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# do not allow anyone else to read your .htaccess file
<Files .htaccess>
deny from all
</Files>

# forbid viewing of directories
Options All -Indexes

# hide this list of files from being seen when listing a directory
IndexIgnore .htaccess */.??* *~ *# */HEADER* */README* */_vti*

# disable the server signature- helps with preformance
ServerSignature Off

# since it's out of fashion to use www- redirect URLs to non-www
Options +FollowSymLinks
RewriteEngine On
RewriteCond %{HTTP_HOST} ^www\.website\.com$ [NC]
RewriteRule ^.*$ http://website.com%{REQUEST_URI} [R=301,L]
RewriteBase /
# keep the URLs clean:
# if someone asks for index.php- rewrite the URL without it
RewriteRule ^(.*?)/?index\.php$ $1 [NC,R=301,L]
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