





# **Extending the OpenNTT Framework**

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## **Motivation**

The Number Theoretic Transform is a crucial operation in many cryptographic schemes. To accelerate this heavyweight computation, we developed OpenNTT, an opensource toolchain for NTT designs.

OpenNTT is a fully automated framework to generate highperformance and efficient hardware modules for NTT acceleration on FPGAs. This project is very flexible and aims to extend OpenNTT's capabilities for different aspects, like side-channel countermeasures, a wider parameter set, or more power/energy efficient designs.

## **Goals and Tasks**

Some specific goals of this project are:

- > Extend OpenNTT's parameter set for Zero-Knowledge **Proofs**
- Integrate new modular reduction methods
- > Find efficient energy or power trade-offs
- > Implement side-channel countermeasures + experimental evaluation
- Get familiar with the NTT and the OpenNTT framework
- **X** Propose & implement new functionality for OpenNTT
- X Optional: Evaluate the side-channel resistance of your implementation
- Compare your results to other configurations and related works

## Literature

- > OpenNTT source code https://github.com/flokrieger/OpenNTT
- > F. Krieger et al. A Flexible Hardware Design Tool for Fast Fourier and Number-Theoretic **Transformation Architectures IEEE TCAD 2025** doi:10.1109/TCAD.2025.3595834

#### Courses & Deliverables

✓ Master Project

Project code Report Presentation

- OR -

✓ Master's Thesis

Initial presentation Project code Thesis (60+ pages) Final presentation

# Recommended if you're studying

☑CS ☑ICE ☑SEM

# **Prerequisites**

- > Interest in efficient hardware design
- Cryptography on Hardware Platforms course is highly recommended

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