Red Hat and Fedora: commercial and non-commercial way of moving post-quantum

Moving Post-Quantum for customers and community

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Who am I



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OpenSSL Technical Committee member since 2021

Current work: Post-Quantum transition in Red Hat



QUBIP Consortium

Quantum oriented update to Browsers and Infrastructure for the PQ transition, QUBIP.EU



























Red Hat distributions

Community based distribution



Fedora CentOS

A preview of RHEL



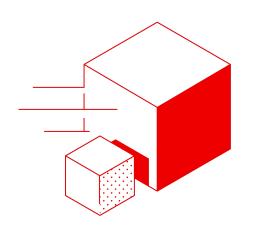
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Commercial distribution





Fedora Linux for PQ experiments



Components

libogs + OQS provider by Open Quantum Safe

Low-level implementations

Multiple contributions

Container

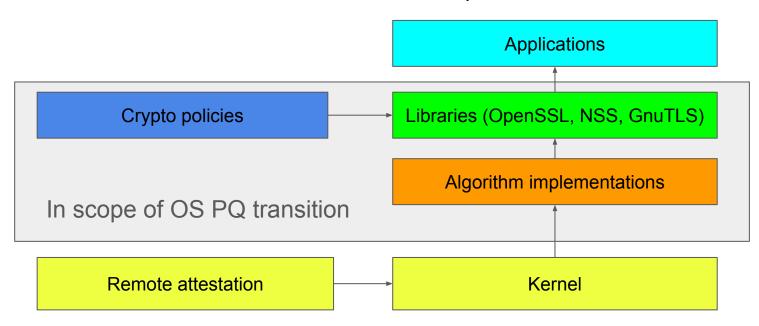
https://github.com/QUBIP/pg-container

Algorithm migrations

Kyber => ML-KEM, Dilithium => ML-DSA

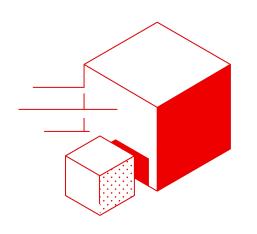


OS PQ transition: scope





Crypto policies: system-wide settings



Examples

DEFAULT, FIPS, LEGACY, FUTURE

The way to configure

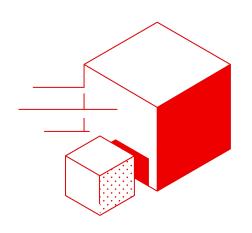
Config snippets

PQ experiments

TEST-PQ: enables PQ algorithms



Which algorithms to choose



Our algorithms choice

NIST standards (ML-DSA, ML-KEM, SLH-DSA) Hybrid algorithms (ML-KEM, ML-DSA)

OpenSSH

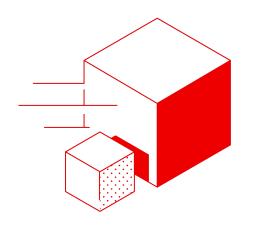
ML-KEM (9.9+) - own implementation NTRU algorithm

Experimental status

We expect incompatibilities



Red Hat Enterprise Linux: commercial approach



RHEL choice

Inherited from Fedora Includes post-quantum crypto policy Status: Tech preview

RHEL challenges

PQ software will appear in RHEL 10 We have many customers that are still using RHEL 9, 8, 7...



Next steps

Supply chain PQ security

Package signatures and verification

Following upstreams

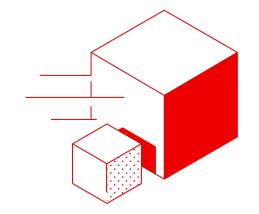
OpenSSL, GnuTLS, NSS PQ algorithms in DEFAULT crypto policy

Extending PQ support

New algorithms, update protocols IETF participation, writing code...

Certification

EU, US





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