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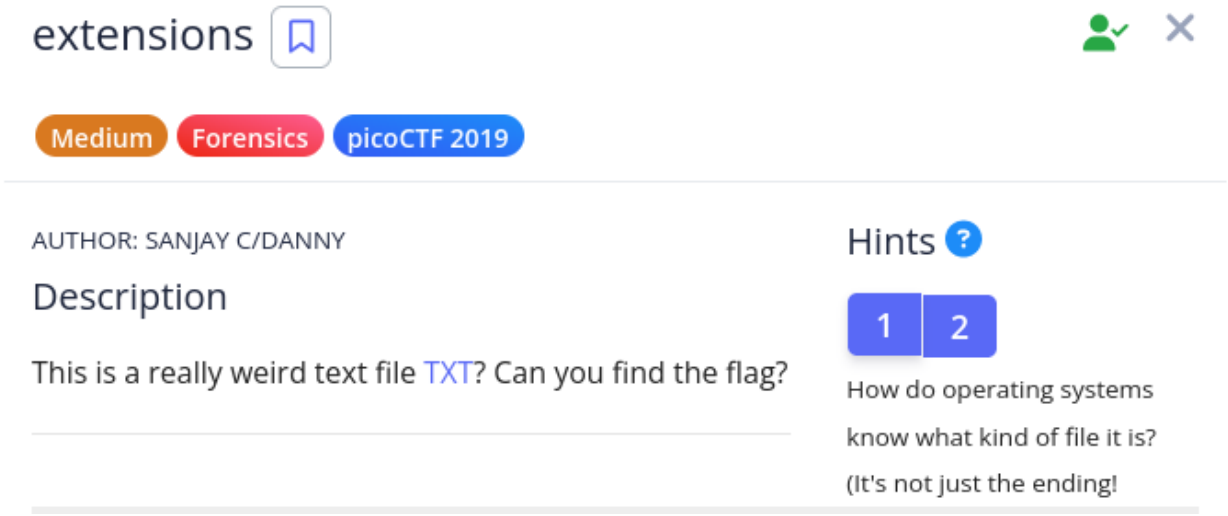
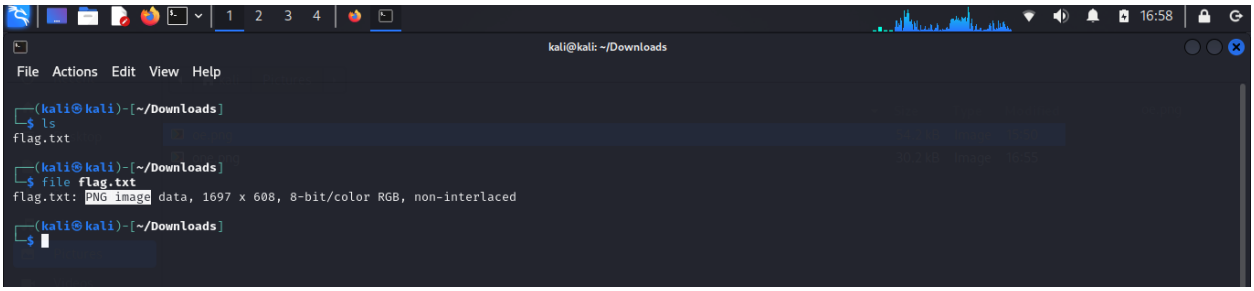
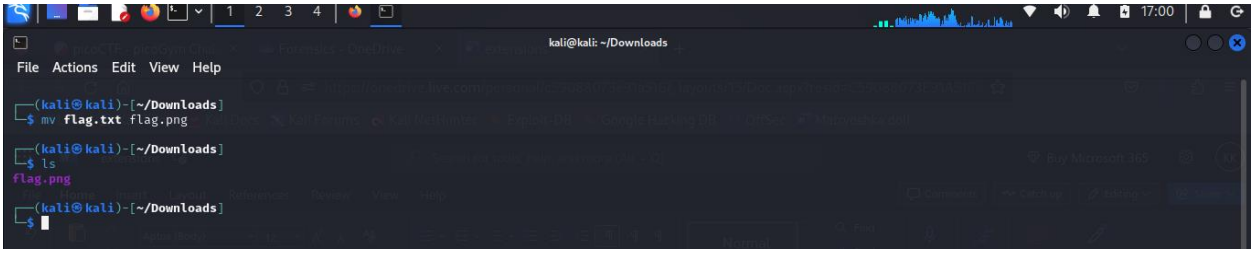


Solution

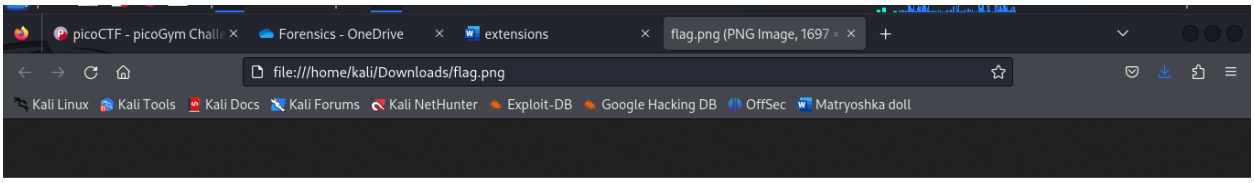
I downloaded the file for this analysis, it had a .txt file extension. It is good practice to confirm the file type because file extensions are deceiving. I use the file tool which tells what type a file is irregardless of the file extension.



The toll identifies the file as a PNG image despite of it having a .txt extension. I went ahead and changed the extension to .png first.



I then opened the file as an image and that's how I retrieved the flag.



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