

draft-schwabe-kyber-cfrg-kyber

<https://github.com/bwesterb/draft-schwabe-cfrg-kyber>

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CRYSTALS-Kyber

- Post-quantum KEM (\neq DH)
- Computationally fast.
Much faster than X25519.
- Larger ciphertext (ct) and public key (pk).
- Will likely perform great for TLS in the Web.

Kyber-512

Sizes (in bytes)		Haswell cycles (ref)		Haswell cycles (avx2)	
sk:	1632	gen:	122684	gen:	33856
pk:	800	enc:	154524	enc:	45200
ct:	768	dec:	187960	dec:	34572

Kyber-768

Sizes (in bytes)		Haswell cycles (ref)		Haswell cycles (avx2)	
sk:	2400	gen:	199408	gen:	52732
pk:	1184	enc:	235260	enc:	67624
ct:	1088	dec:	274900	dec:	53156


Kyber-1024

Sizes (in bytes)		Haswell cycles (ref)		Haswell cycles (avx2)	
sk:	3168	gen:	307148	gen:	73544
pk:	1568	enc:	346648	enc:	97324
ct:	1568	dec:	396584	dec:	79128

Context

- July 5th, NIST [announced](#) they will standardize [Kyber](#) as *the* **post-quantum key agreement**. Standard is expected 2024.
- Small but backwards incompatible **changes** are likely.
- We expect many early adopters before 2024.

Goal

-  We want to **match** NIST's final standard.
- What's the point then?
 - Drafts can be used as reference for early adopters.
 - We will include a machine-readable specification (for now in Python) which NIST probably will not.
 - Feedback from IETF into NIST's choices as Kyber team will help out on this draft.
 - Unlock usage for IETF protocols (TLS, where codepoints are cheap).

Questions?

Concerns?

Interest in adoption?

Kyber on a napkin

$$\mathcal{R} := \mathbb{GF}(q)[x] / \langle x^{256} + 1 \rangle$$

$$q := 13 \cdot 2^8 + 1$$

has very fast
NTT-based
mult.

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k	η_1	η_2	d_u	d_v	level
2	3	2	10	4	I
3	2	2	10	4	III
4	2	2	11	5	IV

$$\mathbb{GF}(q) \xrightleftharpoons[\text{decompr}_d]{\text{compr}_d} \{0, \dots, 2^{d-1}\}$$

$$\text{compr}_d(x) = \lceil 2^d x / q \rceil \bmod 2^d$$

$$\text{decompr}_d(x) = \lceil q x / 2^d \rceil$$

$\text{CBD}(\eta)$: centered binom dist.
with $n = 2\eta$

KYBER.CPAPKE, IND-CPA secure PKE

Keygen A $k \times k$ matrix over \mathcal{R} sampled uniformly from seed ρ

s, e from \mathcal{R}^k sampled with $\text{CBD}(\eta_1)$

Public key: $A, t := As + e$

Private key: s

Encryption of message m . Sample r, e_1, e_2 from $\mathcal{R}^k, \mathcal{R}^k, \mathcal{R}$ (resp.)
with $\text{CBD } \eta = \eta_1, \eta_1, \eta_2$.

$$u := A^T r + e_1 \quad v := t^T r + e_2 + \text{decompr}_2(m)$$

$$\text{Ciphertext: } c_1 := \text{compr}_{d_u}(u), \quad c_2 := \text{compr}_{d_v}(v)$$

Decryption $u := \text{decompr}_{d_u}(c_1) \quad v := \text{decompr}_{d_v}(c_2)$

$$m := \text{compr}_1(v - s^T u)$$

Kyber is the F.O.-transform of the scheme on the left to get IND-CCA2 secure KEM.