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## Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures of Indicted APT40 Actors Associated with China's MSS Hainan State Security Department

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### Summary

This Joint Cybersecurity Advisory was written by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to provide information on a Chinese Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) group known in open-source reporting as APT40. This advisory provides APT40's tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) and indicators of compromise (IOCs) to help cybersecurity practitioners identify and remediate APT40 intrusions and established footholds.

APT40—aka BRONZE MOHAWK, FEVERDREAM, G0065, Gadolinium, GreenCrash, Hellsing, Kryptonite Panda, Leviathan, MUDCARP, Periscope, Temp.Periscope, and Temp.Jumper—is located in Haikou, Hainan Province, People's Republic of China (PRC), and has been active since at least 2009. APT40 has targeted governmental organizations, companies, and universities in a wide range of industries—including biomedical, robotics, and maritime research—across the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and the South China Sea area, as well as industries included in China's Belt and Road Initiative.

On July 19, 2021, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) unsealed an indictment against four APT40 cyber actors for their illicit computer network exploitation (CNE) activities via front company Hainan Xiandun Technology Development Company (Hainan Xiandun). Hainan Xiandun employee Wu Shurong cooperated with and carried out orders from PRC Ministry of State Security (MSS) Hainan State Security Department (HSSD) intelligence officers Ding Xiaoyang, Zhu Yunmin, and Cheng Qingmin to conduct CNE. Wu's CNE activities resulted in the theft of trade secrets, intellectual property, and other high-value information from companies and organizations in the United States and abroad, as well as from multiple foreign governments. These MSS-affiliated actors targeted victims in the following industries: academia, aerospace/aviation, biomedical, defense industrial base, education, government, healthcare, manufacturing, maritime, research institutes, and transportation (rail and shipping).

[Click here </sites/default/files/publications/csa\\_ttps-of-indicted-apt40-actors-associated-with-china-mss-hainan-state-security-department.pdf>](#) for a PDF version of this report.

Click [here](/sites/default/files/publications/aa21-200a.stix.xml) for indicators of compromise (IOCs) in STIX format. **Note:** to uncover malicious activity, incident responders search for IOCs in network- and host-based artifacts and assess the results—eliminating false positives during the assessment. For example, some MD5 IOCs in the [STIX file](/sites/default/files/publications/aa21-200a.stix.xml) identify legitimate tools—such as Putty, cmd.exe, svchost.exe, etc.—as indicators of compromise. Although the tools themselves are not malicious, APT40 attackers placed and used them from non-standard folders on victim systems during computer intrusion activity. If a legitimate tool is identified by an incident responder, then the location of the tool should be assessed to eliminate false positives or to uncover malicious activity. See [Technical Approaches to Uncovering and Remediating Malicious Activity](https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/alerts/aa20-245a) for more incident handling guidance.

Technical Details

*This Joint Cybersecurity Advisory uses the MITRE ATT&CK® framework, version 9. See the [ATT&CK for Enterprise](https://attack.mitre.org/matrices/enterprise/) framework for all referenced threat actor tactics and techniques.*

APT40 [[G0065](https://attack.mitre.org/groups/g0065/)] has used a variety of tactics and techniques and a large library of custom and open-source malware—much of which is shared with multiple other suspected Chinese groups—to establish initial access via user and administrator credentials, enable lateral movement once inside the network, and locate high value assets in order to exfiltrate data. Table 1 provides details on these tactics and techniques. **Note:** see the appendix for a list of the domains, file names, and malware MD5 hash values used to facilitate this activity.

Table 1: APT40 ATT&CK Tactics and Techniques

Tactics	Activities and Techniques
Reconnaissance [ <a href="https://attack.mitre.org/tactics/ta0043/">TA0043</a> ] < <a href="https://attack.mitre.org/tactics/ta0043/">https://attack.mitre.org/tactics/ta0043/</a> > and Resource Development [ <a href="https://attack.mitre.org/tactics/ta0042/">TA0042</a> ] < <a href="https://attack.mitre.org/tactics/ta0042/">https://attack.mitre.org/tactics/ta0042/</a> >	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gathered victim identity information [<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1589/">T1589</a>] &lt;<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1589/">https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1589/</a>&gt; by collecting compromised credentials [<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1589/001/">T1589.001</a>] &lt;<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1589/001/">https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1589/001/</a>&gt;</li><li>Acquire infrastructure [<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1583/">T1583</a>] &lt;<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1583/">https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1583/</a>&gt; to establish domains that impersonate legitimate entities [<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1583/001/">T1583.001</a>] &lt;<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1583/001/">https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1583/001/</a>&gt;, aka ‘typosquatting’, to use in watering hole attacks and as command and control (C2) [<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/tactics/ta0011/">TA0011</a>] &lt;<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/tactics/ta0011/">https://attack.mitre.org/tactics/ta0011/</a>&gt; infrastructure</li><li>Establish new [<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1585/002/">T1585.002</a>] &lt;<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1585/002/">https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1585/002/</a>&gt; and compromise existing [<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1586/002/">T1586.002</a>] &lt;<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1586/002/">https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1586/002/</a>&gt; email and social media accounts [<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1585/001/">1585.001</a>] &lt;<a href="https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1585/001/">https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/t1585/001/</a>&gt; to conduct social engineering attacks</li></ul>

### Initial Access [TA0001]

<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0001/>>]

- External remote services (e.g., virtual private network [VPN] services) [T1133]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1133/>>]
- Spearphishing emails with malicious attachments [T1566.001]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1566/001/>>]  
and links [T1566.002]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1566/002/>>]
- Drive-by compromises [T1189]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1189/>>] and  
exploitation of public-facing applications [T1190]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1190/>>]
- Access to valid [T1078]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1078/>>],  
compromised administrative [T1078.001]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1078/001/>>]  
accounts

### Execution [TA0002]

<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0002/>>]

- Command and scripting interpreters [T1059]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1059/>>] such  
as PowerShell [T1059.001]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1059/001/>>]
- Exploitation of software vulnerabilities in client  
applications to execute code [T1203]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1203/>>]  
using lure documents that dropped malware  
exploiting various Common Vulnerabilities and  
Exposures (CVEs)
- User execution [T1204]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1204/>>] of  
malicious files [T1204.002]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1204/002/>>]  
and links [T1566.002]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1566/002/>>]  
attached to spearphishing emails [T1566.001]  
<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1566/001/>>]

Persistence [TA0003]

<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0003/>>],

Privilege Escalation [TA0004]

<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0004/>>],

Credential Access [TA0006]

<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0006/>>],

Discovery [TA0007]

<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0007/>>],

and

Lateral Movement [TA0008]

<<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0008/>>

APT40 has used a combination of tool frameworks and malware to establish persistence, escalate privileges, map, and move laterally on victim networks. Additionally, APT40 conducted internal spearphishing attacks [T1534 <<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1534/>>].

- BADFLICK/Greencrash
- China Chopper [S0020 <<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/software/s0020/>>]
- Cobalt Strike [S0154 <<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/software/s0154/>>]
- Derusbi/PHOTO [S0021 <<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/software/s0021/>>]
- Gh0stRAT [S0032 <<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/software/s0032/>>]
- GreenRAT
- jjdoor/Transporter
- jumpkick
- Murkytop (mt.exe) [S0233 <<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/software/s0233/>>]
- NanHaiShu [S0228 <<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/software/s0228/>>]
- Orz/AirBreak [S0229 <<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/software/s0229/>>]
- PowerShell Empire [S0363 <<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/software/s0363/>>]
- PowerSploit [S0194 <<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/software/s0194/>>]
- Server software component: Web Shell [TA1505.003 <<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1505/003/>>]

#### Defense Evasion [TA0005]

[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0005/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0005/)],

#### Command and Control [TA0011]

[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0011/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0011/)],

#### Collection [TA0009]

[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0009/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0009/)],

and

#### Exfiltration [TA0010]

[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0010/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/tactics/ta0010/)]

- Use of steganography [T1027.003]  
[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1027/003/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1027/003/)  
to hide stolen data inside other files stored on GitHub
- Protocol impersonation [T1001.003]  
[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1001/003/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1001/003/)  
by using Application Programming Interface (API) keys for Dropbox accounts in commands to upload stolen data to make it appear that the activity was a legitimate use of the Dropbox service
- Protocol tunneling [T1572]  
[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1572/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1572/) and multi-hop proxies [T1090.003]  
[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1090/003/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1090/003/), including the use of Tor [S0183]  
[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/software/s0183/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/software/s0183/)
- Use of domain typosquatting for C2 infrastructure [T1583.001]  
[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1583/001/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1583/001/)
- Archive [T1560]  
[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1560/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1560/), encrypt [T1532]  
[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1532/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1532/), and stage collected data locally [T1074.001]  
[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1074/001/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1074/001/) and remotely [T1074.002]  
[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1074/002/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1074/002/) for exfiltration
- Exfiltration over C2 channel [T1041]  
[<https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1041/>](https://attack.mitre.org/versions/v9/techniques/t1041/)

## Mitigations

### Network Defense-in-Depth

Proper network defense-in-depth and adherence to information security best practices can assist in mitigating the threat and reducing the risk. The following guidance may assist organizations in developing network defense procedures.

#### ***Patch and Vulnerability Management***

- Install vendor-provided and verified patches on all systems for critical vulnerabilities, prioritizing timely patching of internet-connected servers and software processing internet data—such as web browsers, browser plugins, and document readers.
- Ensure proper migrating steps or compensating controls are implemented for vulnerabilities that cannot be patched in a timely manner.
- Maintain up-to-date antivirus signatures and engines.
- Routinely audit configuration and patch management programs to ensure the ability to track and mitigate emerging threats. Implementing a rigorous configuration and patch management program will hamper sophisticated cyber threat actors' operations and protect resources and information systems.
- Review the articles in the References section for more information on Chinese APT exploitation of common vulnerabilities.

## Protect Credentials

- Strengthen credential requirements, regularly change passwords, and implement multi-factor authentication to protect individual accounts, particularly for webmail and VPN access and for accounts that access critical systems. Do not reuse passwords for multiple accounts.
- Audit all remote authentications from trusted networks or service providers.
- Detect mismatches by correlating credentials used within internal networks with those employed on external-facing systems.
- Log use of system administrator commands such as `net`, `ipconfig`, and `ping`.
- Enforce principle of least privilege.

## Network Hygiene and Monitoring

- Actively scan and monitor internet-accessible applications for unauthorized access, modification, and anomalous activities.
- Actively monitor server disk use and audit for significant changes.
- Log Domain Name Service (DNS) queries and consider blocking all outbound DNS requests that do not originate from approved DNS servers. Monitor DNS queries for C2 over DNS.
- Develop and monitor the network and system baselines to allow for the identification of anomalous activity. Audit logs for suspicious behavior.
- Identify and suspend access of users exhibiting unusual activity.
- Use allowlist or baseline comparison to monitor Windows event logs and network traffic to detect when a user maps a privileged administrative share on a Windows system.
- Leverage multi-sourced threat-reputation services for files, DNS, URLs, IP addresses, and email addresses.
- Network device management interfaces—such as Telnet, Secure Shell (SSH), Winbox, and HTTP—should be turned off for wide area network (WAN) interfaces and secured with strong passwords and encryption when enabled.
- When possible, segment critical information on air-gapped systems. Use strict access control measures for critical data.

## APPENDIX: APT40 Indicators of Compromise

APT40 used the following domains, file names, and malware MD5 hash values to facilitate the CNE activity outlined in this CSA between 2009 through 2018.

### Domains

airbusocean[.]com	https://pastebin[.]com/vfb5mbbu
cargillnotice[.]com	huntingtomingalls[.]com
ccidmeekparry[.]info	indiadigest[.]in
ccvzvjhdf[.]website	jack-newnb[.]com

cdigroups[.]com	kAty197.chickenkiller[.]com
checkecc[.]com	louisdreyfu[.]com
chemscalere[.]com	mail2.ignorelist[.]com
cnnzapmeta[.]com	masterroot[.]pw
corycs[.]com	mysql-update[.]info
deltektimes[.]com	mihybb[.]com
Engaction[.]com	mlcdailynews[.]com
ens-smithjonathan.rhcloud[.]com	movyaction[.]net
fishgatesite.wordpress[.]com	msusanode[.]com
goo2k88yyh2.chickenkiller[.]com	newbb-news[.]com
gttdoskip[.]com	nfmybb[.]com
http://gkimertds.wordpress[.]com/feed/	nmw4xhipveaca7hm[.]onion.link/en_US/all.js
http://stackoverflow[.]com/users/3627469/angle-swift	nobug[.]uk.to
http://stackoverflow[.]com/users/3804206/swiftr-angle	notesof992.wordpress[.]com
http://stackoverflow[.]com/users/3863346/gkimertdssdads	onlinenewspapers[.]club
vser.mo00[.]com	onlineobl[.]com
https://pastebin[.]com/p1mktQpD	oyukg43t[.]website
ultrasocial[.]info	wsmcoff[.]com
usdagroup[.]com	www.yorkshire-espana-sa[.]com/english/servicios/
	https://github[.]com/slotz/sharp-loader/commit/f9de338fb474fd970a7375030642d04179b9245d

Give Feedback

## MD5 Malware Hashes

(Updated July 19, 2021) **Note:** to uncover malicious activity, incident responders search for indicators of compromise (IOCs) in network- and host-based artifacts and assess the results—eliminating false positives during the assessment. For example, some MD5 IOCs in the table below identify legitimate tools—such as PuTTY, cmd.exe, svchost.exe, etc.—

as indicators of compromise. Although the tools themselves are not malicious, APT40 attackers placed and used them from non-standard folders on victim systems during computer intrusion activity. If a legitimate tool is identified by an incident responder, then the location of the tool should be assessed to eliminate false positives or to uncover malicious activity. See [Technical Approaches to Uncovering and Remediating Malicious Activity](https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/alerts/aa20-245a) <<https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/alerts/aa20-245a>> for more incident handling guidance.

01234c0e41fc23bb5e1946f69e6c6221	11166f8319c08c70fc886433a7dac92d
018d3c34a296edd32e1b39b7276dcf7f	1223302912ec70c7c8350268a13ad226
019b68e26df8750e2f9f580b150b7293	139e071dd83304cdcf5280022a0f958
01fa52a4f9268948b6c508fef0377299	13c93dc9186258d6c335b16dc7bb3c8c
022bd2040ec0476d8eb80d1d9dc5cc92	14e2b0e47887c3bfdbdb3b66012cb6e8
039d9ca446e79f2f4310dc7dcc60ec55	15437cfedfc067370915864feec47678
043f6cdca33ce68b1ebe0fd79e4685af	15e1816280d6c2932ff082329d0b1c76
04918772a2a6ccd049e42be16bcbee39	166694d13ac463ea1c2bed64fbbb7207
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062c759d04106e46e027bbe3b93f33ef	1734a2b176a12eba8b74b8ca00ef1074
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0985f757b1b51533b6c5cf9b1467f388	1932ce50b7b6c88014cf082228486e5c
09aab083fb399527f8ff3065f7796443	1af78c50aca90ee3d6c3497848ac5705
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2499390148fc99a0f38148655d8059e7	37578c69c515f1d0d49769930fba25ce
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28c6f235946fd694d2634c7a2f24c1ba	3cbb46065f3e1dccbd707c340f38ce6b
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