

Hidden in Plain Sight

Forensics

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easy beginner

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I'm told there's a message here, but it's just a bunch of letters. big mad >:(

Flag format: quack{...}

Attachment: message.txt

Well, that is certainly a lot of letters..

message.txt - Notepad

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mxkOarWRhtXmuhKpgLCaMcevEKJPjJwLYazQMSnqGHeAttCmAkmFppj{SEGiTCdryNmVJpxemFPbRKhgKQBcCgdgUgwZWzSvAtHZFhMVXgdMyVyHhaPwPAUCZYx}

Wait, what is that

1kQa

and that

1uH

Is the flag spelled out in *non-ascii characters*?!?

Good thing I have a friend called CyberChef

Recipe

Regular expression

Built in regexes

User defined

Regex

[^\x00-\x7a]+

☒ Case insensitive

☒ ^ and \$ match at newlines

☐ Dot matches all

☐ Unicode support

☐ Astral support

☐ Display total

STEP

BAKE!

Auto Bake

Input

mxkOarWRhtXmuhKpgLCaMcevEKJPjJwLYazQMSnqGHeAttCmAkmFppj{SEGiTCdryNmVJpxemFPbRKhgKQBcCgdgUgwZWzSvAtHZFhMVXgdMyVyHhaPwPAUCZYx}

Output

O.UacK{h0H0GLyPHSAREHardT0SP0T}

The regex there will exclude all non-ascii characters using their hex representations so all I have to do is add back in the underscores and flag obtained.