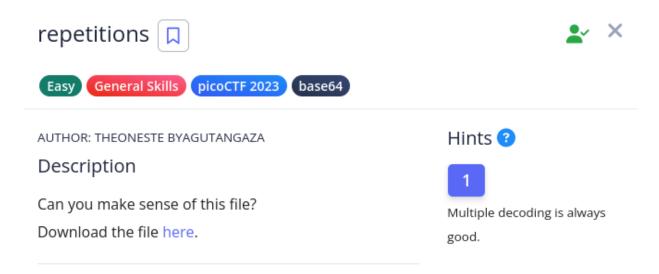
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Solution

I first downloaded the file using wget tool then confirmed what type the file was using a file tool via terminal. The file had plain text inside.



I used cat command to view the file contents. The contents appeared to be base64 encodings.

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I went ahead and used a base64 decoder on my kali do decode the encoding.

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(kali@ kali)-[~/Downloads]
secho VmpGUIEyRXLUMGxT/mxKVVYwZFNWbGxyV2IGV1JteDBUbFpPYWxKdFVsaFpWVlUxWVZaS1ZWWnVhRmRXZWtab1dWWmtSMk5yTlZWWApiVVpUVm10d1VWZFdVa2RpYlZaWFztnVdVZ3BpU0VKeldWUkNkMlZXVlhoWG)ZVQK9VbFJXU0ZkVVRTIdaM0JZWWpGS2VWWkdaSGRXCk1sWnpWV3hhVm1KRK5XOVVWVkpEVGxaYVdFMVhSbHBWV0VKVVZGWm9RMlZzV2tWUmJFNVNDbUpXV25wWmexSmhWMGRHZEdWRlZsaGkKYlRrelZERldUMkpzUWxWTJTNTXMZ20Z90Gg= | base64 - d
VjFSQ2EyTXlSblJUV0dSVllrWmFWRmx0TlZ0alJtUlhZvVU1YVZKVVZuaFdWekZoWVZkR2NrWVVX
bUZTVmtwUVdWUkdibVZXVnsWugpisEjzWVRCd2VWVXhXbXB0UlRWSFdqTnNWz3BYUjFKevZGZHdW
MlZzWxxAWmJFNW9VUVJDTLZwEIXRlpVWeJUVFZoQ2VsWkVRbE5SCmJWwnpZalJhV0dGdGVFVlhi
bTkzVDFWT2JsQlVNRXNLCg=
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The hint suggested that the original string had undergone multiple base64 encodings. I repeated the process several times and finally decoded the flag picoCTF{base64_n3st3d_dic0d!n8_d0wnl04d3d_dfe803c6}.