Who is Mr An, and was he working for APT10?

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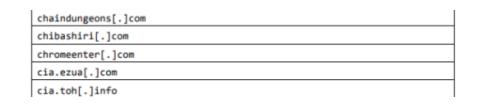
On August 15th 2018 this blog revealed a connection between APT10 and the Tianjin bureau of the Chinese Ministry of State Security (MSS). But the story doesn't stop with that revelation; analysts working with this blog have continued to investigate every lead provided to us. One such lead has helped us to identify another individual in China connected to APT10. The trail starts with a domain name first published in <u>FireEye's Poison Ivy Report</u> as a MenuPass (APT10) affiliated domain.

chromeenter[.]com

The domain chromeenter[.]com appears in the FireEye report as a domain associated with the MenuPass malware.



FireEye PoisonIvy Report showing chromeenter[.]com as a MenuPass domainThe domain and subdomains also appeared in early versions of Annex A (Indicators of Compromise) of the <u>PwC Operation Cloud Hopper</u> report and it is listed on Alien Vault as a sink-holed domain.



chromeenter[.]com in Version 1 of the PwC Operation Cloud Hopper report**Tianjin Tiaoyiye Technology Co Ltd**

Domain registration information for chromeenter[.]com shows that it was registered in April 2010 to Hogate Technology Co Limited. Although much of the registration information remained the same when the domain was updated in April 2012, the registrant company was changed to Tianjin Tiaoyiye Technology Co Limited and the registration e-mail address was updated to gbaike[at]gmail.com. The domain became WHOIS protected in late June 2013 just prior to being repossessed by GoDaddy and named in the FireEye report.

gbaike[at]gmail.com

The registration e-mail address used from 2012 leads to a number of other domains, many of which are connected to Tianjin, China, the home of APT10. Domains registered by gbaike[at]gmail.com include:

- jiaxiaotuangou[.]com
- shgongxingbc[.]com
- tjguge[.]com

- tjqiming[.]com
- tjttjx[.]com
- web1680[.]com
- w1680[.]com

The domain jiaxiaotuangou[.]com was registered to an individual named An Zhiqiang and was also associated with the Tianjin Tiaoyiye Technology Development Co Ltd (天津天骄易业 科技发展有限公司) in registration data. Chinese characters for the company were identified at <u>hhlyny.com</u> and give a slightly different name of Tianjin *Tianjiaoyiye* Technology Development Co Ltd.

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网站综合信息	🥄 www.jiaxiaotuangou.com	网站头文件(HTTP Header)		
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关键字:	驾校团购 驾校 驾校团购 学车团购			
描述:	驾校团购,驾校团购是一种全新的驾校报名学车优惠系统。学员团购驾校优惠券到指定驾 校报名,即省100到500元,省了就是赚了。已经有1368名学员参加天津驾校团购活 动!			
域名信息	域名年龄: 7年1个月4天 注册日期: 2011年07月27日 到期时间: 2014年07月27日 邮稿: abuse 电话: +86.1082151122 注册商: BEIJING INNOVATIVE LINKAGE TECHNOLOGY LTD. DBA DNS.COM.CN			
服务器空间	IP: 125.39.151.27 同IP网站13个 详情 地址: 天津市 联通			
备案信息		□□IP网站(同服务器)		

Registration information for jiaxiaotuangou[.]com showing the company nameThe <u>company</u> <u>entry on Zhaopin</u> (a Chinese online recruitment services website) provides additional data related to the company including a link to the company website at tjwangdian[.]com.



Zhaopin entry for 天津天骄易业科技发展有限公司 showing company domain name The Zhaopin entry also provides a summary of the business activities of the company that translates roughly as:

Tianjiao Network is an e-commerce website construction company with rich experience, professional technology and excellent team. The company focuses on ecommerce website development and network operations, including: e-commerce website construction, B2C website construction, independent online shop construction, mall website construction, industry website construction, portal construction, brand website construction and post-maintenance. From pre-market research, website positioning, website construction and implementation, network promotion, website operation, and even later online customer service and customer relationship management, we have experienced planning team, professional website design team and dedicated customers. The service team consistently adheres to the spirit of "no best, only better!" to create a real profit platform for the company, strengthen the competitiveness of the company, and obtain greater success value!

Finally the <u>entry for Tianjin Tiaoyiye on Liepin</u> (China's largest recruitment website) provides Chinese characters for An Zhiqiang (安志强).

	天津天娇易业科技发展有限公司 ^{五脸—金 带新年度 员工运利}	<mark>关注</mark>		☑ 共奏編編	
公司信息 招聘信息 评论					
公司介绍		845	投递查看		
天娇易业是一家拥有丰富经验、专业技术 和网络运营,其中涉及:电子南务网站建 站建设、门户网站建设、品牌网站建设到 注册 爱		78 % 简历查看率	2天 简历查看用时		
			企业信息		
工商信息		公司名称:天津天婿易业科技发展有 限公司			
企业类型:有限责任公司 注册资本:30万元 注册地址:南开区白堤路236号院内3号都 组织机构代码:559492640	法人:安志强 注册时间:2010-09-08 委三层305 ② 統一信用代码:911201045594926401		公司行业: 互联网/移动互联网/电子 商务 公司规模:51-100人 公司地址:天津		
经营状态:存续	登记机关:天津市南开区市场和质量监督管		推荐职位		

Liepin entry for 天津天骄易业科技发展有限公司 showing 安志强's name @gbaike

Armed with a name (安志强), a handle (gbaike), a location (Tianjin) and a company (天津天 骄易业科技发展有限公司) a number of new sources of material on the individual can be discovered, including Twitter account <u>@gbaike</u>. The account is in the name 安志强, bears the handle @gbaike and has its location set as Tianjin. The account also refers to marketing in its profile image – this matches the description of the company from Zhaopin.



@gbaike's Twitter account

web1680[.]com and tjmeta[.]com

An Zhiqiang, WeChat lecturer

The final link to a specific individual in Tianjin comes from the domain web1680[.]com which was identified above as registered by gbaike[at]gmail.com. The website's contact us page contains the phone number 15102292183.

This same phone number is listed on a different website, tjmeta[.]com that <u>lists An Zhiqiang (安</u> <u>志强) as an instructor</u> in internet marketing with a specialism in WeChat marketing.

The bullet points on the right hand side of the screenshot from tjmeta[.]com match those used in @gbaike's Twitter cover image above.



The photo appears to be that of a well known web marketing expert from Tianjin, China.

In summary, An Zhiqiang (安志强) and company Tianjin Tianjiaoyiye Technology Co Ltd (天津天骄易业科技发展有限公司) are both connected to APT10 activity through domains used for APT10 / MenuPass activity prior to FireEye's 2013 Poison Ivy report.