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### 11.54 Algorithm Key generation for the DSA

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**SUMMARY:** each entity creates a public key and corresponding private key.  
Each entity  $A$  should do the following:

1. Select a prime number  $q$  such that  $2^{159} < q < 2^{160}$ .
  2. Choose  $t$  so that  $0 \leq t \leq 8$ , and select a prime number  $p$  where  $2^{511+64t} < p < 2^{512+64t}$ , with the property that  $q$  divides  $(p - 1)$ .
  3. (Select a generator  $\alpha$  of the unique cyclic group of order  $q$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ .)
    - 3.1 Select an element  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  and compute  $\alpha = g^{(p-1)/q} \bmod p$ .
    - 3.2 If  $\alpha = 1$  then go to step 3.1.
  4. Select a random integer  $a$  such that  $1 \leq a \leq q - 1$ .
  5. Compute  $y = \alpha^a \bmod p$ .
  6.  $A$ 's public key is  $(p, q, \alpha, y)$ ;  $A$ 's private key is  $a$ .
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