Index Manager in cPanel

Why use Index Manager? …so no one can see OR have access to files in a directory.

When accessing a directory (rather than a page) on your site, a visitor will typically see the index page for that directory. If no index page exists, the browser will display a list (or index) of the files in that directory.

Using the *Index Manager*, it is possible to define how a specific directory index will appear to those who access it. You can also turn off indexing, if you don't want a directory's contents to be visible.

1. Select the directory in which you wish to begin navigating your website's contents using the pop-up window.
2. To navigate the *Index Manager*, click the folder icon next to the directory name.
3. Click the name of the directory for which you want to change the indexing style.
4. cPanel offers 4 options; select 1 of the following:
   - **Standard Indexing:** Contents appear only as filenames.
   - **Fancy Indexing:** Information about the files, such as the size and time last modified, appear.
   - **Default System Setting:** The default defined by your web host will be used.
   - **No Indexing:** The contents of the directory are not listed; visitors will see a message stating that the contents are "forbidden."
5. Click *Save*.