

Canadian tech giant BlackBerry and Korea's LG Electronics have expanded a longtime partnership in an effort to "accelerate the deployment of connected and autonomous vehicle technology" for automakers and suppliers.



As part of the agreement, LG Electronics will use a range of BlackBerry QNX software and services to build next-generation digital consolidated cockpits, including infotainment systems, digital instrument clusters and telematics systems for multiple automakers.

The two didn't specifically name automakers, but BlackBerry QNX technology is already used by more than 40 automakers, including Ford, GM, Honda, Toyota, and Volkswagen.

For the new systems, BlackBerry will provide LG with QNX software to build security systems to help guard against system malfunctions, malware and cyber security; control systems in autonomous vehicles, and smartphone-like interfaces with full multimedia capability, as well as to improve voice and sound quality for embedded systems, especially within the automotive cabin.

Senior VP and co-head of BlackBerry Kaivan Karimi says the two companies will produce "cutting-edge cars for the future of the automotive market".

BlackBerry have pivoted to selling software such as those used in mobile phones and by automakers, and more recently supplying technology to companies developing driverless cars.