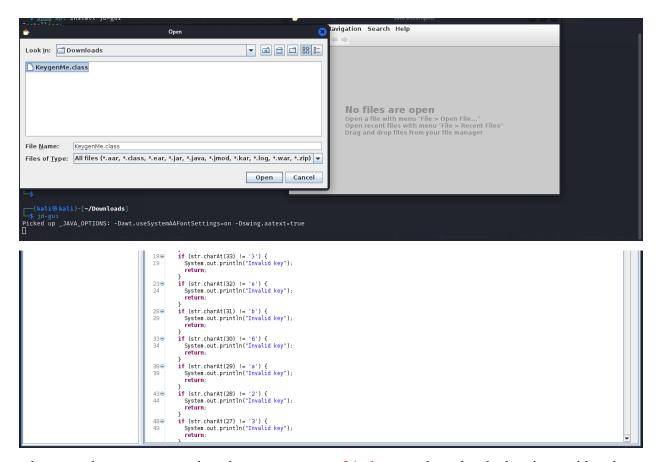
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Solution

The hint suggested using a java decompiler since the file provided was a compiled java program. I went ahead and installed jd-gui decompiler on my kali.

I then opened the compiler via the terminal and uploaded the java class i intended to decompile.



when run, the program requires the user to enter a 34-character key else the key is considered invalid and the program's execution gets terminated.

Each character in the key entered by the user is compared to another character which should match. I compiled all the characters and came up with a 34-character key which was indeed the flag picoCTF{700l1ng_r3qu1r3d_9332a6be}.