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BMW looks to speed autonomous driving development via partnership

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BMW's Driver Assistance on its 5 Series sedan. Image credit: BMW

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German automaker BMW is linking with an IT partner as it aims to push forward in its creation of autonomous vehicles.

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BMW has tapped DXC Technology to power its High Performance D³ platform, which gathers test data from self-driving road travel. Autonomous advances are a key priority of BMW and many other automakers, as they seek to create the future of road travel.

"Autonomous driving is at the heart of BMW Group's Number One> Next' strategy," said Alejandro Vukotich, senior vice president of autonomous driving and driver assistance at BMW Group, in a statement. "DXC will greatly support our commitment to maximizing innovation, which will benefit our customers.

"With the managed services, we are able to ramp up the solution to support the next stage of the future of BMW Group's autonomous drive platform," he said.

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DXC's technology is aimed at speeding the engineering and testing processes for autonomous vehicles.

For instance, DXC Robotic Drive handles tasks such as collecting, storing and analyzing data.

This central data collection enables engineers from around the world to collaborate. It also means that test drives that take place anywhere can be studied in another place seamlessly.

DXC says this reduces costs and increases efficiency.



An engineer reviews the automated vehicle's driving. Image credit: BMW

"The next five years will be pivotal as technology and partner ecosystems continue to help revolutionize the automotive industry," said Edward Ho, executive vice president and general manager of offerings at DXC Technology, in a statement. "DXC welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with BMW Group to advance autonomous driving development capabilities.

"With the platform and tools provided by DXC, BMW engineers are able to significantly accelerate the engineering and testing of autonomous driving algorithms," he said.

Automakers BMW Group and Daimler AG are heightening their partnership by working together to advance autonomous driving.

A new long-term strategic cooperation will see the partners join to tackle technologies geared toward driver assistance, autonomous highway driving and parking. The competitive groups are already working together on a joint mobility project, looking to pool their collective expertise and talent to tackle the changes happening in transportation ([see story](#)).

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