

Who is Mr Gu?

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In our previous articles we identified thirteen companies that this blog knows are a front for APT activity in Hainan. Following further analysis, we noticed a close association between these Hainan front companies and the academic world. Multiple job adverts for the the companies are posted on university websites. Hainan Xiandun even appears to operate from the Hainan University Library!

Hainan Xiandun registration details showing Hainan University library as its address

Gu Jian

This company summary for Hainan Xiandun also provides a contact number: 13907545649. Cross-referencing this partial phone number and Hainan, we identified Gu Jian (顾剑) is a Computer Science specialist at Hainan University. We found Gu’s name and phone number in this [list of projects](#) on the Hainan University website.

序号	项目编号	项目名称	负责人	起止年月	
1	80614	伊贝特岩溶石漠化治理生态修复技术及机理研究	冯建雄	2007-3-2008-12	13976783770 环精
2	80675	海南热带雨林国家公园生态安全风险评估与模式研究	何春柱	2007-3-2008-12	13976128033 环精
3	80802	改进Mass-Catal 化学气相沉积法合成纳米金刚石的研究	孙廷远	2007-3-2008-12	13976746206 树彪
4	80806	海南地区热带土壤微生物群落多样性分析	冯春洪	2007-3-2008-12	13178923579 树彪
5	80626	植物环境可塑性对土壤养分利用的影响研究	魏远	2007-3-2008-12	13707534537 树彪
6	80655	热带木薯淀粉/天然膳食纤维材料的研究	符前	2006-8-2008-8	13388988782 树彪
7	70859	中国天然橡胶生产经营者决策行为研究	傅国平	2007-1-2008-6	13976928328 树彪
8	80477	海南热带雨林管理理论与实证研究	傅国平	2003-01-2007-12	13976928328 树彪
9	80939	热带雨林生物多样性监测与生态研究	傅国平	2006-1-2007-12	13976928328 树彪
10	80554	海南经济特区房地产市场风险控制研究	李仁君	2006-1-2008-12	13976909815 树彪
11	80253	海南热带雨林生物多样性保护与生态研究	李海峰	2006-1-2007-12	13138907919 树彪
12	80648	基于“生产-生态”的种群动态与转移模型及实证研究	黄建堂	2007-1-2008-12	13136010675 树彪
13	80942	森林经营下不同林分树种生态学特征的比较研究中研究	刘国民	2006-1-2008-12	13003982258 树平
14	80659	巴西橡胶树叶片脱落物降解的生态学分析	吴建群	2007-1-2008-12	13976491109 树平
15	80543	环境友好性多酶降解、结构分析及活性研究	冯石性	2006-1-2007-12	13648646301 食品
16	80621	表面活性剂(乳化剂)聚合本聚羟基脂肪酸酯的机理研究	王耀辉	2007-3-2008-12	130389092623 食品
17	80624	海南热带雨林多酶降解冷面转化及其机理研究	冯石性	2007-1-2008-12	13648616100 食品
18	80301	糖基(39) 羧基(18) 的降解机理	魏前	2003-1-2004-12	13907545649 食品

List of Hainan University project titles linking 13907545649 to Gu Jian

Here is Gu’s CV:

海南大学第二届“十佳教师”申请表					
姓名	性别	籍别	署	出生年月	1958.2
学位/学历	工学硕士	民族	汉	政治面貌	中共党员
工作单位	信息科学技术学院	职称	教授	职务	教师
电话	13907545649	电子邮箱	gujian@hainu.edu.cn		
在海南担任主讲教师年限	15年	近两年承担本科课程数	504学时		
近两年承担本科课程的教学、学时	D次/学时	近两年承担高、研课程门数	0次		
2《网络组网》	专业基础	24	06级计算机(44人)	06-09第2学期	
3《计算机网络基础》+实验	专业基础	22+18	09级计算机(80人)	09-10第1学期	
4《操作系统》+实验	专业基础	31+31	07级计算机(90人)	09-10第1学期	
5《操作系统》+实验	专业基础	31+31	07级计算机(120人)	09-10第1学期	
6《操作系统》	专业基础	44	07级计算机(44人)	09-10第1学期	
7《操作系统》+实验	专业基础	21+31	08级计算机(100人)	09-10第1学期	
近两年承担指导毕业论文(设计)情况					
毕业论文(设计)题目	学号	姓名	年限	专业	成绩
信息学院: 电子工程、计算机科学与技术学院: 计算机专业等19名(学生(具体见附表))					
近两年教学教研科研成果					
主持或参与的主要项目、论文、著作、专利等(列表填写, 科研成果教学成果等, 可另附副页)					
1)独立编写《信息安全专业用《计算机网络安全讲义》					
2)参与编写教材《新编旅游管理信息系统教程》(南开大学出版社)					
3)发表论文《解决电子商务中支付的安全问题方案》(电子科技大学学报)					
4)完成省教育厅《核心数据的分布式安全存储系统》项目负责人					
受表彰、奖励情况	近两年受表彰奖励情况(主要教学类表彰及指导学生竞赛)				

Gu Jian's CV

And here is his biography from [his web page](#) at Hainan University's website showing his work history and interests, including as a former member of the People's Liberation Army.

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顾剑

职称: 教授

研究方向: 信息安全系

所属院系: 信息科学技术学院

成果数量: 32条, 属于本单位的个人成果32条

简介: 当过知青、解放军战士、省军区政治部干事、国企高级工程师、法国BULL公司北京代表处中方雇员(技术主管);曾任原中国人民建设银行“全国房改对公、储蓄系统”开发组特别技术顾问;国家重点工程(北京哈(尔滨)高速路四平长春段)“收费系统”设计负责人、主要设计人(公司方);国家、海南省重点工程“海南金融IC卡”系统技术负责人、主要设计人、IC卡... [详细](#)

Gu Jian's University biography

“[Gu Jian] worked as an educated youth, a PLA soldier, an officer of the Political Department of the Provincial Military Region, a senior engineer of a state-owned enterprise, and a Chinese employee (technical director) of the French representative office of the French company BULL.”

Gu Jian, a Professor in the Information Security Department and former member of the PLA is now the *contact person for an APT front company which itself is linked to twelve other front companies.*

Hainan Xiandun Information Security Technology Competition

Mr Gu is closely involved with Hainan Xiandun. In September 2013, he posted on the Hainan University online forum about “The 2013 Hainan Network Information Security Technology Competition” saying that teams could enter and that there would be prizes. The posting indicated that more detail was available on [xdaqjs\[dot\]com](#). This

domain is an acronym from the Pinyin for Xiandun Security Competition Final (XianDun AnQuan JueSai – 仙盾安全决赛).



These links between Hainan XianDun and Hainan University are seen again on the internal Hainan University discussion forum. A user name “xdaqjs” posted to encourage students from any specialism and in any year with an interest in cyber security to attend a session hosted by Hainan XianDun in the auditorium of the information technology department on 9 September 2013.

The [competition ran again](#) in 2016, still using xdaqjs as a title.



xdaqjs[dot]com

Mr Gu was not just advertising this competition for a company that he was involved in, he registered the domain.



jian gu registered "xdaqjs.com"

Contact Email: lmh400@163.com

WhoisSever: grs-whois.hichina.com

Create Date: 27-aug-2013

Update Date: 27-aug-2013

registrar Name: HICHINA ZHICHENG TECHNOLOGY LTD.

Registrant Address: hainanshenghaikoushi haikou Hainan 570228

Registrant Country: Registrant Phone Number +86.89866267833

Registrant fax: 8689866267833

Password cracking

A link to the malicious activity of the front companies can be seen when reading discussion forums about xdaqjs. Individuals purporting to represent the site [offered large sums of money](#) to people with password cracking skills outside the ordinary range of dictionary attacks and brute force.



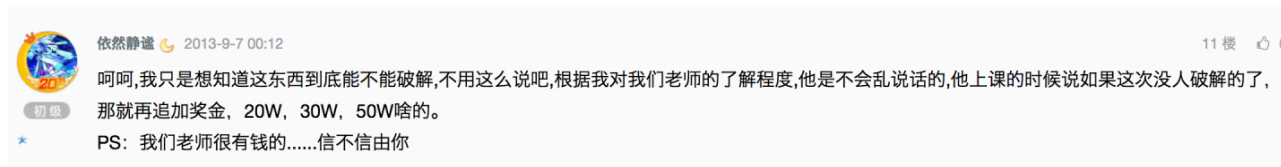
Individuals from xdaqjs offer money for password cracking skills

The opening post reveals that Mr Gu is seeking new ways of cracking passwords. The poster is aware of the common techniques, for example brute force or dictionary attacks, but is seeking new alternatives.

What makes this interaction increasingly strange though, is that a student posting on this thread said that Mr Gu is inexplicably wealthy and is offering a large amount of money to people able to provide new and inventive ways of cracking passwords. The original text is telling:

“Haha, I only want to know are these things actually crackable... From what I know about our teacher, he doesn't waste his words. Our teacher says if no-one can crack it this time, then he'll increase the money on offer, 200,000, 300,000, 500,000 RMB.

P.S. Believe it or not, our teacher has a lot of money...”



Mr Huang

The Dean of Mr Gu's faculty is CCP member Huang Mengxing (黄梦醒). The questions we should ask are: How well does Huang know Gu? Does he know about his department's support for front companies for APT activity?

Most importantly, if he knew then should he have stopped it?

黄梦醒，男，1974年1月4日出生于河南信阳，研究生学历，博士学位，副教授；现任海南大学信息学院计算机系主任，硕士研究生导师。联系电话：13876345398，Email: huangmx09@gmail.com。

2007年在西北工业大学自动化学院获系统工程工学博士学位，2007-2009年在清华大学信息技术研究院完成计算机科学与技术专业博士后研究工作，主要从事《决策支持支持系统》、《管理信息系统》、《知识工程》、《软件项目管理》等专业课程的教学工作。在所从事的专业领域取得一定的成就。近5年来以第一作者身份发表学术论文30余篇，其中SCI、EI、ISTP收录近20篇次；参与撰写专著及翻译著作各1部，主持和参与科研项目共12项：国家“十一五”科技计划2项，“863”计划2项，国家公益性行业（农业）科研项目1项，铁道部基金1项，北京市科技计划1项，横向课题5项；其中主持项目4项；现在研的各级各类课题4项。

主要研究方向：数据与知识工程，信息系统，电子政务与电子商务，电子商务、内容管理、物联网（物流与供应链管理）、系统工程等

硕士招生专业：计算机应用技术，农业信息化，电子与通信工程



In summary, Gu Jian, a former member of the PLA is an academic specialising in Information Security at Hainan University. He is also listed as the contact person for Hainan Xiandun, one of a network of front companies for APT activity.

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