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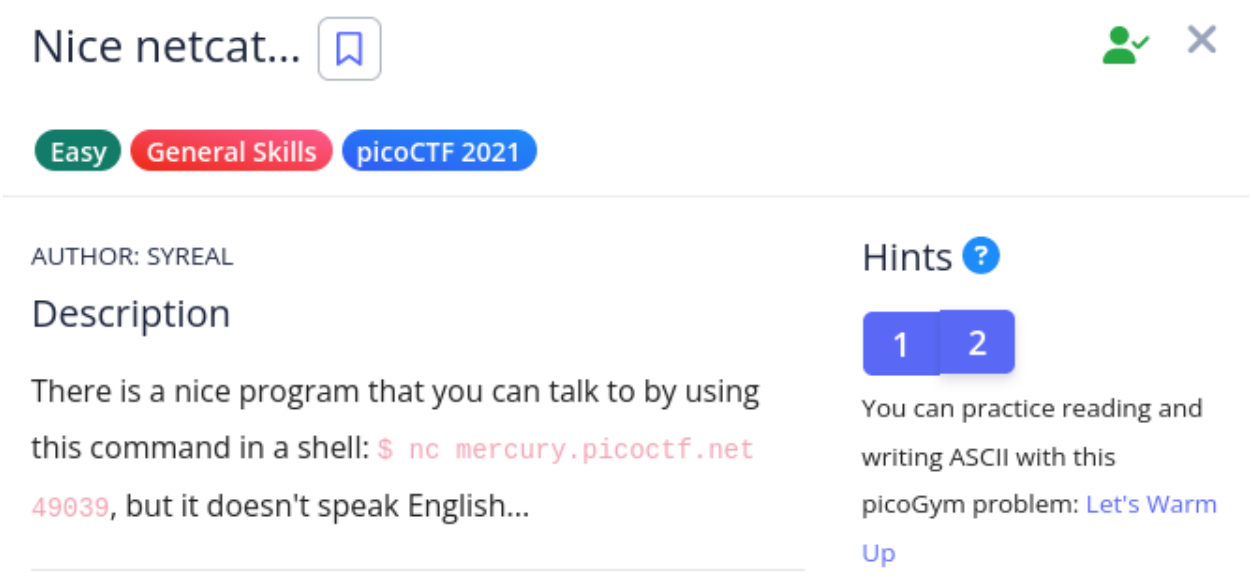
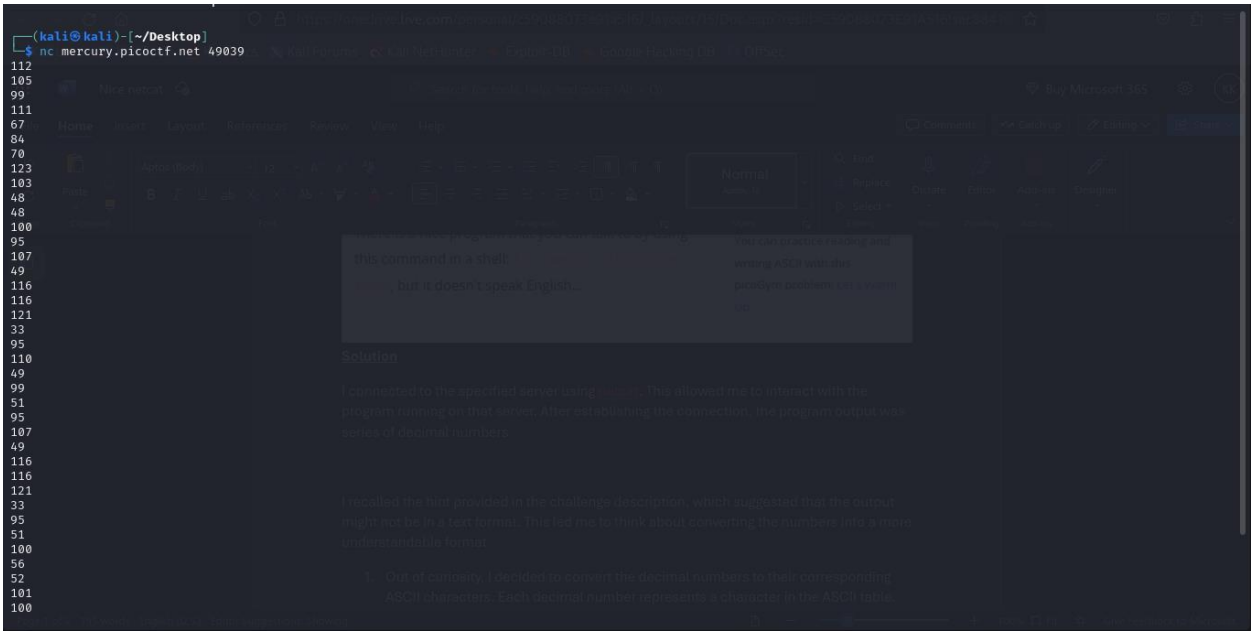


Solution

I connected to the specified server using netcat. This allowed me to interact with the program running on that server. After establishing the connection, the program output was series of decimal numbers.



I recalled the hint provided in the challenge description, which suggested that the output might

not be in a text format. This led me to think about converting the numbers into a more understandable format.

Out of curiosity, I decided to convert the decimal numbers to their corresponding ASCII characters using an online service. Each decimal number represents a character in the ASCII table. After converting all the decimal numbers to their ASCII equivalents, I combined the characters to form a string. The resulting string was "picoCTF{g00d_k1tty!_n1c3_k1tty!_3d84edc8}" which was the flag I was looking for.