Why does my proxied URL have dashes?

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Applies to

- EZproxy Proxy-By-Hostname

Answer

The answer has to do with how EZproxy handles https URLs.

The "dashes" are used when processing an https URL so the entire hostname (https://www.somedb.com/) will be translated to one host **www-somedb-com**. This allows the wildcard certificate on your server (*.ezproxy.institution.edu) to be used to maintain HTTPS connectivity without browser warnings.

Example URL: https://ezproxy.institution.edu/login?url=https://www.somedb.com

EZproxy rewritten URL: https://www-somedb-com.ezproxy.institution.edu/

Additional information

- [SSL Configuration](https://help.oclc.org/Library_Management/EZproxy/Troubleshooting/SSL_Configuration)
- [EZproxy Starting Point URLs](https://help.oclc.org/Library_Management/EZproxy/Troubleshooting/EZproxy_Startpoint_URLs)

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