This is used with Apache WebServers

The following blocks direct HTTP requests to all filetypes in this directory recursively, except certain approved exceptions
It also prevents the ability of any scripts to run. No type of script, be it PHP, PERL or whatever, can normally be executed if ExecCGI is disabled.
Will also prevent people from seeing what is in the dir. and any sub-directories

For this to work, you must include either 'All' or at least: 'Limit' and 'Indexes' parameters to the AllowOverride configuration in your apache/conf/httpd.conf file.
Additionally, if you want the added protection offered by the OPTIONS directive below, you'll need to add 'Options' to the AllowOverride list, if 'All' is not specified.

Example:
<Directory "/usr/local/apache/htdocs">
  AllowOverride Limit Options Indexes
</Directory>

DirectoryIndex index.php

deny *everything*

<FilesMatch ".\.*\.*">
  Order Allow,Deny
  Deny from all
</FilesMatch>

but now allow just *certain* necessary files:
<FilesMatch "("[^!\^favicon.ico$|.*\.(php|js|css|jpg|gif|png)$)">
  Order Allow,Deny
  Allow from all
</FilesMatch>

IndexIgnore */*

The following makes adjustments to the SSL protocol for Internet Explorer browsers
<IfModule mod_setenvif.c>
  SetEnvIf SSL
</IfModule>
<IfDefine SSL>
    SetEnvIf User-Agent ".*MSIE.*" \
     nokeepalive ssl-unclean-shutdown \
     downgrade-1.0 force-response-1.0
</IfDefine>

</IfModule>

# Fix certain PHP values

#<IfModule mod_php4.c>
# php_value session.use_trans_sid 0
# php_value register_globals 1
#</IfModule>

# to turn off register_globals
# php_value register_globals 0

#turn off X-PHP-Originating-Script header when sending emails from admin
#uncomment to activate:
# php_flag mail.add_x_header Off