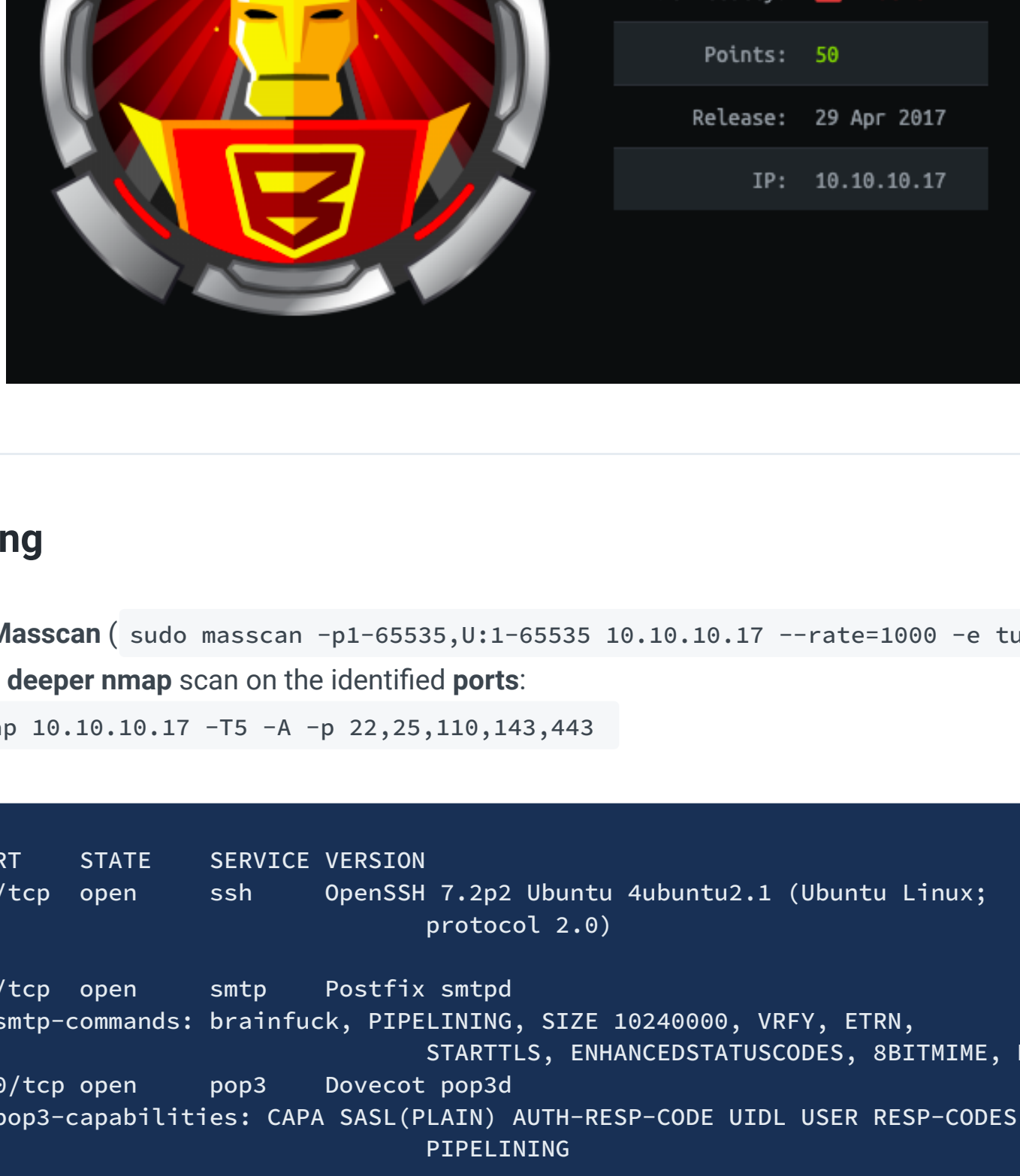


Brainfuck

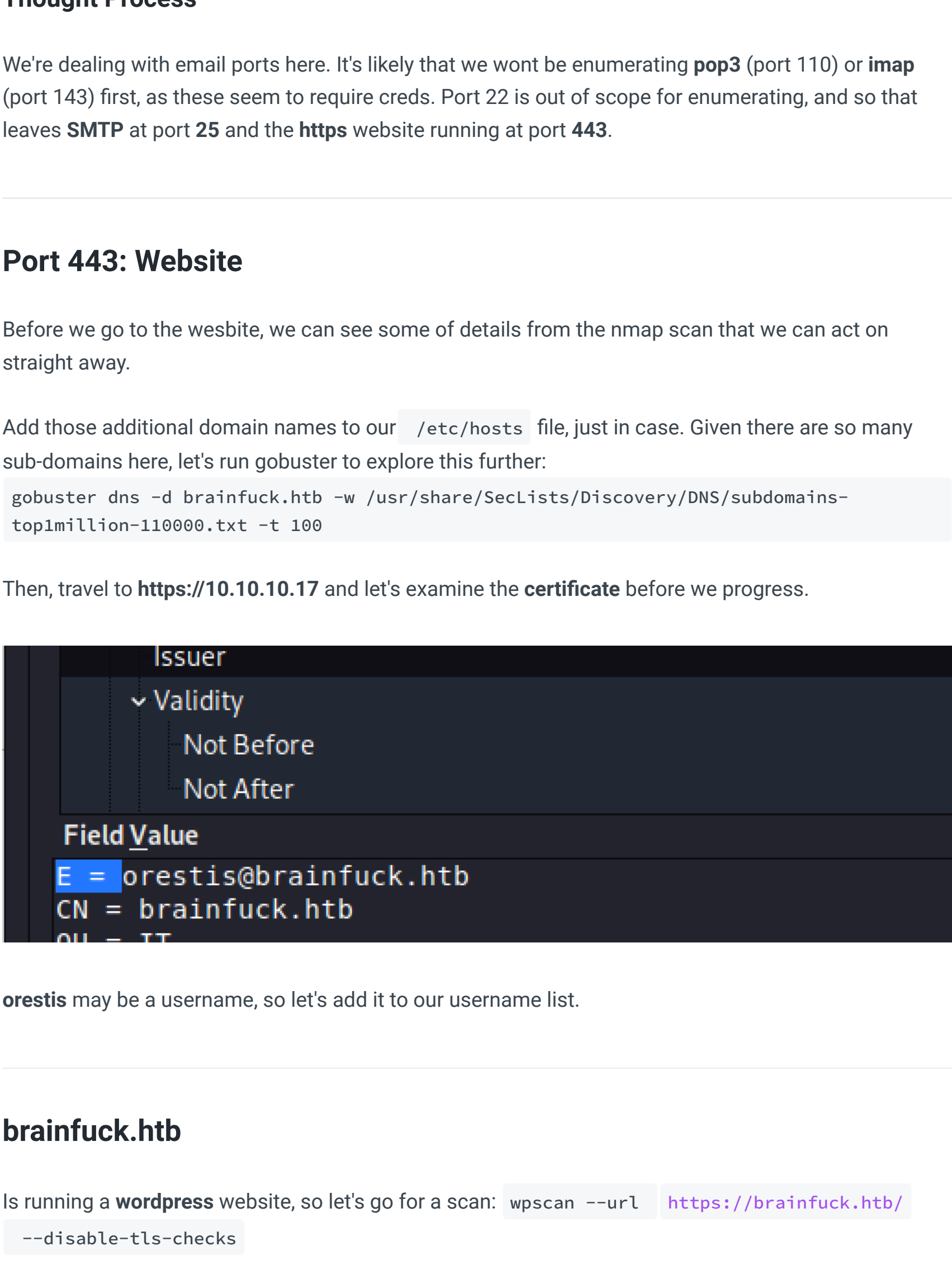
IP: 10.10.10.17



Scanning

Let's run **Masscan** (`sudo masscan -p1-65535,U:1-65535 10.10.10.17 --rate=1000 -e tun0`) and then run a **deeper nmap** scan on the identified **ports**:

```
sudo nmap 10.10.10.17 -T5 -A -p 22,25,110,143,443
```



Thought Process

We're dealing with email ports here. It's likely that we won't be enumerating **pop3** (port 110) or **imap** (port 143) first, as these seem to require creds. Port 22 is out of scope for enumerating, and so that leaves **SMTP** at port **25** and the **https** website running at port **443**.

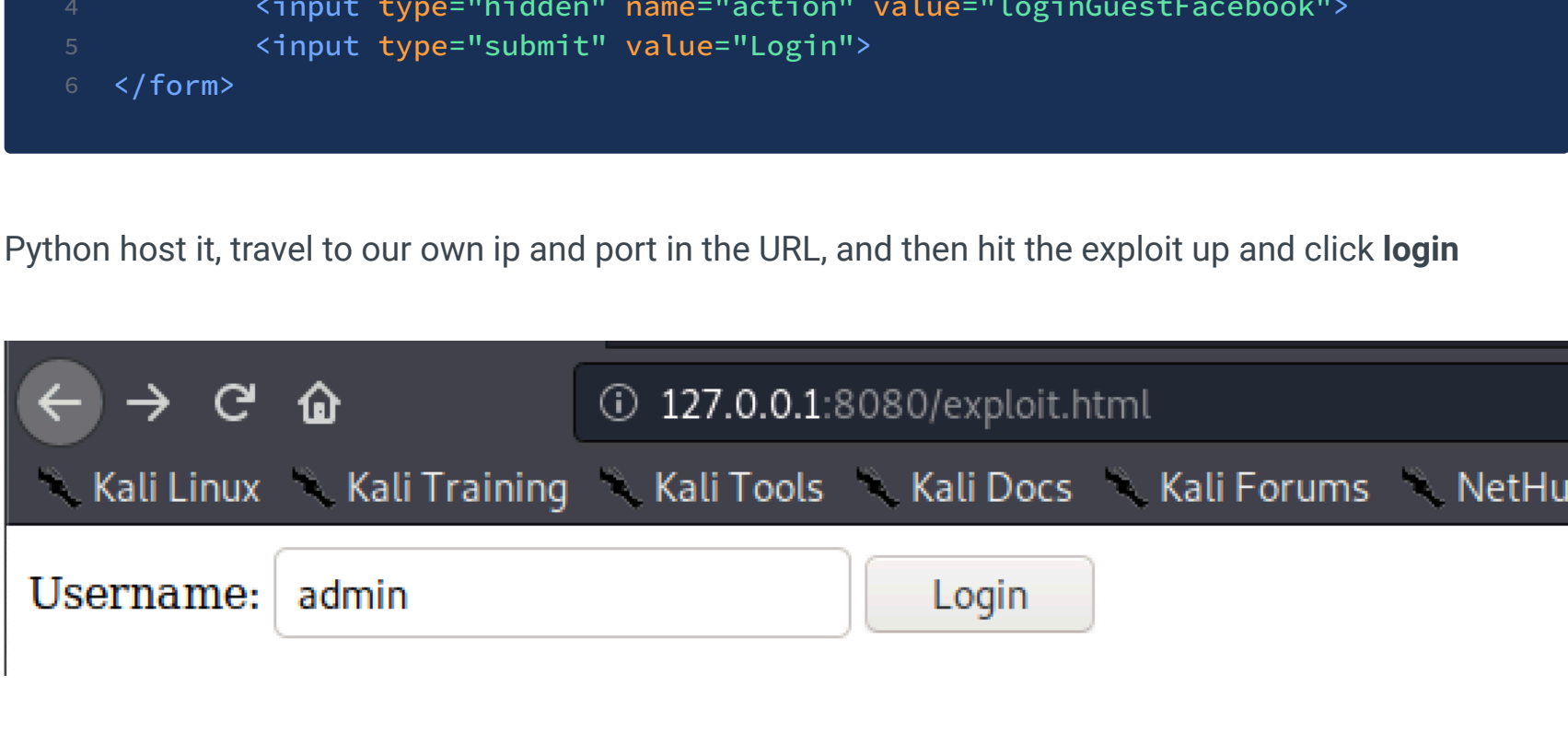
Port 443: Website

Before we go to the website, we can see some of details from the nmap scan that we can act on straight away.

Add those additional domain names to our `/etc/hosts` file, just in case. Given there are so many sub-domains here, let's run gobuster to explore this further:

```
gobuster dns -d brainfuck.htb -w /usr/share/SecLists/Discovery/DNS/subdomains-top1million-110000.txt -t 100
```

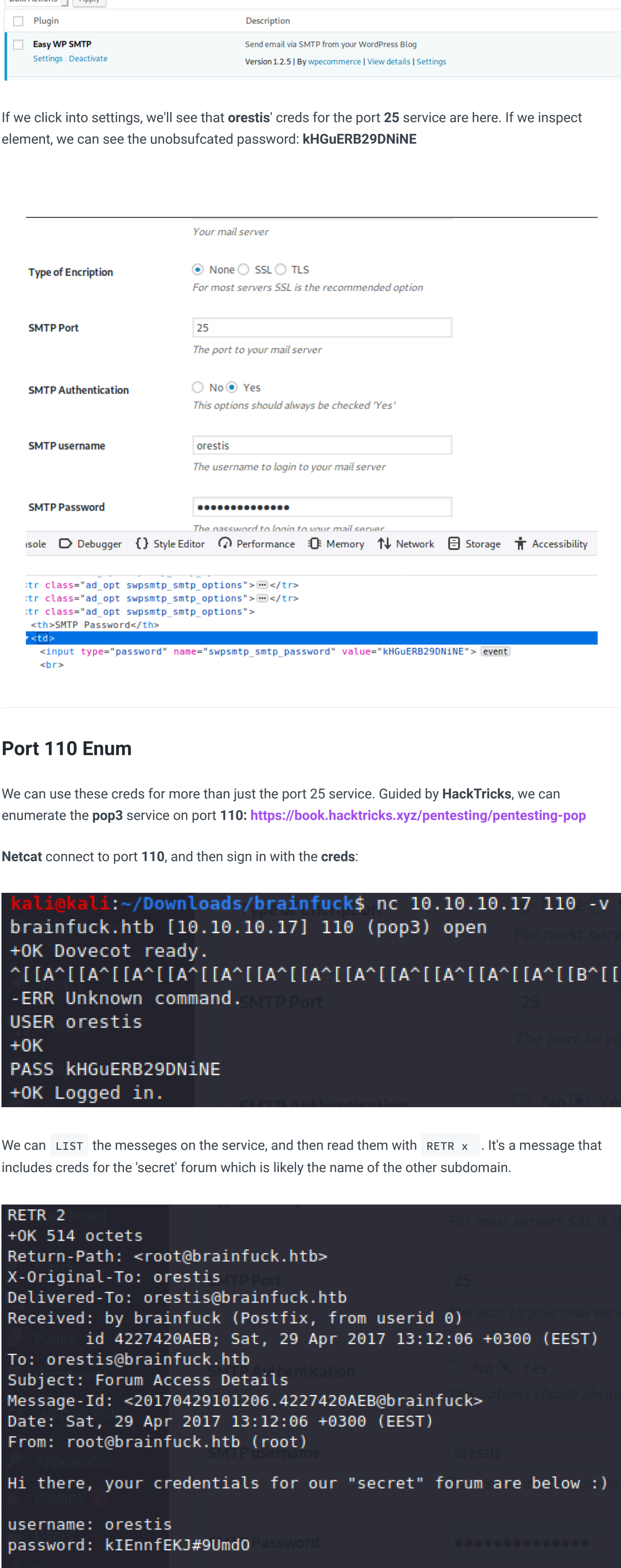
Then, travel to **https://10.10.10.17** and let's examine the **certificate** before we progress.



orestis may be a username, so let's add it to our username list.

brainfuck.htb

Is running a **wordpress** website, so let's go for a scan: `wpscan --url https://brainfuck.htb/ --disable-tls-checks`

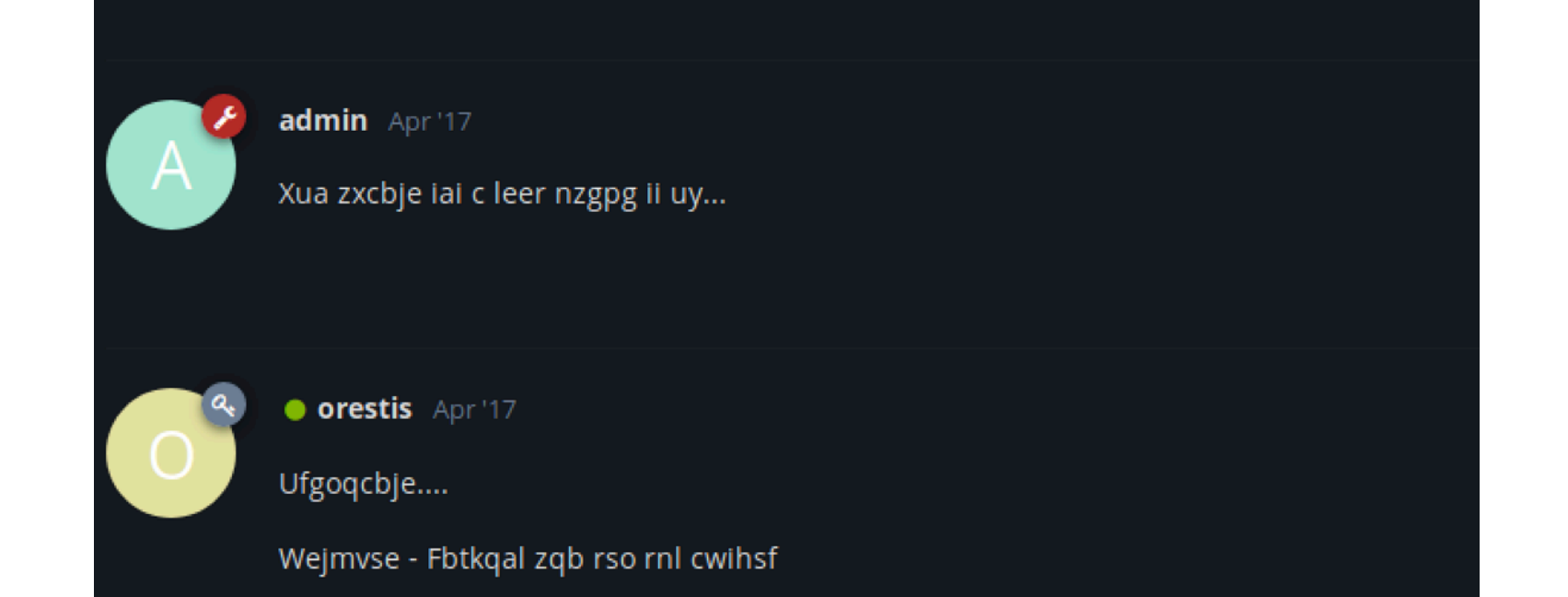


There's a **plugin** that wpscan is sure is exploitable. If we ask `searchsploit` , we can see that there is an exploit suitable for the version we are dealing with.

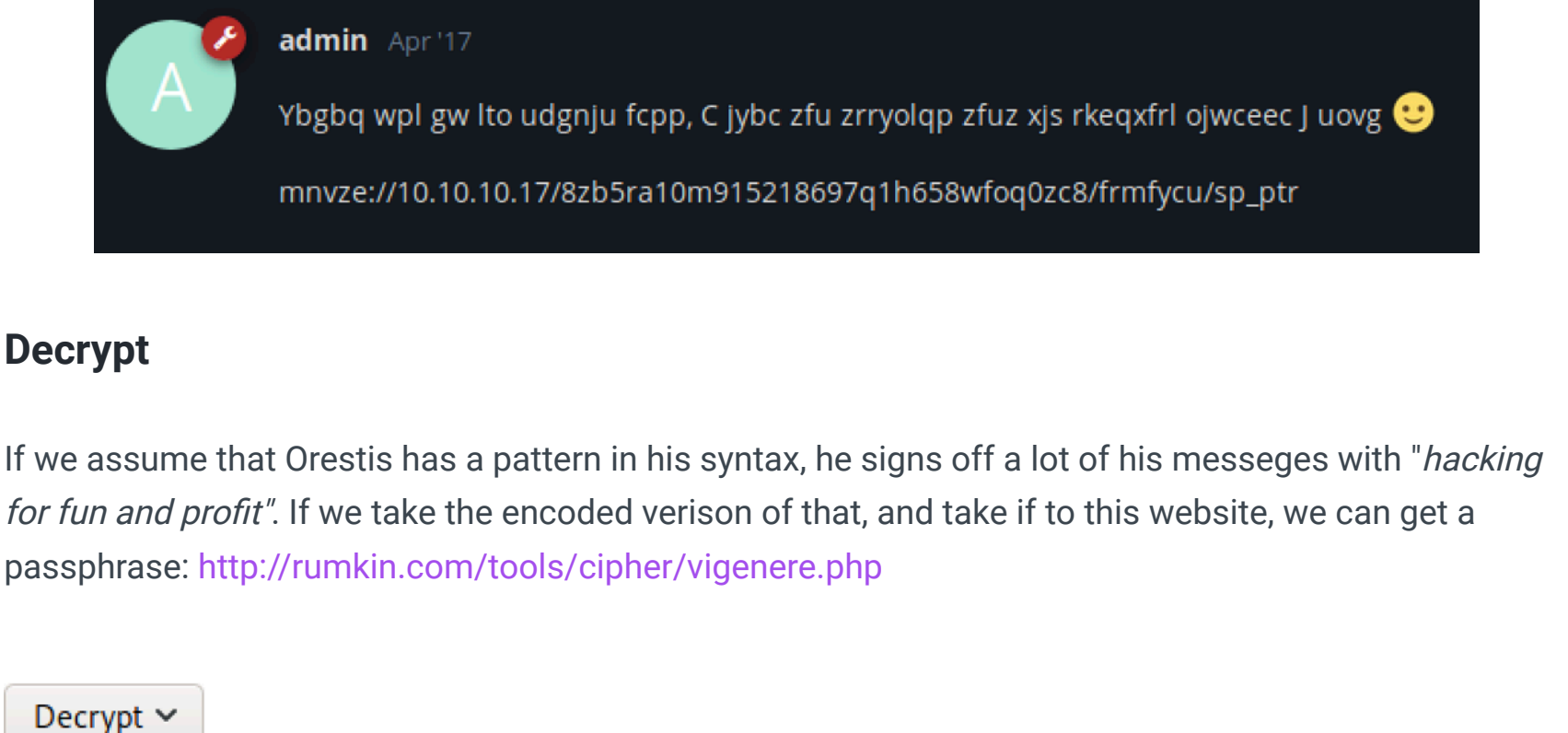
Responsive Ticket Exploit

We need usernames for this exploit. Append `--enumerate u` to our previous scan, to get the usernames **admin** and **administrator**

Now we need to make a file called **exploit.html**. We've changed the **URL** in the **first** line, the username **value** to **admin** in the **second** line, and the **third** line we added **orestis@brainfuck.htb**



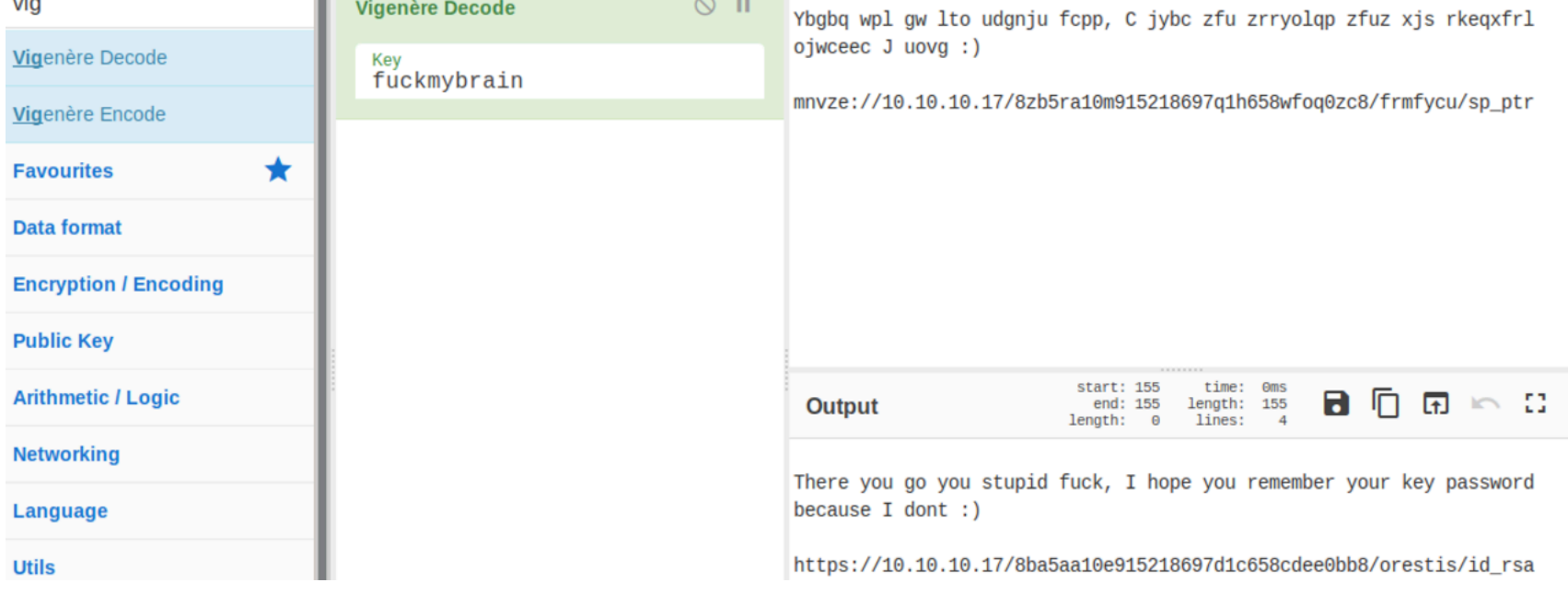
Python host it, travel to our own ip and port in the URL, and then hit the exploit up and click **login**



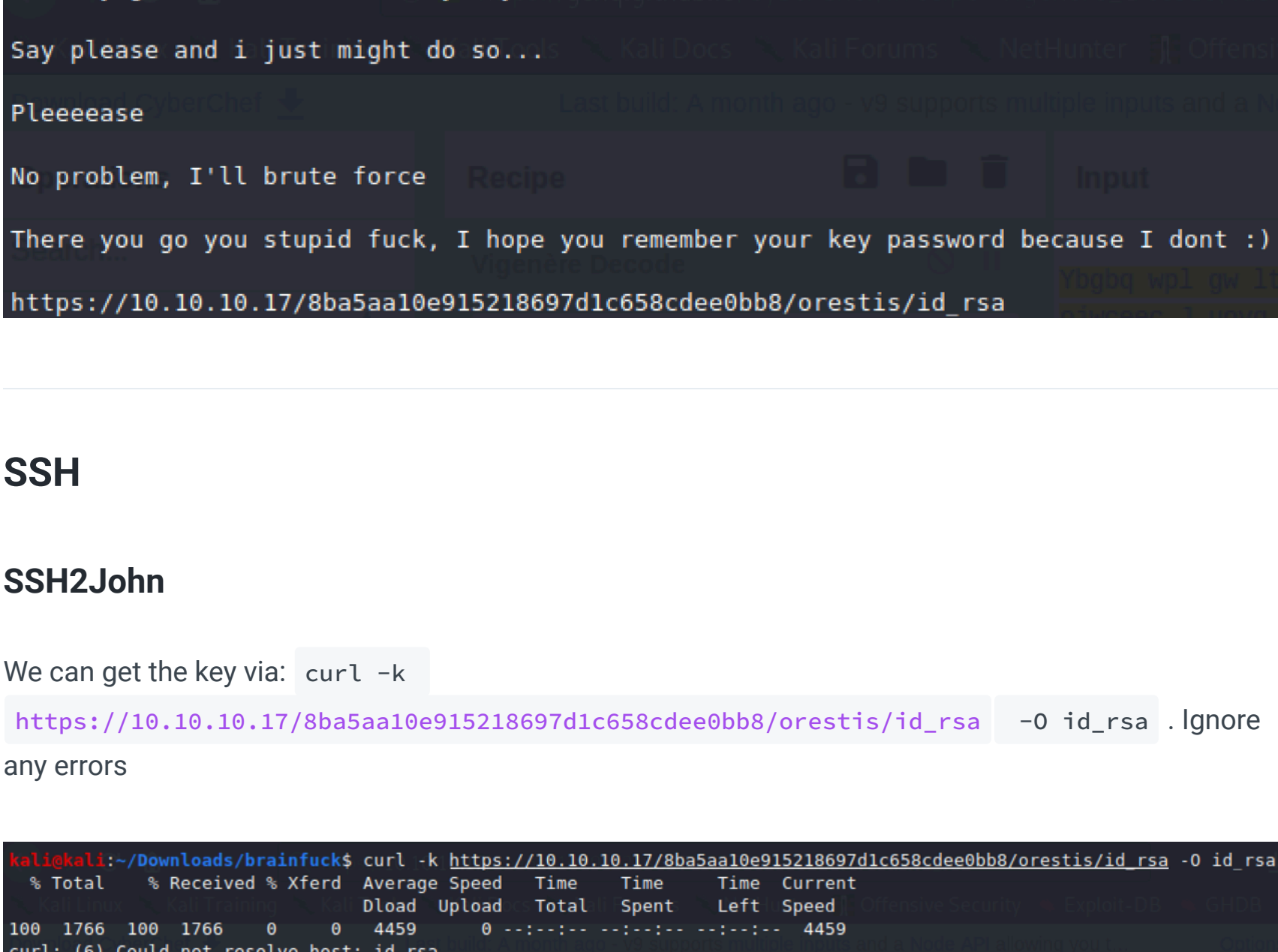
Then refresh **brainfuck.htb**. Your page may be slow but you should see **"Howdy, admin"** in the top right of the page.

Admin Plugin

When enumerating around the box, if we go through **themes** and then **plugins** we find something. Considering this box is all about email ports, this plugin seems suspicious....



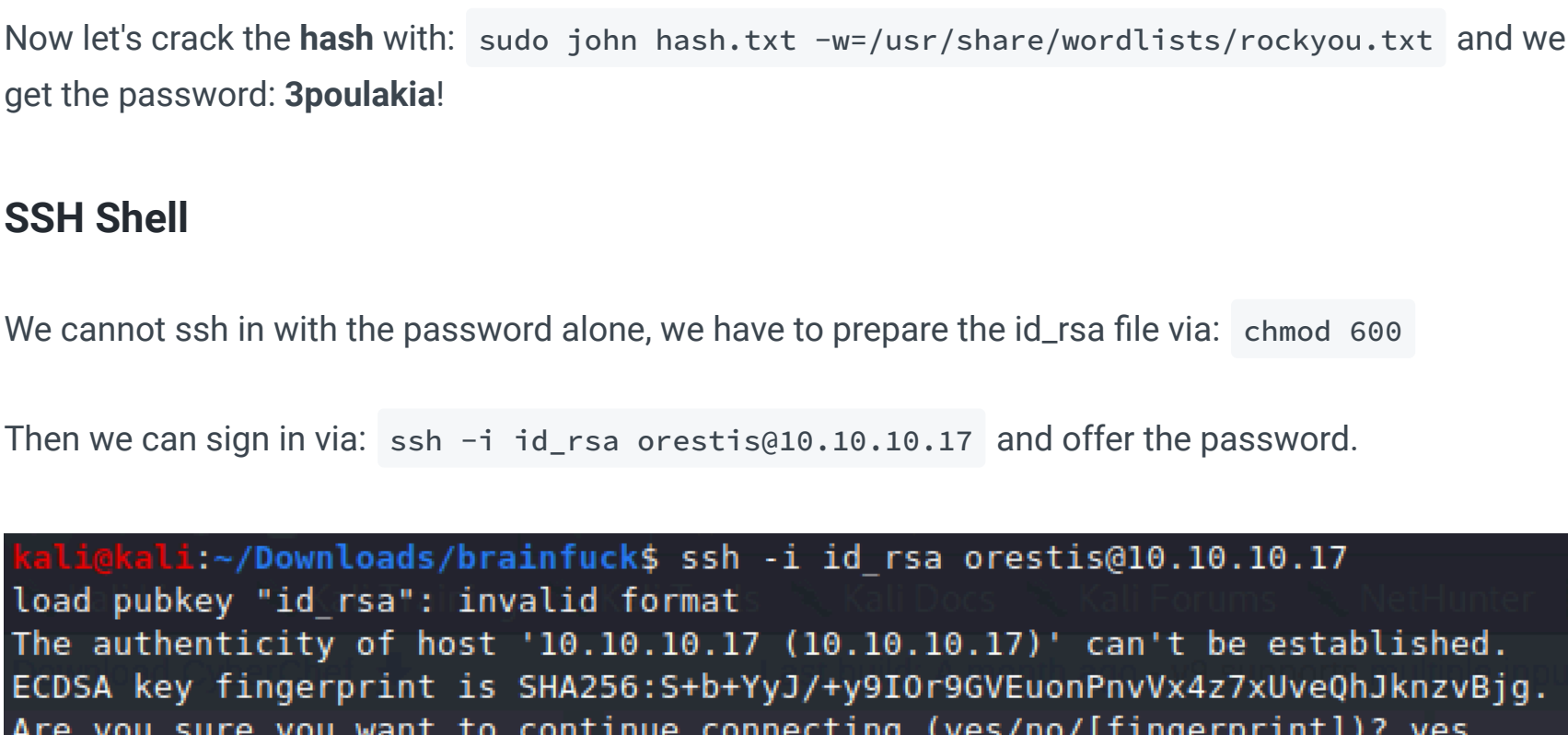
If we click into settings, we'll see that **orestis**' creds for the port **25** service are here. If we inspect element, we can see the unobsufated password: **KHGuERB29DNiNE**



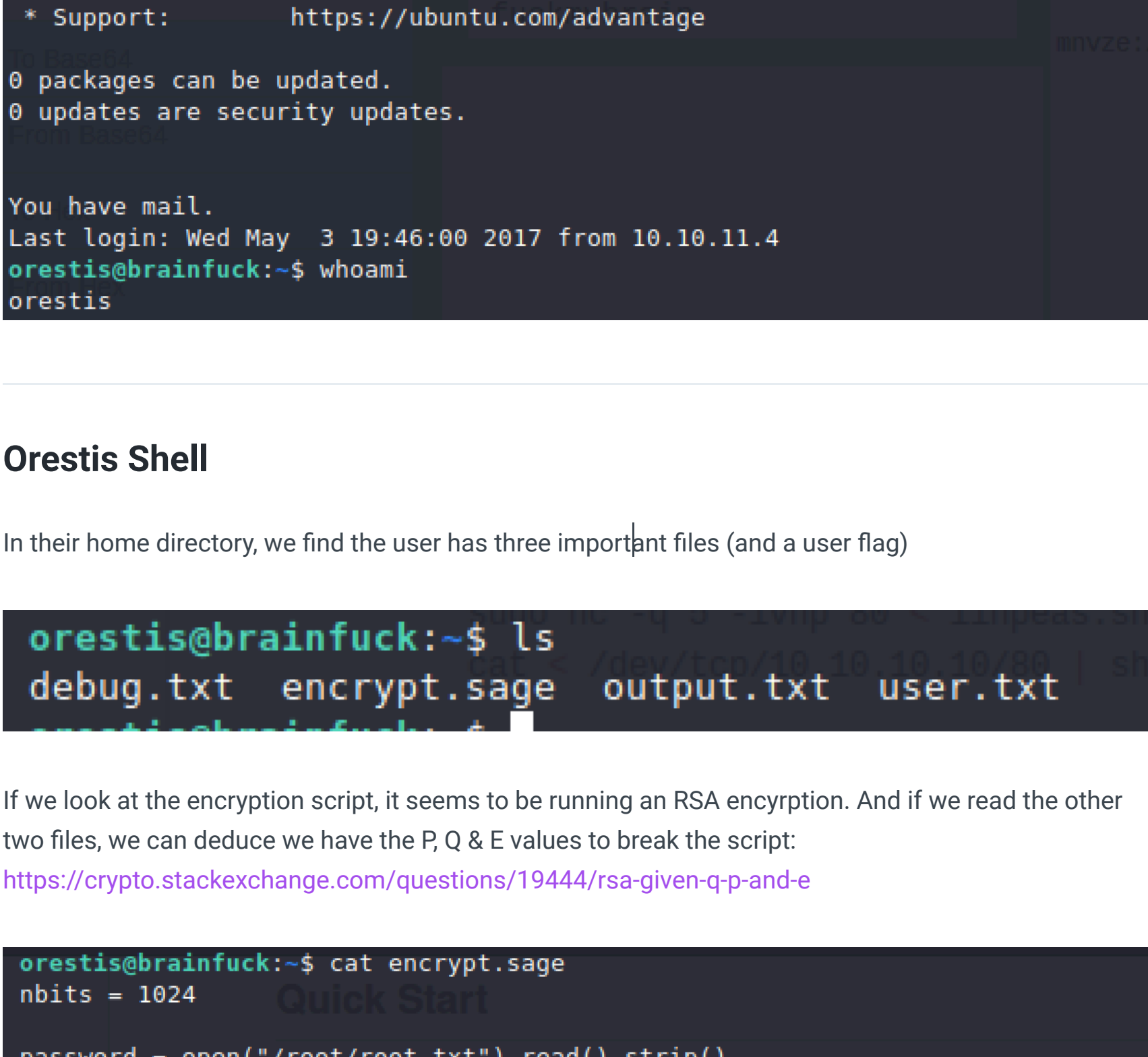
Port 110 Enum

We can use these creds for more than just the port 25 service. Guided by **HackTricks**, we can enumerate the **pop3** service on port **110**: <https://book.hacktricks.xyz/pentesting/pentesting-pop>

Netcat connect to port **110**, and then sign in with the **creds**:



We can `LIST` the messages on the service, and then read them with `RETR x` . It's a message that includes creds for the 'secret' forum which is likely the name of the other subdomain.



sup3rs3cr3t domain

We can sign in to <https://sup3rs3cr3t.brainfuck.htb> , and I immediately take our session cookie and run gobuster on this page: `gobuster dir -u https://sup3rs3cr3t.brainfuck.htb/`

```
-w /usr/share/wordlists/dirbuster/directory-list-lowercase-2.3-medium.txt -x -t 100 -c ivudu4eu81vgciqf3uvpntmbq0
```

Meanwhile, when we enumerate around the box we see a thread that starts to talk about SSH keys but then moves to an 'encrypted thread', which we can assume is this exchange:



Decrypt

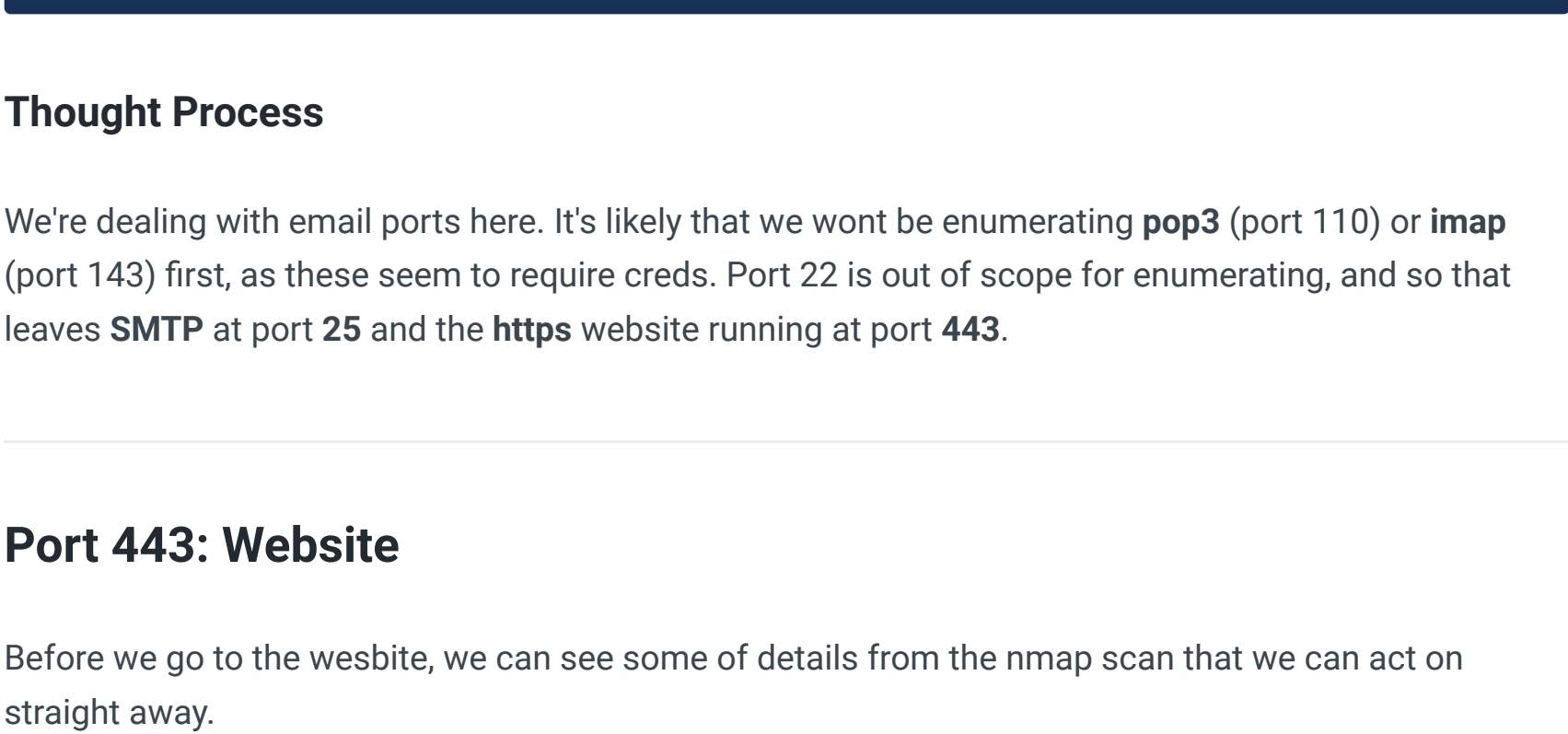
If we assume that Orestis has a pattern in his syntax, he signs off a lot of his messages with *'hacking for fun and profit'*. If we take the encoded version of that, and take it to this website, we can get a passphrase: <http://rumkin.com/tools/cipher/vigenere.php>

If we go to **cyberchef**, we can **decode** the important URL

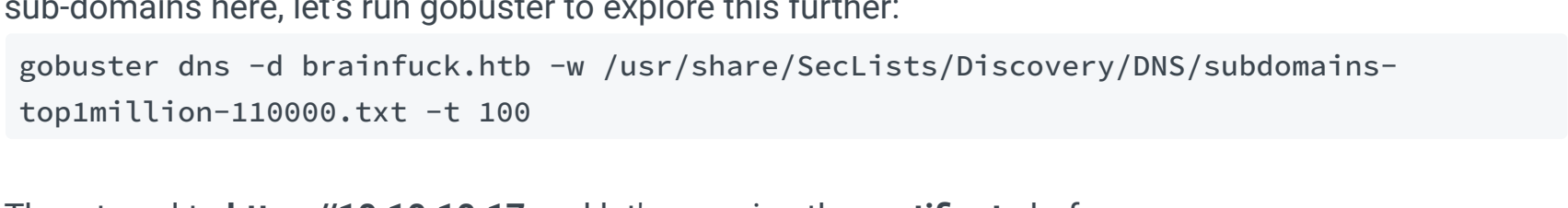
SSH

SSH2John

We can get the key via: `curl -k https://10.10.10.17/8ba5aa10e915218697d1c658dcee0bb8/orestis/id_rsa -O id_rsa` . Ignore any errors



We now need to give this key to `ssh2john` and make it it's own file called **hash.txt**:

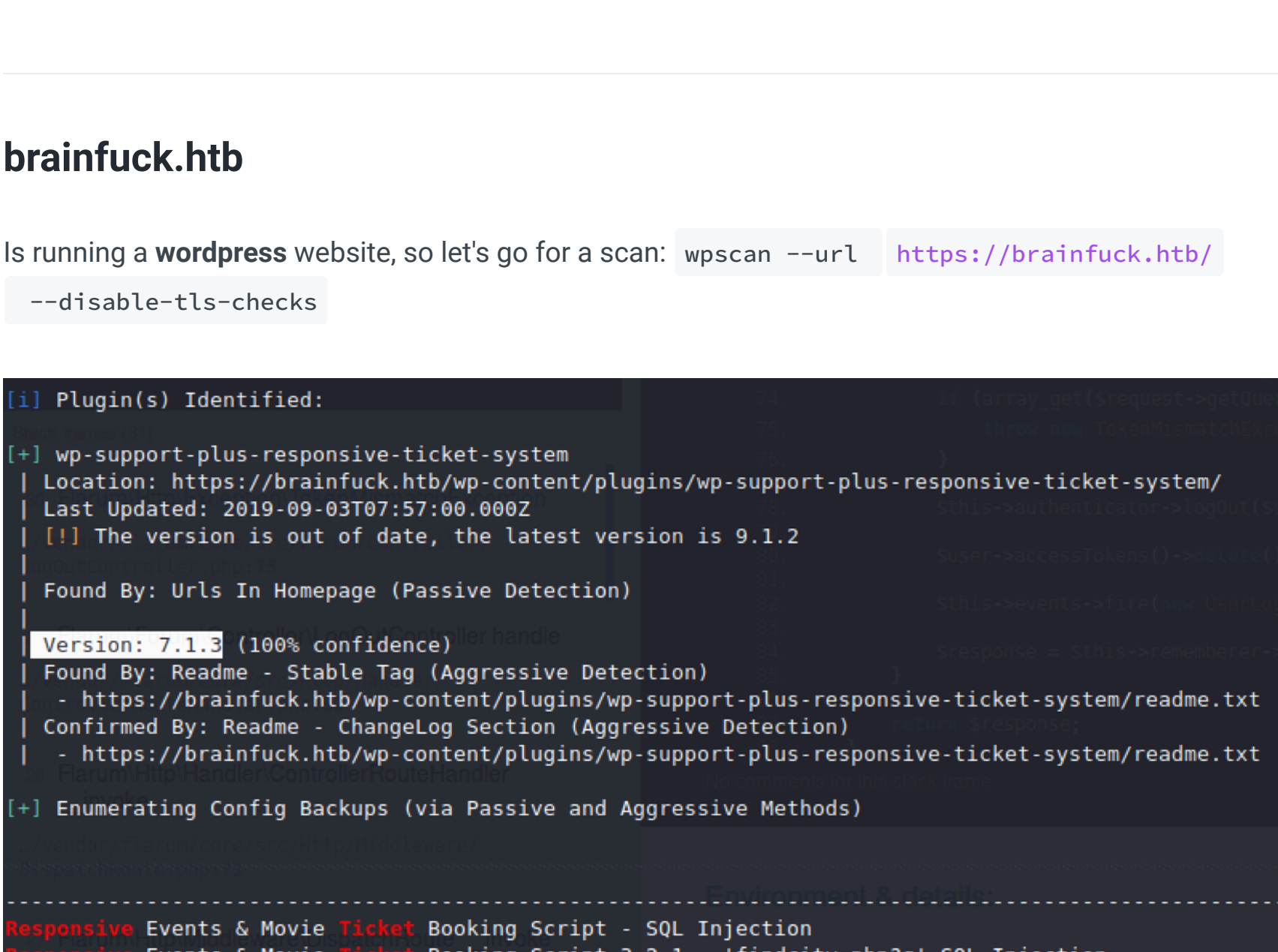


Now let's crack the **hash** with: `sudo john hash.txt -w=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt` and we get the password: **3poulakia!**

SSH Shell

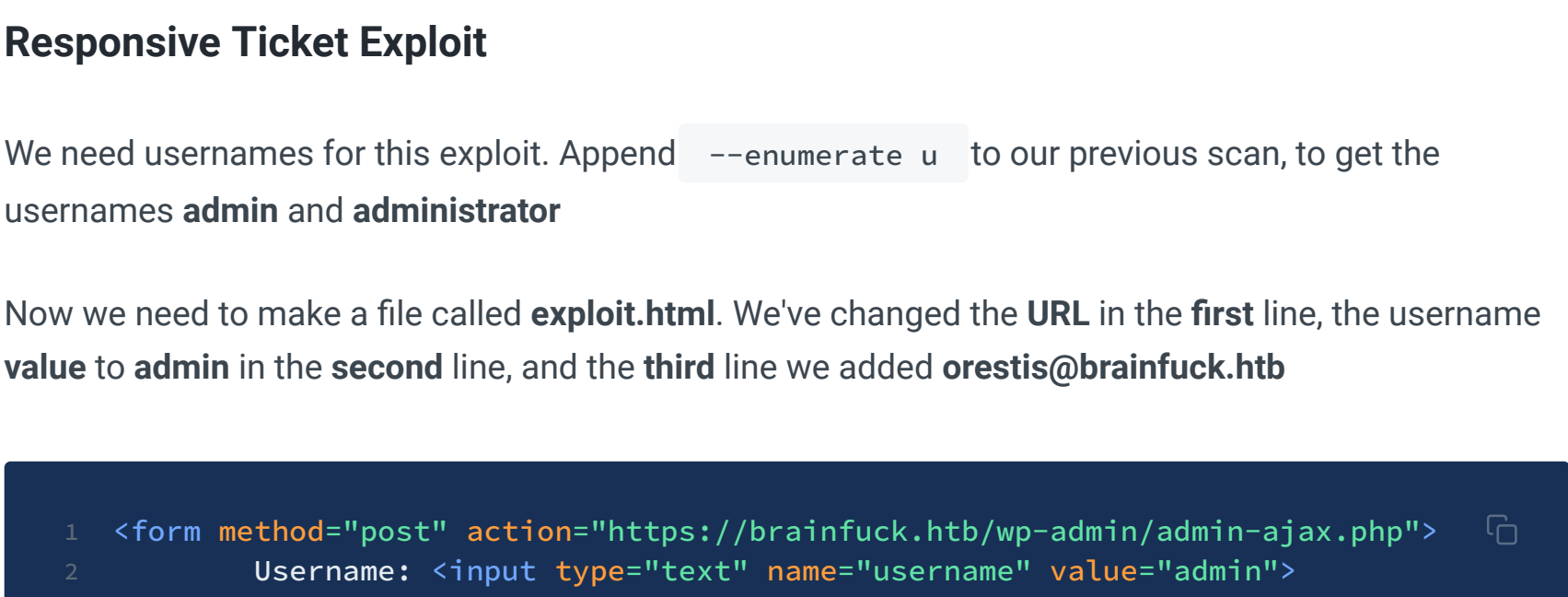
We cannot ssh in with the password alone, we have to prepare the **id_rsa** file via: `chmod 600`

Then we can sign in via: `ssh -i id_rsa orestis@10.10.10.17` and offer the password.

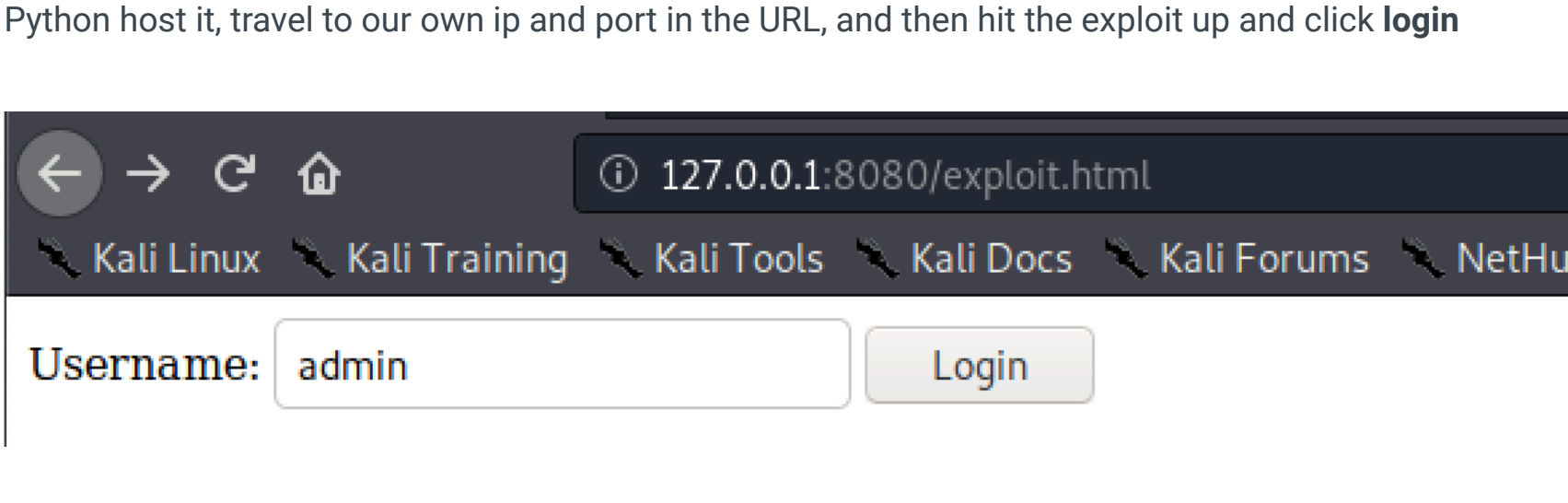


Orestis Shell

In their home directory, we find the user has three important files (and a user flag)

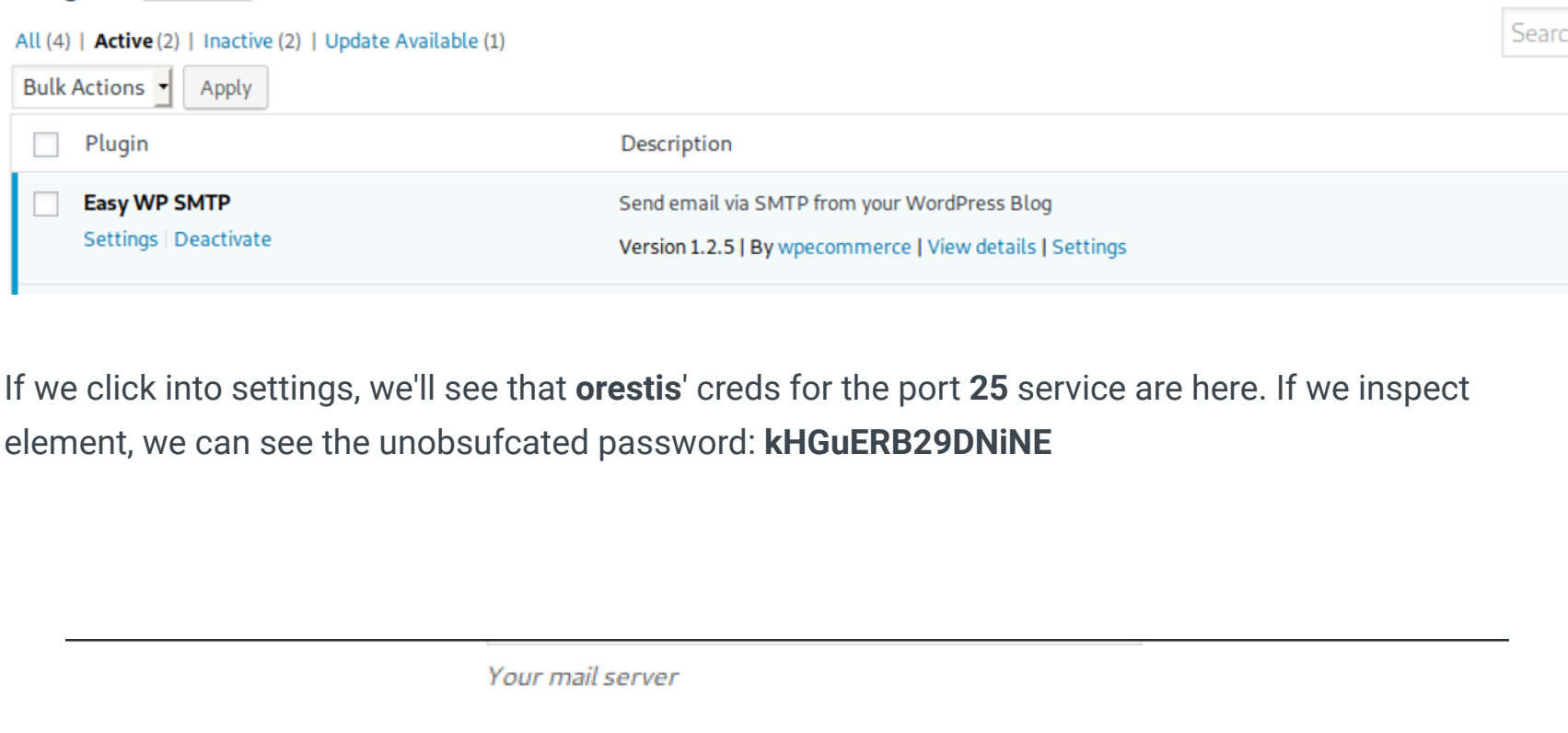


If we look at the encryption script, it seems to be running an RSA encryption. And if we read the other two files, we can deduce we have the **P**, **Q** & **E** values to break the script:



Decrypt.py

The link contained a python skeleton script, we just have to replace the following values. I have started the numbers they begin with, but they're too long to warrant putting them here. So find them between **debug.txt** and **output.txt**



To get our root flag, enter `python` take the **pt** value and `print str(hex(pt))` , then follow it up be taking the next value and cut off the **0x** and **L** that sandwich it. Enclose it in single quotes and `.decode('hex')` . It should spit out the root flag.

