

ZTE Taps Intrepidus for Smartphone Security

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Chinese smartphone manufacturer ZTE today said it is partnering with Intrepidus on providing security for its devices.

ZTE said it seeks to become a "leader in smartphone security."

As part of the agreement, Intrepidus will evaluate the security mechanisms of ZTE-manufactured smartphones. According to a press release, the evaluation includes identifying potential vulnerabilities; conducting penetration testing of ZTE device management interfaces and ZTE device features; and performing reverse engineering and source code review. The security testing will enable ZTE to deliver a wide range of smart, stylish choices for smartphone users with the added peace of mind that their device is secure.

Lixin Cheng, CEO of ZTE USA, and president of North America region for the company, said the move was an important milestone for ZTE.

"Our work with Intrepidus will ensure that our customers can continue to connect in meaningful, innovative and affordable ways without questioning the security of their smartphones," Cheng said.

ZTE said the partnership with Intrepidus is the first step in a series of actions the company plans to take regarding smartphone security.

ZTE hopes to work closely with carriers, app developers, policymakers and industry organizations to raise awareness among consumers about best practices and guidelines for handset security.

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