

Worldwide AGPL Exception for
Modifications for the Purposes of Flood
Control, Security, and CAPTCHA Software
Integration

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