

Dealing with HTTPAPI 2.0 Assets



Have you seen this before?

443/HTTPS

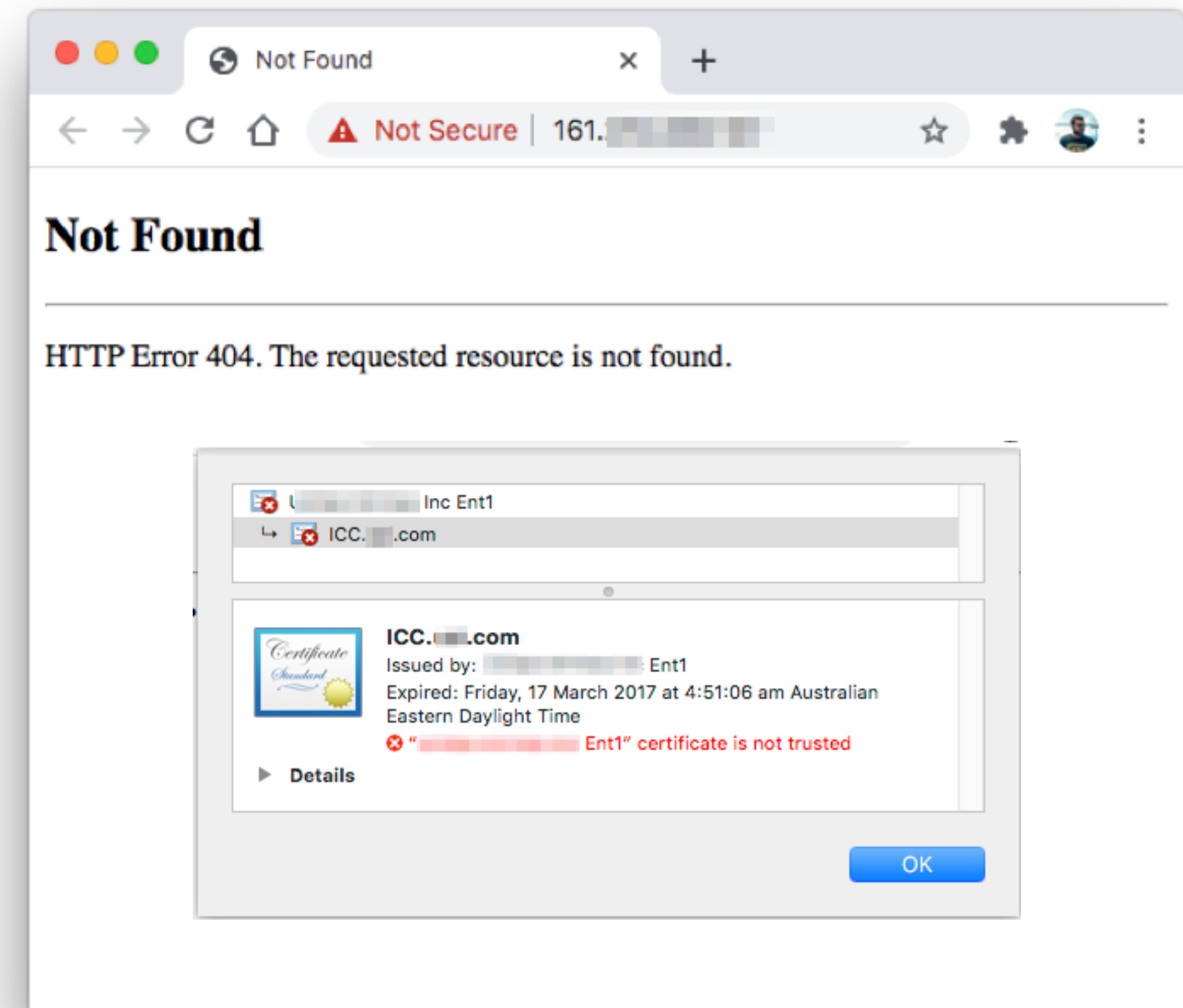
GET /

Server Microsoft HTTPAPI 2.0

Status Line 404 Not Found

Page Title Not Found

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- Either, you're missing the subdomain associated with the IP address (No SSL certificate)
- Or the subdomain doesn't resolve but you can obtain a full/partial subdomain from the SSL certificate

Resolving the HTTPAPI 2.0 404 Error

- This is super simple, but often people skip assets when they see the HTTPAPI 2.0 404 error. This error usually means that the asset needs the correct host header to route to the application.
- You're not always fortunate enough to have the full subdomain provided to you via the SSL certificate.
- If you know the hostname, simply provide the hostname in the HTTP Host header.
- Sometimes you have to bruteforce VHosts until you can access the application.

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After fixing the host header

- Add a line to your /etc/hosts file to map the correct host name to the IP address of the asset.
- **Run all of your scanning again, including your enumeration through IIS shortname scanner.**
- Perform VHost enumeration/bruteforcing to see if there are any other applications that are present on the host.
- Find all other assets that respond with HTTPAPI 2.0 404 errors and apply the same workflow (rinse and repeat).

VHost Hopping

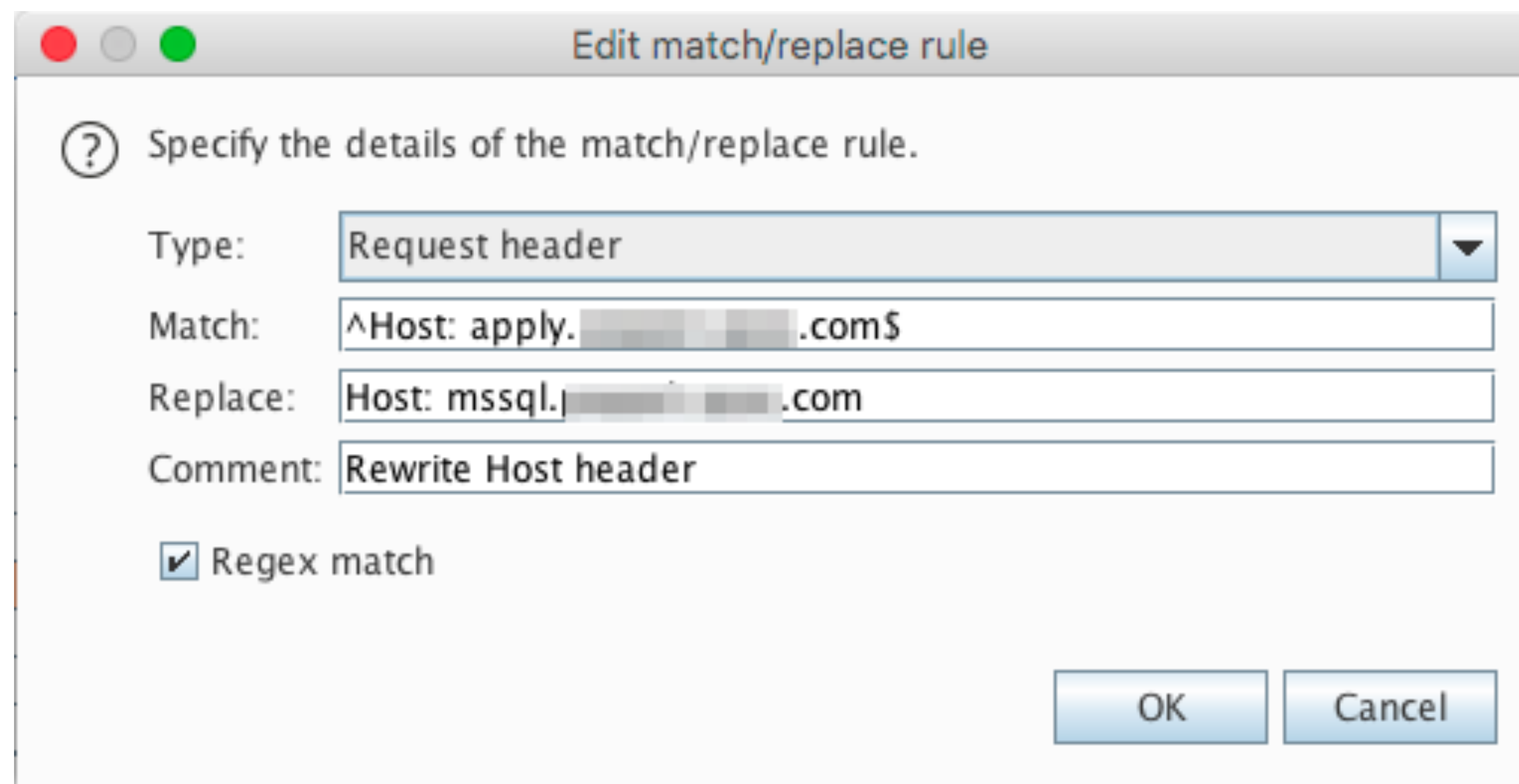


Accessing an internal admin panel via VHost Hopping (\$1900)

- Came across an asset that looked something like apply.company.com running IIS.
- Used a large subdomain wordlist to bruteforce VHosts using Burp Intruder (%bruteforce%.company.com).
- Large and different response returned for mssql.company.com which was not accessible externally, only accessible through “VHost Hopping”.
- This was running a MSSQL database manager/explorer (<https://sourceforge.net/projects/asp-ent-man/>).

Accessing the VHost

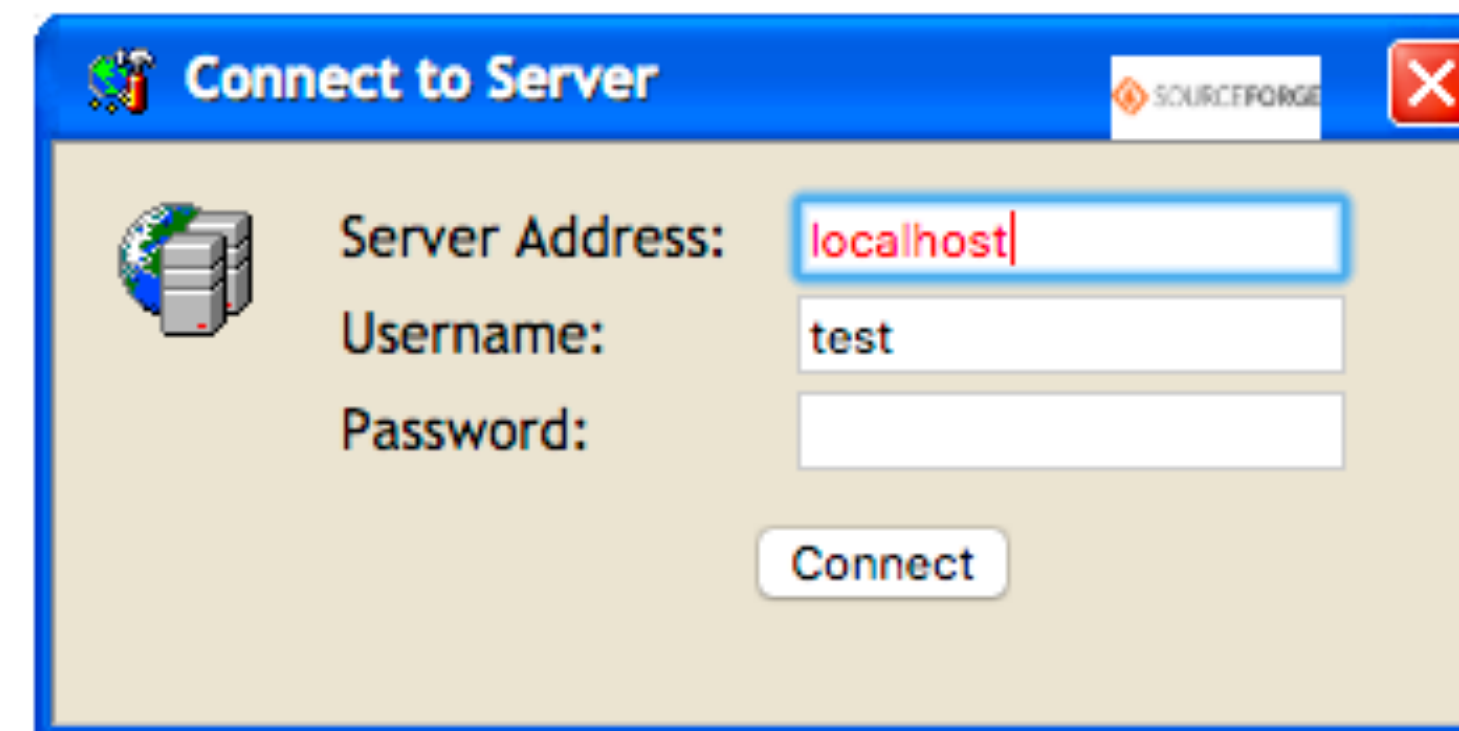
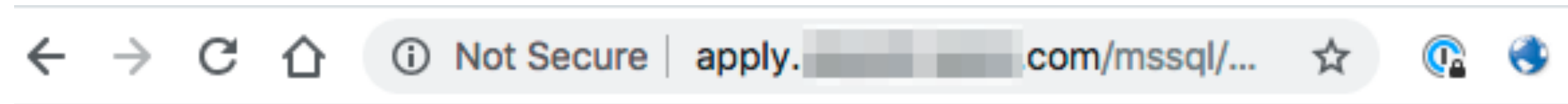
- Often, on IIS servers, there may be internal applications running under a different host name. Host name bruteforcing / VHost hopping is very effective in IIS environments.
- A simple match and replace rule to facilitate the access:



The screenshot shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Edit match/replace rule". It contains the following fields and controls:

- A help icon (?) and the text "Specify the details of the match/replace rule."
- A "Type:" dropdown menu set to "Request header".
- A "Match:" text box containing the regex pattern `^Host: apply.[REDACTED].com$`.
- A "Replace:" text box containing the replacement string `Host: mssql.[REDACTED].com`.
- A "Comment:" text box containing the text `Rewrite Host header`.
- A checked checkbox labeled "Regex match".
- "OK" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom right.

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