

# **QUANTUM COMPUTING IN BRIEF**



- Quantum runs qubits that can hold any position, not just 0 or 1
- Number of qubits is essential
- Measurement of qubic state is the key



- Quantum computers are programmed like legacy computers
- Quantum does not increase computing power
- Result of Quantum operation is not accurate



- Quantum algorithms will break cryptography
- Quantum safe algorithms are needed
- All digital societies rely on trust to algorithms

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# WHAT WILL COLLAPSE IF WE FAIL ON ENCRYPTION



Mobile networks

IoT systems

Cloud security



Secure browsing (HTTPS / TLS)

Secure email

VPN's



Authentication
Digital Signatures
ID card security



Online accounts
Stock Market
Payment Systems

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### THREAT OF QUANTUM COMPUTER – AN EXAMPLE

- Asymmetric keys are multiples of two prime numbers
  - Easy to multiply two numbers together
  - Impossible to calculate which two numbers were multiplied (in legacy)
- With Shor algorithm ran in Quantum Computer, against an asymmetric key
  - Outcomes the range where the two original numbers exists
  - Reveals the two most likely prime numbers that were multiplied
- Outcome from Quantum Computer is a "best guess" and need to be verified with a legacy computer to get proof
- Key-length influence to number of qubits required to be efficient

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# Post-Quantum Cryphography Finland Finland

### **BUSINESS FINLAND -- DIGITAL TRUST PROJECT PQC--**

- Project targets (initially 2 year timeframe)
  - Develop Finnish cryptography knowhow and skills further
  - Gain understanding how Finland can prepare for Quantum era
  - Strengthen national cybersecurity networks and forums in cryptology and in quantum technology
  - Prepare interfaces (API) for Quantum Safe algorithms
  - Create criteria and practices for certification of post-quantum products and services
  - Improve Finnish technology sector vendors in export struggles
  - Improving international cooperation also outside of academica



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### **BUSINESS FINLAND -- DIGITAL TRUST PROJECT PQC--**

### Project in practise

- VTT act as project manager
- Project steering group is formed
- Three streams that share information
  - Quantum Computers, status, development and possibilities
  - Requirements for Quantum Safe in public key cryptography
  - Quantum Safe algorithms, theoretical models
- Post-Quantum Cryptography pilots (proof of concept, evaluations)
  - Cryptolibraries, API, power consumption, effectiveness ...)
- Certification of PQC products and services
- State of national crypto and Quantum strategy
- Development areas towards 2030

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# Encryption is Our Last Line of Defense