4. Now in order to go into the maintenance mode, you need to create a file named . maintenance in your site directory. After you do this, you should see this page.

In order to get it back to normal, you just need to delete it. To view the website in the maintenance mode, you can create a cookie named secret with its value equal to password.

How it works...

A Yii web application offers a way to intercept all the possible requests and route these to a single controller action. You can do this by setting yii\web\Application: : catchAll to an array containing the application route as follows:

'catchAll' => ['maintenance/index'],

The maintenance controller itself is nothing special; it just renders a view with some text.

We need an easy way to turn the maintenance mode on and off. As the application config is a regular PHP file, we can achieve it with a simple check to confirm the file exists, as follows:

file\_exists(dirname( DIR ) . '/.maintenance')

In addition, we check for the cookie value to be able to override the maintenance mode. We do this as follows:

(isset($\_COOKIE['secret']) && $\_COOKIE['secret']=="password")

See also

In order to learn more about how to catch all the requests in a Yii application and check the production [ready solution for maintenance, refer to http://www.yiiframework.com/doc-2.0/yii-web-](http://www.yiiframework.com/doc-2.0/yii-web-application.html%23%24catchAll-detail) application.html#$catchAll-detail.