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# Necessary to prevent problems when using a controller named "index" and having a root
index.php
# more here:  http://stackoverflow.com/q/20918746/1114320
Options -MultiViews

# turn rewriting on
RewriteEngine on

# the base folder where the project is hosted.  for this case its in hostel directory
# in the htdocs folder.  change it if you change the project folder
RewriteBase /hostel/

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-d
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-f

#'-l' (is symbolic link)
# Treats the TestString as a pathname and tests whether or not it exists,
# and is a symbolic link.  May also use the bash convention of -L or -h if
# there's a possibility of confusion such as when using the -lt or -le tests.
#
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-l

# then rewrite the url!
RewriteRule ^(.+)$ index.php?url=$1 [QSA,L]

# Easy tutorial @see https://www.addedbytes.com/articles/for-beginners/url-rewriting-for-
beginners/
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