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RewriteEngine On
RewriteBase /codeigniter/rest-api

#Removes access to the system folder by users.
#Rdditionally this will allow you to create a System.php controller,

RewriteCond %(REQUEST_URI) ^system.*
RewriteRule ^(.*)$ index.php?/$1 [L]

#When your application folder isn't in the system folder

RewriteCond %(REQUEST_URI) ^application.*
RewriteRule ^(.*)$ /index.php?/$1 [L]

#Checks to see if the user is attempting to access a valid file,
#such as an image or css document, if this isn't true it sends the
#request to index.php

RewriteCond %(REQUEST_FILENAME) ! -f
RewriteCond %(REQUEST_FILENAME) ! -d
RewriteRule ^(.*)$ index.php?/$1 [L]
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