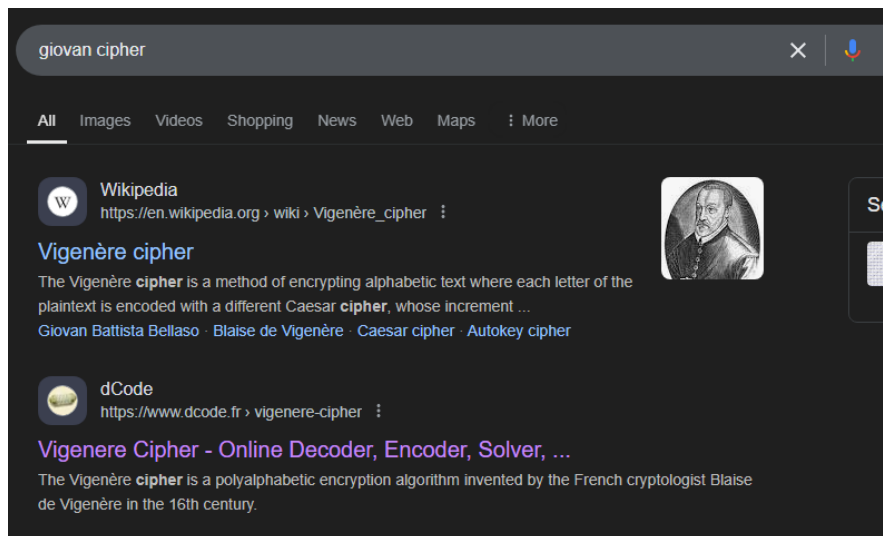


## V

Here there are two ways to past the first step, which is identifying the cipher used to encode the plaintext or flag.

1. Take a look at the challenge title and description. For this example, is V. You can use ChatGPT to get the cipher list that start with V.
2. Make some research. The challenge txt file, V.txt mentioned about Giovan. Just google it.



Go to <https://www.dcode.fr/> and search viginere (or click the dcode link if you are googling). Vigenere cipher used KEY/PASSWORD to decode your ciphertext. In dcode, you can bruteforce it. But looking at the V.txt file again, the word GIOVAN is uppercased. So we can assume it was the key.



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