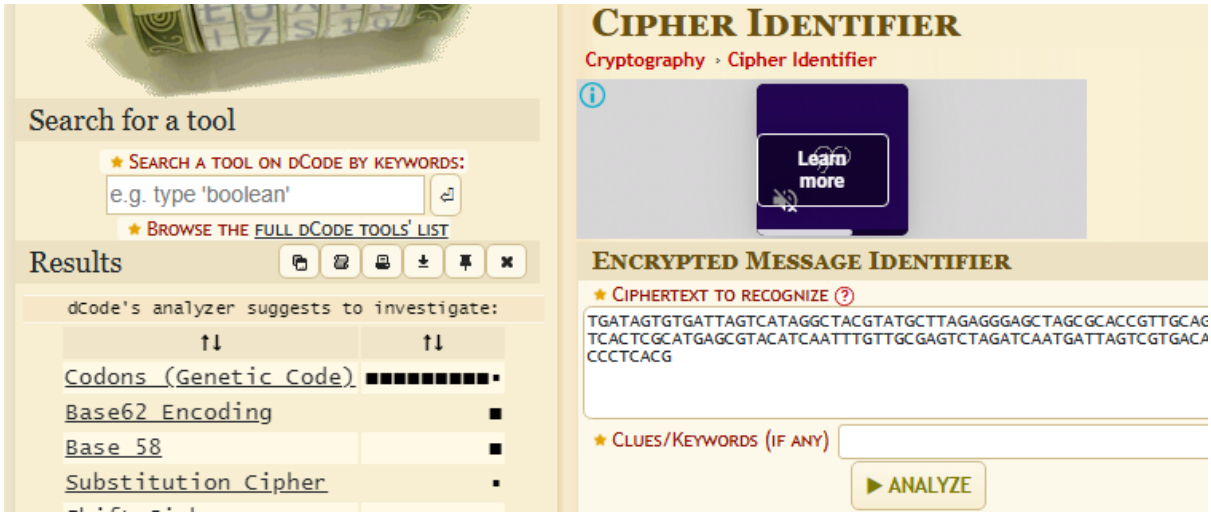
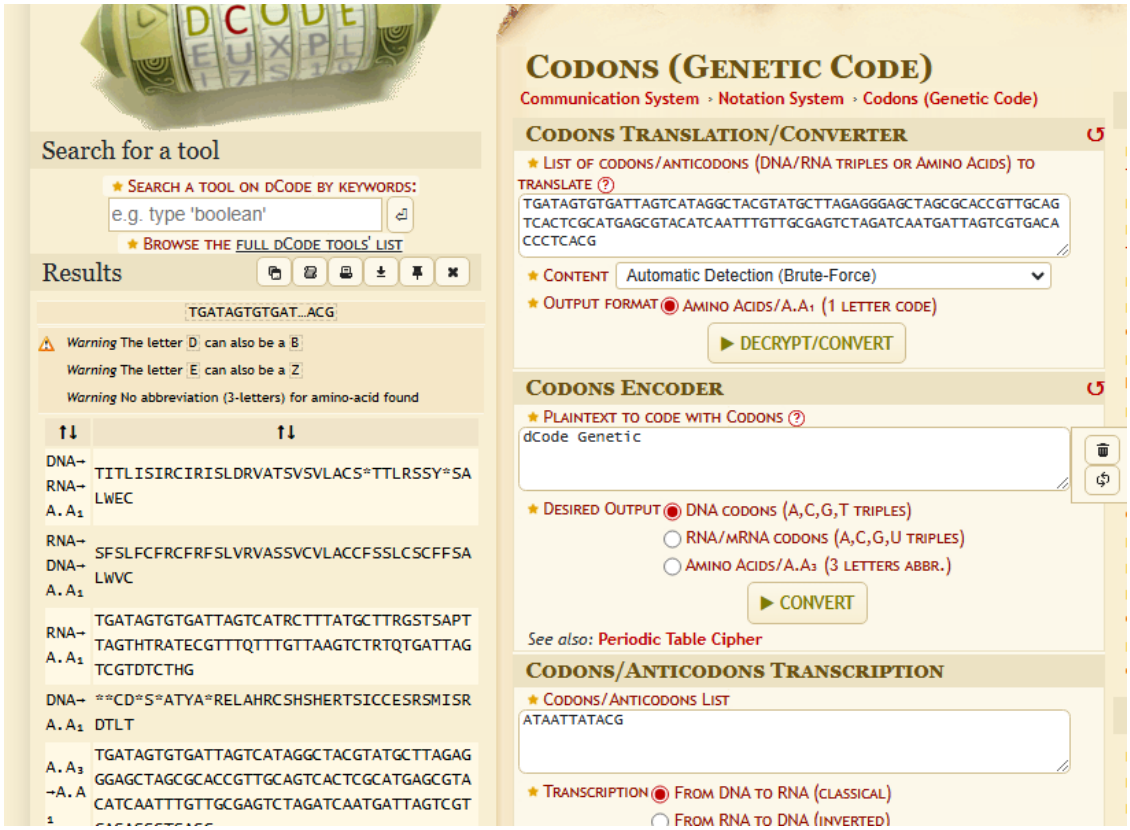
Jeans

This challenge a bit tricky for beginners. I did mentioned that I only use cyberchef and dcode to decode my ciphertext. But what if I can't decode it?

First we need to identify our cipher text. Dcode can identify it for us https://www.dcode.fr/cipher-identifier

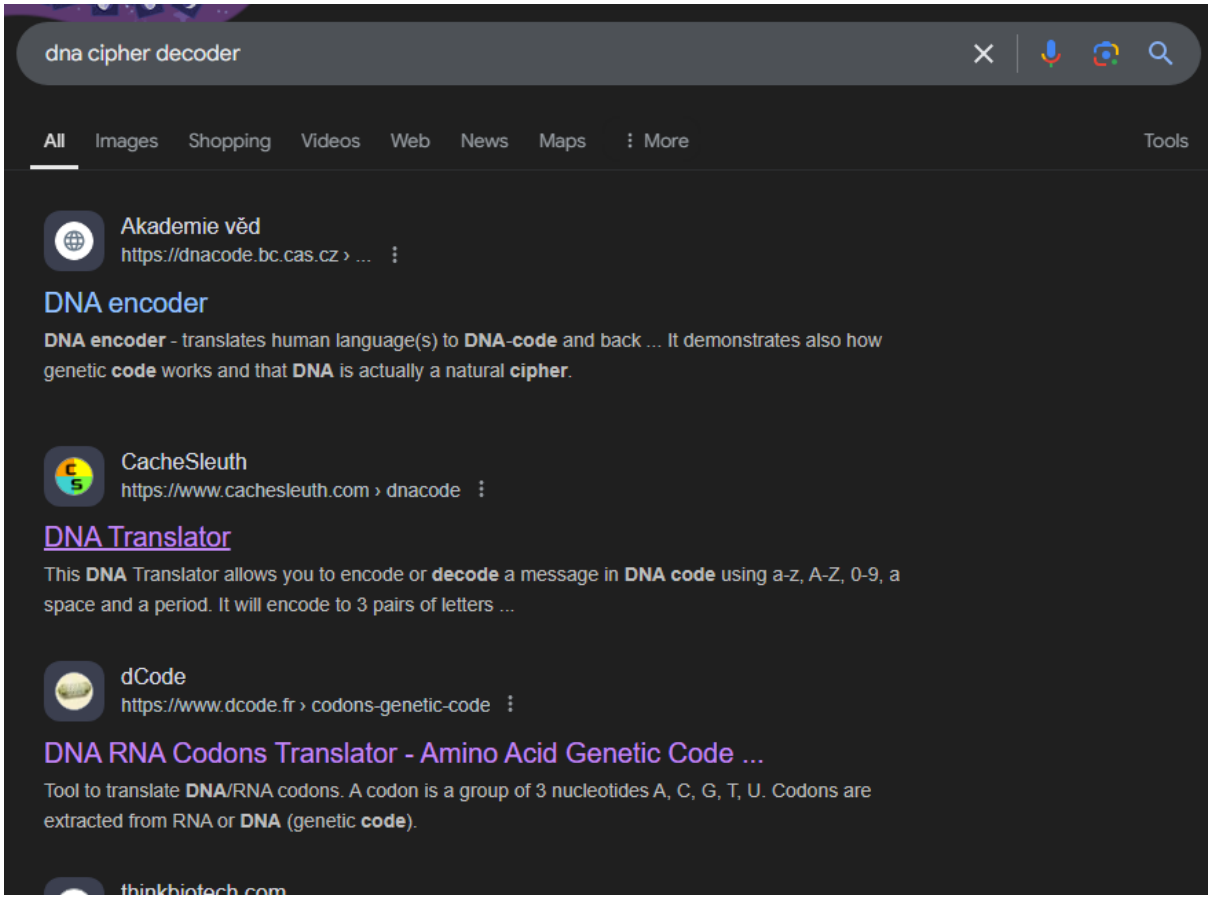


If there are many black squares on the left, you are good to go. If some challenge ciphertext got no black square, then GGs. For this fortunately we get many black squares.

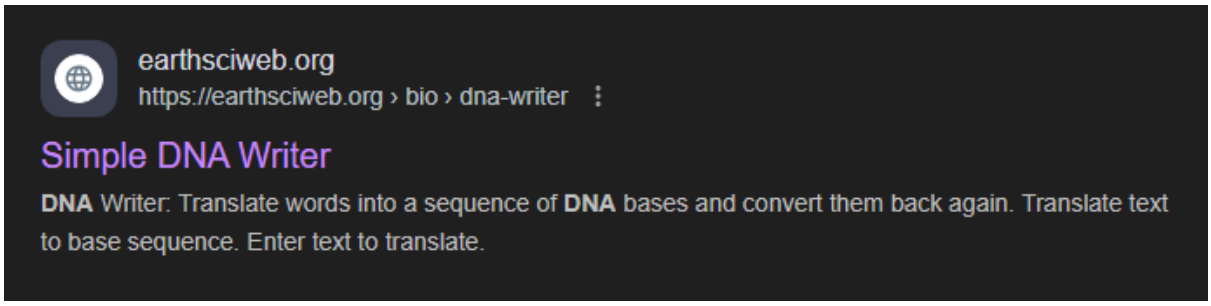


If there are no key, I always bruteforce it. But this time, no flag in the output. Damn.

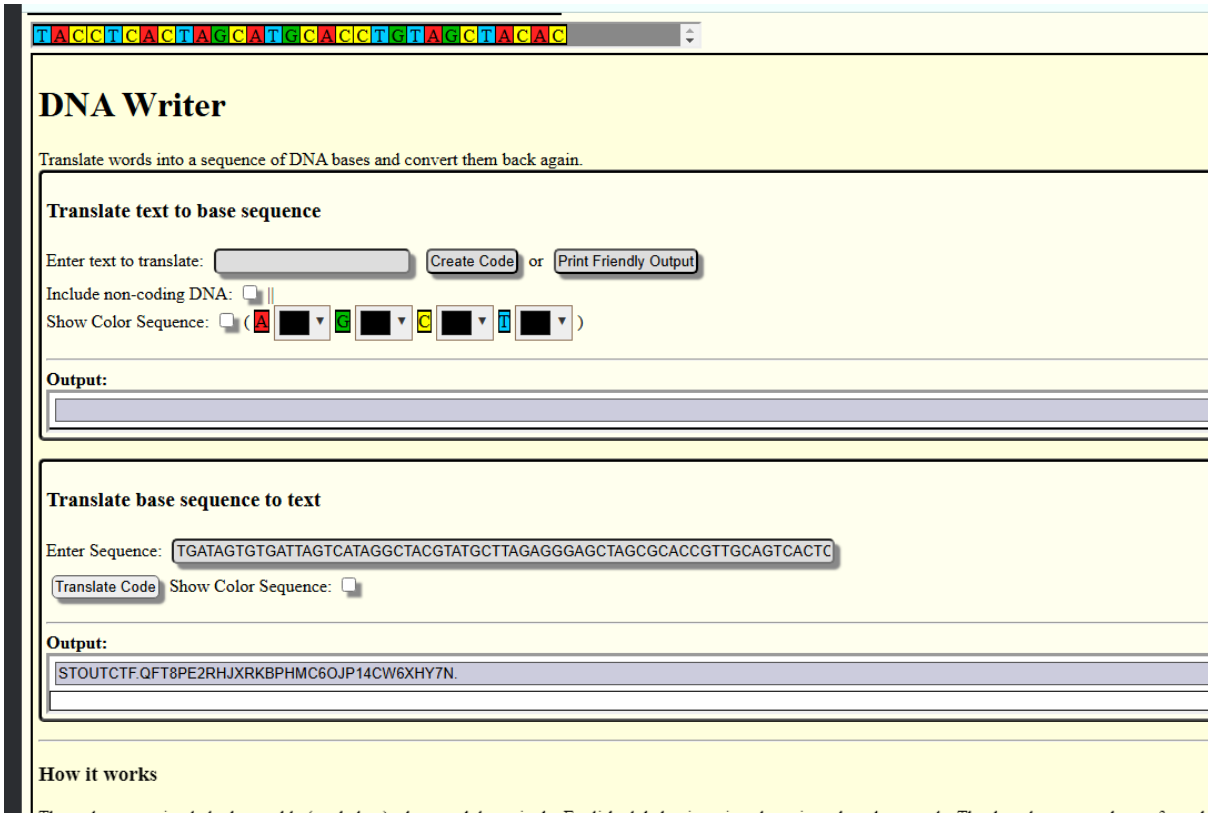
So need some researching. Search the cipher decoder. Just click on each of them and try all tools.



You will eventually go into this one



I tried here and got the flag.



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