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# Turn on URL rewriting
RewriteEngine On
# Installation directory
RewriteBase /
# Protect hidden files from being viewed
<Files . *>
    Order Deny, Allow
    Deny From All
</Files>
# Protect application and system files from being viewed
RewriteRule ^(?: application| system)\b. * index.php/$0 [L]
# Allow any files or directories that exist to be displayed directly
RewriteCond %(REQUEST_FILENAME) !-f
RewriteCond %(REQUEST_FILENAME) !-d
# Rewrite all other URLs to index.php/URL
RewriteRule . * /ci_firstapp/index.php/$0 [PT]
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