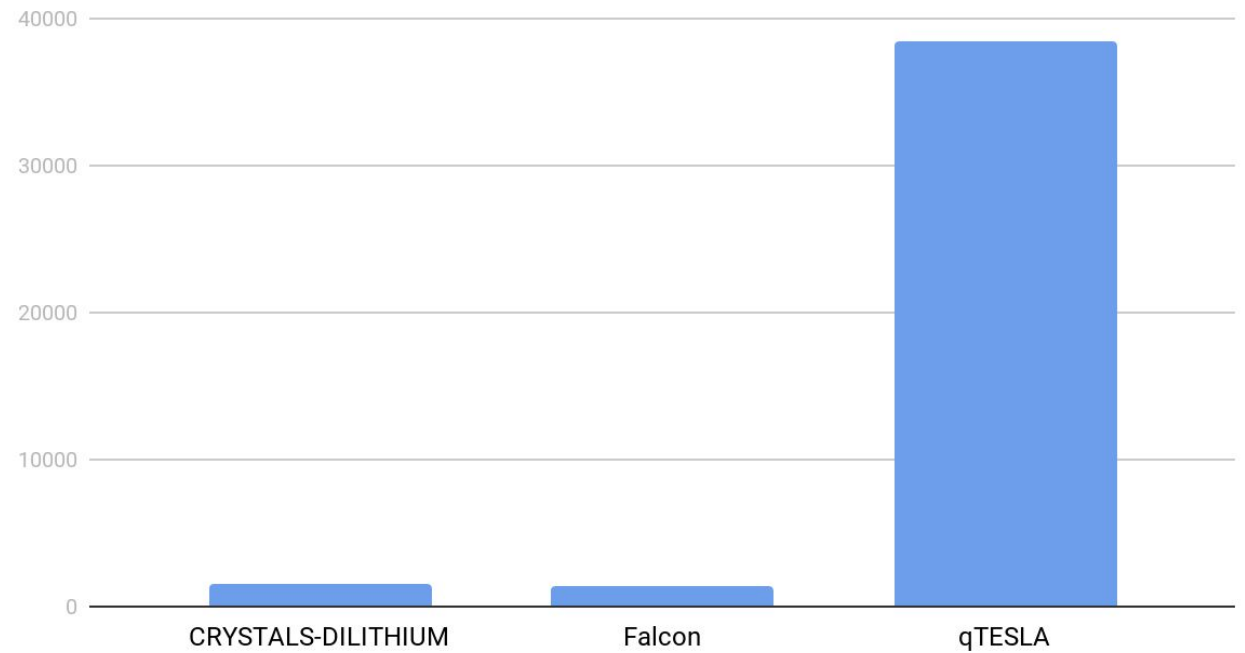
Other KEMs

- SIKE
  - 462 or 273 bytes Public keys

# NIST Candidates

Level 3 Public Key Size

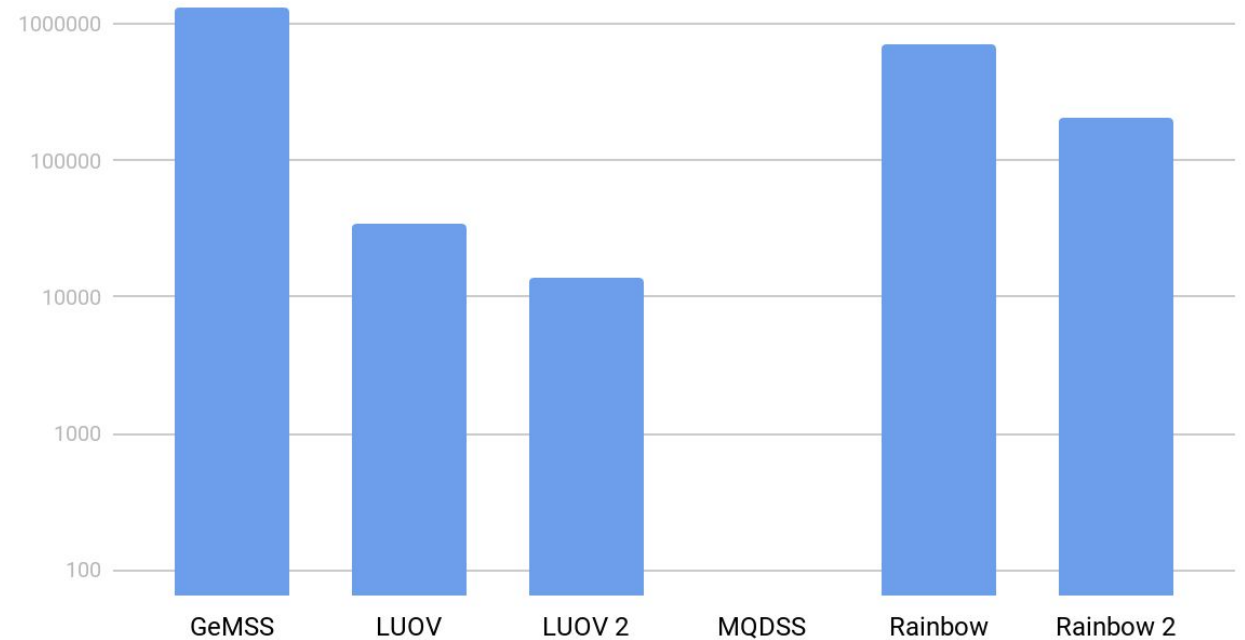
Lattice-based Signatures



# NIST Candidates

Multivariate Signatures

Multivariate-based Signatures





# NIST Candidates

Hash-based Signatures

- SPHINCS+
  - 48
- Picnic
  - 48

# Assess Candidates



# Run experiments



Get code ready

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**Thank You**