

# BlackBerry, Baidu announce autonomous vehicle partnership

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Canadian telecommunications software company BlackBerry and China's web giant Baidu on Wednesday announced a partnership for autonomous and connected vehicles.

"The two companies will collaborate to accelerate the deployment of connected and autonomous vehicle technology for automotive OEMs and suppliers worldwide," they said in a statement.

BlackBerry's operating system will be "the foundation for Baidu's Apollo autonomous driving [open platform](#)," the statement said.

In September, Baidu announced a \$1.5 billion investment in autonomous driving projects over the next three years, as it seeks to diversify its portfolio and compete with [rivals](#) such as Google.

BlackBerry, after abandoning the manufacture of its once-popular smartphones, has refocused its core business on cybersecurity software and services.

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