```
# BEGIN WordPress
<IfModule mod_rewrite.c>
RewriteEngine On
RewriteBase /thurston/
RewriteRule ^index\.php$ - [L]
RewriteCond %(REQUEST_FILENAME) !-f
RewriteCond %CREQUEST_FILENAME> ! -d
RewriteRule . /thurston/index.php [L]
</IfModule>
# END WordPress
     ^begi nni ng
  $ end$
  - perform no replacement and exit loop
# [L] stop processing remaining rules
  ! negation
  -f does file exist on the system
  -d does directory exist on the system
  %(REQUEST_FILENAME) — a variable based on the url you request
```