

# Renowned cryptographer believes his 'Blackphone' can stop the NSA

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Revelations about how insecure our communications are have been a daily fixture of the news cycle recently, and it's in this climate that a pair of companies are combining to launch a new smartphone focused on privacy. The Blackphone will run a "security-oriented" version of Android named PrivatOS, which the companies say will allow users to securely place and receive phone calls, text messages, video chat, transfer and store files, and "anonymize your activity" through a VPN.

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