

## PrimeGrid's Generalized Fermat Prime Search

On 8 Aug 2012, 8:58:58 UTC, PrimeGrid's Generalized Fermat Prime Search found the largest known Generalized Fermat mega prime:

$$475856^{524288}+1$$

The prime is 2,976,633 digits long and enters Chris Caldwell's "The Largest Known Primes Database" (<http://primes.utm.edu/primes>) ranked 1st for Generalized Fermat primes and 11th overall.

The discovery was made by Masashi Kumagai of Japan using an NVIDIA GeForce GTS 450 in an AMD FX(tm)-8150 CPU with 8GB RAM, running 64 bit Windows 7. This GPU took 7 hours 47 minutes to probable prime (PRP) test with GeneferCUDA. Masashi Kumagai is a member of the Team 2ch team.

The prime was verified by Jason Preszler of the United States using an Intel Core i7-2600 CPU @ 3.40GHz with 12GB RAM, running 64 bit LINUX . This computer took 46 hours 55 minutes to probable prime (PRP) test with GenefX64. Jason is a member of the Turan@BOINC team.

The PRP was confirmed prime by an Intel Core i7 2600k @ 3.4Ghz with 8 GB RAM, running Windows 7 x64. This computer took 70 hours 48 minutes to complete the primality test using LLRx64.

The credits for the discovery are as follows:

1. Masashi Kumagai (Japan), discoverer
2. PrimeGrid, et al.
3. AthGFNSieve, sieve program developed by David Underbakke
4. GFNSvCUDA , sieve program developed by Anand Nair
5. GenefX64, probable prime program developed by David Underbakke
6. GeneferCUDA, probable prime program developed by Shoichiro Yamada
7. LLR, primality program developed by Jean Penné

Entry in "The Largest Know Primes Database" can be found here:

<http://primes.utm.edu/primes/page.php?id=108818>

This is the 4th known GFN prime at N=524288. Using a single PC would have taken years to find this prime. So this timely discovery would not have been possible without the hundreds of volunteers who contributed their spare CPU cycles. A special thanks to everyone who offered their advice and/or computing power to the search - especially David Underbakke, Mark Rodenkirch and Geoff Reynolds who were major forces in moving the project forward. Also, thank you to all the sievers, especially Honza Cholt and Jim Breslin. A final thanks to Michael Goetz for porting GeneferCUDA to BOINC.

This is PrimeGrid's 28th mega prime. The Generalized Fermat Prime Search will continue to seek even larger primes. To join the search please visit PrimeGrid:

<http://www.primegrid.com>

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## About PrimeGrid

PrimeGrid is a distributed computing project, developed by Rytis Slatkevičius, Lennart Vogel, and John Blazek, which utilizes BOINC and PRPNet to search for primes. PrimeGrid's primary goal is to bring the excitement of prime finding to the "everyday" computer user. Simply download the software and let your computer do the rest. Participants can choose from a variety of prime forms to search. With a little patience, you may find a large or even record breaking prime.

## BOINC

The Berkeley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing (BOINC) is a software platform for distributed computing using volunteered computer resources. It allows users to participate in multiple distributed computing projects through a single program. Currently BOINC is being developed by a team based at the University of California, Berkeley led by David Anderson.

This platform currently supports projects from biology to math to astronomy. For more information, please visit BOINC: <http://boinc.berkeley.edu>

## PRPNet

PRPNet is a client/server application written by Mark Rodenkirch that is specifically designed to help find prime numbers of various forms. It is easily ported between various OS/hardware combinations. PRPNet does not run each PRP test itself, but relies on helper programs, such as LLR, PFGW, phrot, and genefer to do the work.

For more information, please visit PrimeGrid's PRPNet forum thread:  
[http://www.primegrid.com/forum\\_thread.php?id=1215](http://www.primegrid.com/forum_thread.php?id=1215)

For more information about PrimeGrid and a complete list of available prime search projects, please visit: <http://www.primegrid.com>