

American watched YouTube while Chinese firm did his job



Shenyang or Silicon Valley?

Pic: David Vasquez

An American **outsourced** his job to China while he spent his time on eBay and YouTube. The man, who was a software **developer**, paid around 20% of his salary to a company in China to do his job for him.

He was caught when his employers became **suspicious** of a computer link to Shenyang in China. They thought someone was **hacking** their systems and called in a security firm to investigate.

The security experts found hundreds of invoices from a Chinese firm that had done work for their employee.

The man had given the Chinese firm his company log in details so they could access his company accounts. In this way it looked as if he was working a normal nine-to-five day when in fact he was doing nothing.

The investigation also found he was using the same **scam** in other American companies. He was getting hundreds of thousands of US dollars a year in salary and paying the Chinese firm around \$50,000.

A spokesperson for the firm said the man was no longer working there.

Vocabulary

hack	<i>verb</i>	enter a computer system without permission
scam	<i>noun</i>	dishonest plan for making money
developer	<i>noun</i>	(1) someone who makes money by putting up new buildings (2) someone who creates new products or computer programmes
outsource	<i>verb</i>	when one company uses another company to do some of its work
suspicious	<i>adjective</i>	feeling that something is wrong or illegal