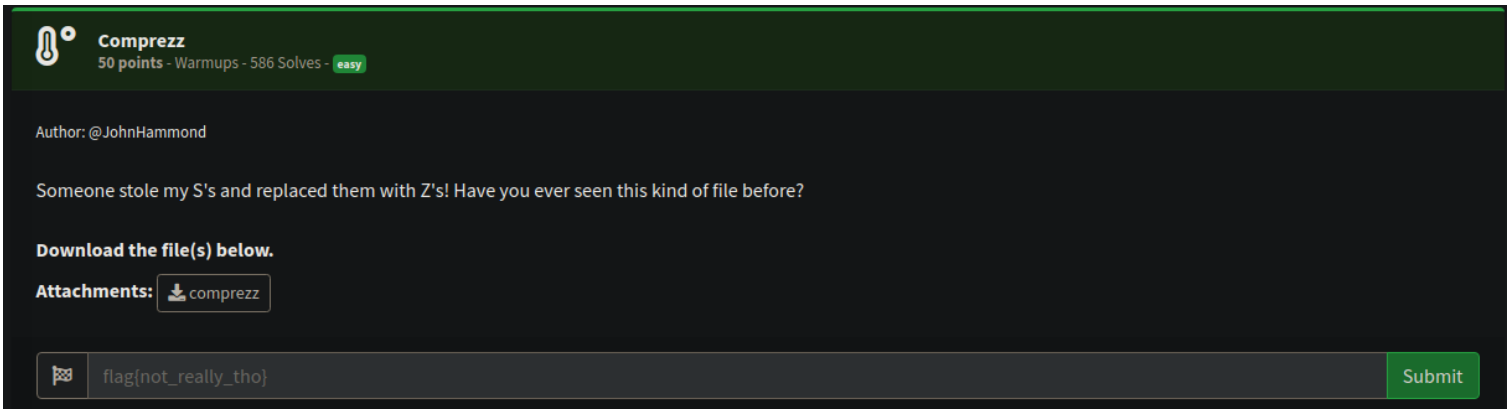
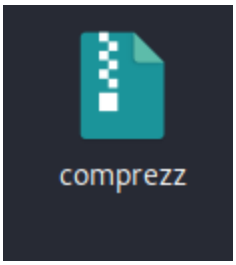
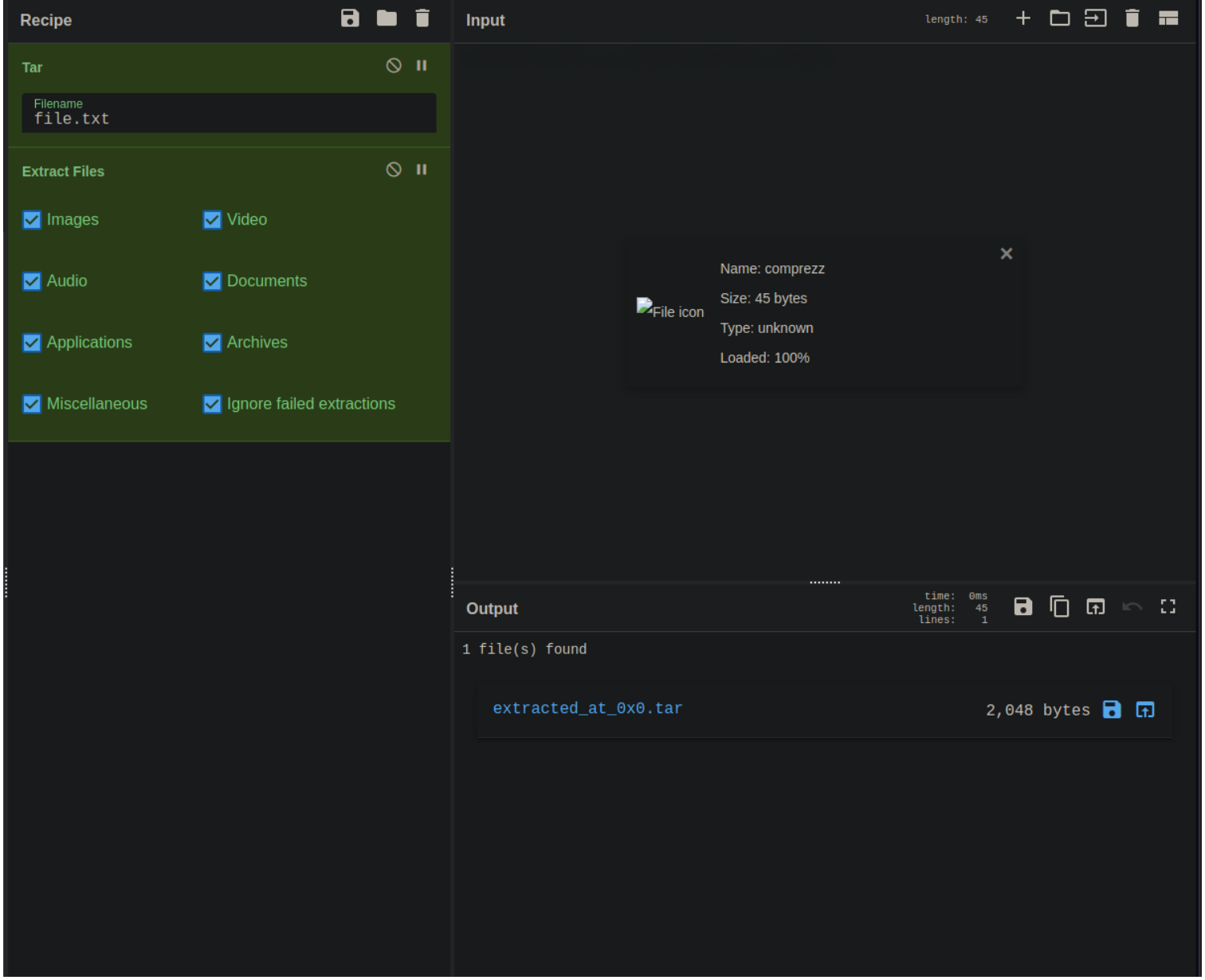
HuntressCTF Comprezz Challenge Writeup



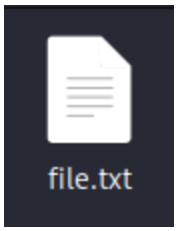
Once you download the file into your machine. We notice it does not have a file extension. We can tell by the hint given in the CTF info that someone stole their S's and replaced them with Z's.



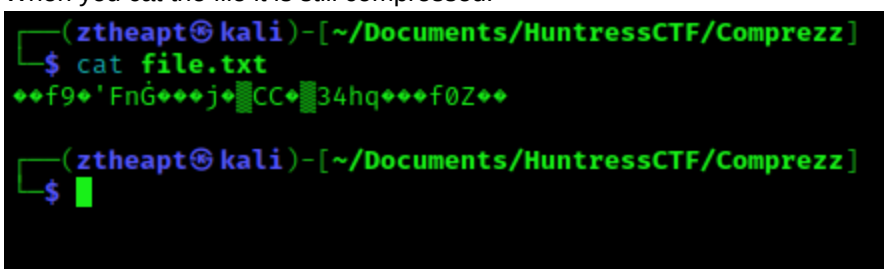
Upon further research, I found tar.z files are compressed files that can be decompressed and archives extracted within Cyber Chef using the following recipe.



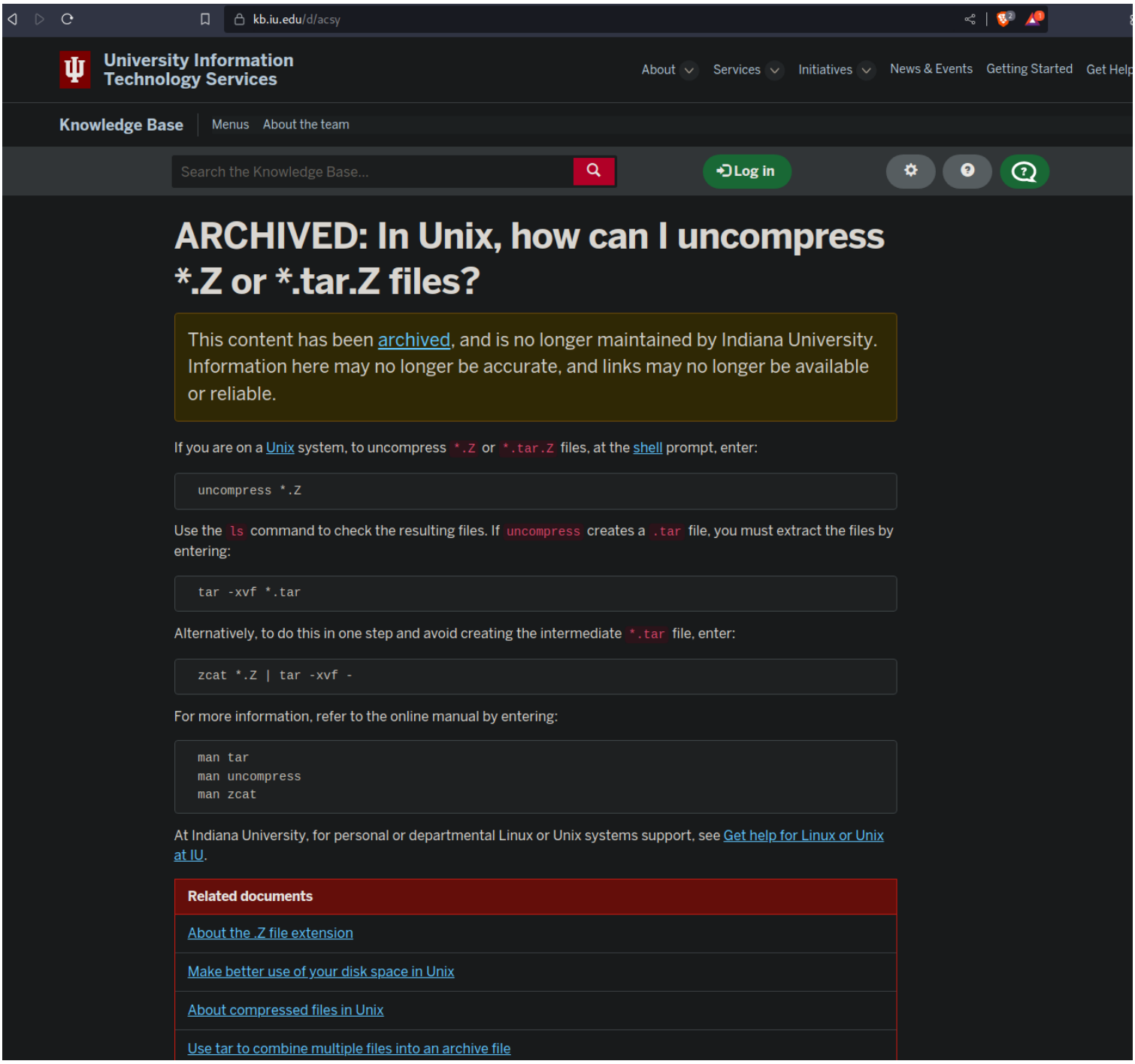
You can then download the extracted file:



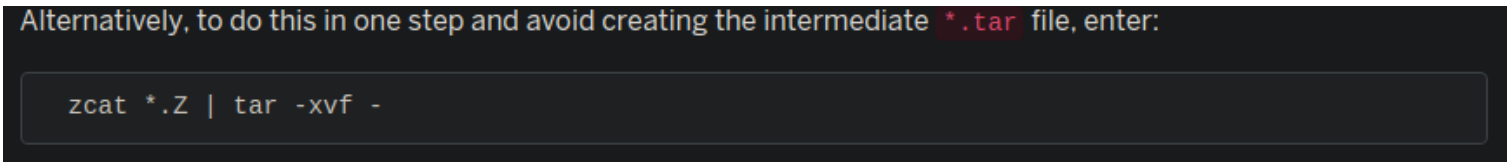
When you cat the file it is still compressed:



I researched the possible ways to decompress the text file and came across this web page and syntax:



Using the zcat syntax, we can read the file.txt:



Now we will try the zcat to retrieve the flag: