

# Confluent Announces Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Results

January 30, 2023

- Fourth quarter revenue of \$169 million, up 41% year over year; fiscal year 2022 revenue of \$586 million, up 51% year over year
- Fourth quarter Confluent Cloud revenue of \$68 million, up 102% year over year; fiscal year 2022 Confluent Cloud revenue of \$211 million, up 124% year over year
- Remaining performance obligations of \$741 million, up 48% year over year
- 991 customers with \$100,000 or greater in ARR, up 35% year over year

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 30, 2023-- Confluent, Inc. (NASDAQ: CFLT), the data streaming pioneer, today announced financial results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year 2022, ended December 31, 2022.

"Confluent helps power rich customer experiences, more intelligent and efficient backend operations, and unlock new data-driven business opportunities," said Jay Kreps, co-founder and CEO, Confluent. "Our position as the category leader is illustrated by the 124% year-over-year growth in FY'22 Confluent Cloud revenue, 35% year-over-year increase in customers with \$100k+ ARR, and a healthy dollar-based net retention rate of just under 130%."

"Our Q4 results demonstrate our continued commitment to delivering high revenue growth with substantial margin improvements," said Steffan Tomlinson, CFO, Confluent. "Looking ahead, we are focused on accelerating our timeline to achieve breakeven non-GAAP operating margin by one year exiting Q4 of 2023, while delivering approximately 30% annual revenue growth in 2023."

## Fourth Quarter 2022 Financial Highlights

(In millions, except per share data and percentages)

	Q4 2022	Q4 2021	Y/Y Change
Total Revenue	\$168.7	\$119.9	41%
Remaining Performance Obligations	\$740.7	\$500.6	48%
GAAP Operating Loss	\$(115.0)	\$(113.7)	\$(1.3)
Non-GAAP Operating Loss	\$(36.3)	\$(49.7)	\$13.4
GAAP Operating Margin	(68.2%)	(94.8%)	26.6 pts
Non-GAAP Operating Margin	(21.5%)	(41.4%)	19.9 pts
GAAP Net Loss Per Share	\$(0.37)	\$(0.43)	\$0.06
Non-GAAP Net Loss Per Share	\$(0.09)	\$(0.19)	\$0.10
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	\$(27.1)	\$(23.9)	\$(3.2)
Free Cash Flow	\$(30.9)	\$(26.7)	\$(4.2)

#### Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Highlights

(In millions, except per share data and percentages)

	FY 2022	FY 2021	Y/Y Change
Total Revenue	\$585.9	\$387.9	51%
GAAP Operating Loss	\$(462.7)	\$(339.6)	\$(123.1)
Non-GAAP Operating Loss	\$(176.9)	\$(160.6)	\$(16.3)
GAAP Operating Margin	(79.0%)	(87.6%)	8.6 pts
Non-GAAP Operating Margin	(30.2%)	(41.4%)	11.2 pts
GAAP Net Loss Per Share	\$(1.62)	\$(1.82)	\$0.20
Non-GAAP Net Loss Per Share	\$(0.58)	\$(0.86)	\$0.28
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	\$(157.3)	\$(105.1)	\$(52.2)
Free Cash Flow	\$(171.8)	\$(114.0)	\$(57.8)

A reconciliation of each non-GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is provided in the financial statement tables included in this press release. For a description of these non-GAAP financial measures, including the reasons management uses each measure, please see the section titled "Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

#### **Financial Outlook**

For the first quarter and fiscal year 2023, Confluent expects:

O4 2022 Outlook	EV 2022 Outlook
Q1 2023 Outlook	FY 2023 Outlook

Total Revenue Non-GAAP Operating Margin Non-GAAP Net Loss Per Share \$166-\$168 million ~ (27%) \$(0.15)-\$(0.13) \$760-\$765 million (15%) - (14%) \$(0.28)-\$(0.22)

The Company expects to exit the fourth quarter of 2023 with breakeven non-GAAP operating margin.

A reconciliation of forward-looking non-GAAP operating margin and non-GAAP net loss per share to the most directly comparable GAAP measures is not available without unreasonable effort, as certain items cannot be reasonably predicted because of their high variability, complexity and low visibility. In particular, the measures and effects of our stock-based compensation expense specific to our equity compensation awards and employer payroll tax-related items on employee stock transactions are directly impacted by the timing of employee stock transactions and unpredictable fluctuations in our stock price, which we expect to have a significant impact on our future GAAP financial results.

#### **Conference Call Information**

Confluent will host a video webcast to discuss the company's fourth quarter 2022 and fiscal year 2022 results as well as its financial outlook today at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time/1:30 p.m. Pacific Time. Open to the public, investors may access the webcast, earnings press release, supplemental financial information, and investor presentation on Confluent's investor relations website at <a href="investors.confluent.io">investor presentation on Confluent's investor relations website at <a href="investors.confluent.io">investor presentation on Confluent's investor relations website at <a href="investors.confluent.io">investor presentation on Confluent's investor relations website at <a href="investors.confluent.io">investor presentation on Confluent's investor relations website at <a href="investors.confluent.io">investor presentation on Confluent's investor relations website at <a href="investors.confluent.io">investor presentation on Confluent's investor relations website at <a href="investors.confluent.io">investor presentation on Confluent's investor relations website at <a href="investors.confluent.io">investor presentation on Confluent's investor relations website at <a href="investors.confluent.io">investor presentation on Confluent.io</a> investors. A replay of the webcast will also be accessible from Confluent's investor relations website at few hours after the conclusion of the live event.

Confluent uses its investor relations website and may use its Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook accounts as a means of disclosing material non-public information and for complying with its disclosure obligations under Regulation FD.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release and the earnings call referencing this press release contain forward-looking statements including, among other things, statements regarding our financial outlook, including operating margins and margin improvements, targeted or anticipated gross and operating margin levels, achievement of non-GAAP operating margin breakeven exiting the fourth guarter of fiscal 2023, and expected revenue growth rate; our market and category leadership position; our ability to invest with discipline and drive durable and efficient growth; our expected investments in research and development and go-to-market functions; expected benefits and efficiencies from our recent restructuring and adjusted cost structure; the potential growth runway for Confluent Cloud; new customer acquisition, rates of Confluent Cloud consumption and demand for and retention of data streaming platforms like Confluent in the face of continued higher interest rates and macroeconomic uncertainty; our expectations regarding the effects of macroeconomic pressure on our go-to-market motion, our pricing, our win rate and deal cycles and customer behaviors such as budget scrutiny; customer growth, retention and engagement; ability for Confluent Cloud to provide cost savings for users and customers; increased adoption of our platform and fully managed solutions for data streaming in general; dependence of businesses on data in motion; ability for Confluent to become the central nervous system of every company; the degree of market acceptance of our products; growth in and growth rate of revenue, customers, remaining performance obligations and dollar-based net retention rate; our ability to increase engagement of customers for Confluent and expand customer cohorts; our market opportunity; our go-to-market strategy; our product differentiation and market acceptance of our products, including over open source alternatives; our strategy and expected results and market acceptance for our Flink offering and timing for launch of that offering; our expectations for market acceptance of stream processing; our ability to meet near-term and mid-term financial targets; our potential for value creation; our investment priority and philosophy; and our overall future prospects. The words "believe," "may," "will," "estimate," "continue," "anticipate," "intend," "expect," "seek," "plan," "project," "target," "looking ahead," "look to," "move into," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements represent our current beliefs, estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this press release and information contained in this press release should not be relied upon as representing our estimates as of any subsequent date. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and assumptions. If the risks materialize or assumptions prove incorrect, actual results could differ materially from the results implied by these forward-looking statements. Risks include, but are not limited to: (i) our limited operating history, including in uncertain macroeconomic environments, (ii) our ability to sustain and manage our rapid growth, including following our recent restructuring, (iii) our ability to attract new customers and retain and sell additional features and services to our existing customers, (iv) inflationary conditions, economic uncertainty, recessionary risks, and exchange rate fluctuations, which have resulted and may continue to result in customer pullback in information technology spending, lengthening of sales cycles, reduced contract sizes, reduced consumption of Confluent Cloud or customer preference for open source alternatives, as well as the potential need for cost efficiency measures, such as our recent restructuring, (v) our ability to increase consumption of our offering, including by existing customers and through the acquisition of new customers, and successfully add new features and functionality to our offering, (vi) our ability to achieve or sustain profitability and improve margins annually, by our expected timelines or at all, (vii) our ability to operate our business and execute on our strategic initiatives following our recent restructuring, (viii) the estimated addressable market opportunity for our offering, including our Flink offering and stream processing, (ix) our ability to compete effectively in an increasingly competitive market, including achieving market acceptance over competitors and open source alternatives, (x) our ability to successfully execute our go-to-market strategy and yinitiatives, including following our recent restructuring, (xi) our ability to attract and retain highly qualified personnel, which could be negativel impacted by our recent restructuring, (xii) breaches in our security measures or unauthorized access to our platform, our data, or our customers' or other users' personal data, (xiii) our reliance on third-party cloud-based infrastructure to host Confluent Cloud, and (xiv) general market, political, economic, and business conditions, including continuing impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. These risks are not exhaustive. Further information on these and other risks that could affect Confluent's results is included in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the guarter ended September 30, 2022, and our future reports that we may file from time to time with the SEC. Additional information will be made available in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 that will be filed with the SEC, which should be read in conjunction with this press release and the financial results included herein. Confluent assumes no obligation to, and does not currently intend to, update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

## **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

This press release includes the following non-GAAP financial measures: non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating expenses (research and development, sales and marketing, general and administrative), non-GAAP operating loss, non-GAAP operating margin, non-GAAP net loss, non-GAAP net loss per share, free cash flow, and free cash flow margin. We use these non-GAAP financial measures and other key metrics internally to facilitate analysis of our financial and business trends and for internal planning and forecasting purposes. We believe these non-GAAP financial measures, when taken collectively, may be helpful to investors because they provide consistency and comparability with past

financial performance by excluding certain items that may not be indicative of our business, results of operations, or outlook. However, non-GAAP financial measures have limitations as an analytical tool and are presented for supplemental informational purposes only. They should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. In particular, other companies, including companies in our industry, may report non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating expenses (research and development, sales and marketing, general and administrative), non-GAAP operating loss, non-GAAP operating margin, non-GAAP net loss, non-GAAP net loss per share, free cash flow, free cash flow margin, or similarly titled measures but calculate them differently, which reduces their usefulness as comparative measures. Further, free cash flow is not a substitute for cash used in operating activities. The utility of free cash flow is limited as such measure does not reflect our future contractual commitments and does not represent the total increase or decrease in our cash balance for any given period. Investors are encouraged to review the reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures, as presented below. We define non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating expenses (research and development, sales and marketing, general and administrative), non-GAAP operating loss, non-GAAP operating margin, non-GAAP net loss, and non-GAAP net loss per share as the respective GAAP balances, adjusted for, as applicable, stock-based compensation expense; employer taxes on employee stock transactions; common stock charitable donation expense; acquisition-related expenses; amortization of debt issuance costs; and income tax effects associated with these adjustments. We define free cash flow as net cash used in operating activities less capitalized internal-use software costs and capital expenditures and free cash flow margin as free cash flow as a percentage of revenue. We believe that free cash flow and free cash flow margin are useful indicators of liquidity that provide information to management and investors about the performance of core operations and future ability to generate cash that can be used for strategic opportunities or investing in our business.

#### Other Business Metrics

Remaining performance obligations ("RPO") represent the amount of contracted future revenue that has not yet been recognized as of the end of each period, including both deferred revenue that has been invoiced and non-cancelable committed amounts that will be invoiced and recognized as revenue in future periods. RPO excludes pay-as-you-go arrangements. RPO may also fluctuate due to a number of factors, including the timing of renewals, average contract terms, seasonality, and dollar amount of customer contracts. RPO as a metric is not necessarily indicative of future revenue growth because it does not account for the actual timing of customers' consumption or future expansion.

Customers with \$100,000 or greater in annual recurring revenue ("ARR") represent the number of customers that contributed \$100,000 or more in ARR as of period end. We define ARR as the revenue customers contractually committed to over the following 12 months assuming no increases or reductions in their subscriptions. ARR excludes services and pay-as-you-go arrangements. Similar to RPO, ARR as a metric is not necessarily indicative of future revenue growth because it does not account for the actual timing of customers' consumption or future expansion. For purposes of determining our customer count, we treat all affiliated entities with the same parent organization as a single customer and include pay-as-you-go customers. Our customer count is subject to adjustments for acquisitions, consolidations, spin-offs, and other market activity.

**Dollar-based net retention rate ("NRR")** as of a period end is calculated by starting with the ARR from the cohort of all customers as of 12 months prior to such period end ("Prior Period Value"). We calculate the ARR from these same customers as of the current period end ("Current Period Value"), which includes any growth in the value of subscriptions and is net of contraction or attrition over the prior 12 months. Services and pay-as-you-go arrangements are excluded from the calculation of ARR. We then divide the Current Period Value by the Prior Period Value to arrive at our dollar-based NRR. The dollar-based NRR includes the effect, on a dollar-weighted value basis, of our subscriptions that expand, renew, contract, or attrit, but excludes ARR from new customers in the current period. Our dollar-based NRR is subject to adjustments for acquisitions, consolidations, spin-offs, and other market activity.

## **About Confluent**

Confluent is the data streaming platform that is pioneering a fundamentally new category of data infrastructure that sets data in motion. Confluent's cloud-native offering is the foundational platform for data in motion – designed to be the intelligent connective tissue enabling real-time data, from multiple sources, to constantly stream across the organization. With Confluent, organizations can meet the new business imperative of delivering rich, digital front-end customer experiences and transitioning to sophisticated, real-time, software-driven backend operations.

# Confluent, Inc. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands) (unaudited)

	1	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021		
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	435,781	\$	1,375,932	
Marketable securities		1,491,044		640,085	
Accounts receivable, net		178,188		137,491	
Deferred contract acquisition costs		35,883		27,646	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		57,229		44,919	
Total current assets		2,198,125		2,226,073	
Property and equipment, net		29,089		14,428	
Operating lease right-of-use assets		29,478		37,281	
Deferred contract acquisition costs, non-current		68,401		51,178	
Other assets, non-current		19,756		13,769	
Total assets	\$	2,344,849	\$	2,342,729	

#### LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 21,439	\$ 7,591
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	102,755	98,974
Operating lease liabilities	7,375	9,236
Deferred revenue	290,185	220,920
Liability for early exercise of unvested stock options	 2,576	 11,467
Total current liabilities	424,330	348,188
Operating lease liabilities, non-current	25,136	31,645
Deferred revenue, non-current	32,644	25,557
Convertible senior notes, net	1,084,500	1,080,701
Other liabilities, non-current	 8,762	 6,357
Total liabilities	1,575,372	1,492,448
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock	-	-
Class A common stock	2	1
Class B common stock	1	2
Additional paid-in capital	1,980,335	1,599,962
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(9,456)	(830)
Accumulated deficit	 (1,201,405)	 (748,854)
Total stockholders' equity	 769,477	 850,281
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,344,849	\$ 2,342,729

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# **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

(in thousands, except share and per share data) (unaudited)

	Т	hree Months En	ded [	December 31,	Year Ended I	Decer	mber 31,
		2022		2021	2022		2021
Revenue:							
Subscription	\$	155,341	\$	108,191	\$ 535,009	\$	347,099
Services		13,325		11,737	 50,935		40,765
Total revenue		168,666		119,928	585,944		387,864
Cost of revenue:							
Subscription <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		38,696		33,322	146,324		94,860
Services <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		15,253		12,824	 56,091		42,432
Total cost of revenue		53,949		46,146	202,415		137,292
Gross profit		114,717		73,782	383,529		250,572
Operating expenses:							
Research and development <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		71,809		56,686	264,041		161,925
Sales and marketing <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		122,684		100,625	456,452		319,331
General and administrative <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		35,209		30,151	 125,710		108,936
Total operating expenses		229,702		187,462	 846,203		590,192
Operating loss		(114,985)		(113,680)	(462,674)		(339,620)
Other income (expense), net		11,327		(329)	 16,416		(7)
Loss before income taxes		(103,658)		(114,009)	(446,258)		(339,627)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes		2,226		430	 6,293		3,174
Net loss	\$	(105,884)	\$	(114,439)	\$ (452,551)	\$	(342,801)
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	\$	(0.37)	\$	(0.43)	\$ (1.62)	\$	(1.82)
Weighted-average shares used to compute net loss per share, basic and diluted		286,732,756		265,480,761	280,080,357		188,627,720

 $<sup>^{(1)}</sup>$  Includes stock-based compensation expense as follows:

	T	hree Months End	ded D	December 31,	Year Ended D	December 31,
		2022		2021	2022	2021
Cost of revenue - subscription	\$	5,492	\$	5,479	\$ 23,136	\$ 12,571
Cost of revenue - services		2,379		2,029	9,253	5,418
Research and development		28,385		20,298	101,499	49,051
Sales and marketing		26,846		20,859	99,366	55,506
General and administrative		12,926		9,407	44,402	33,078

Total stock-based compensation expense \$ 70,026 \$ 50,072 \$ 277,000 \$ 150	Total stock-based compensation expense	\$	76,028 \$	58,072 \$	277,656 \$	155,62
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 $^{(2)}$  Includes employer taxes on employee stock transactions as follows:

	T	hree Months En	ded D	ecember 31,	Year Ended D	Decer	nber 31,
		2022		2021	2022		2021
Cost of revenue - subscription	\$	84	\$	481	\$ 569	\$	636
Cost of revenue - services		385		40	604		377
Research and development		755		1,279	2,632		2,278
Sales and marketing		177		2,317	2,485		4,266
General and administrative		131		1,835	720		2,532
Total employer taxes on employee stock transactions	\$	1,532	\$	5,952	\$ 7,010	\$	10,089

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# **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(in thousands) (unaudited)

	T	hree Months En	ded [	December 31,	Year Ended I	Decer	nber 31,
		2022		2021	2022		2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES							_
Net loss	\$	(105,884)	\$	(114,439)	\$ (452,551)	\$	(342,801)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to cash used in operating activities:							
Depreciation and amortization		2,485		1,192	7,620		3,632
Net (accretion) amortization of (discounts) premiums on							
marketable securities		(6,022)		770	(8,891)		2,270
Amortization of debt issuance costs		959		187	3,799		187
Amortization of deferred contract acquisition costs		10,286		8,375	37,339		26,697
Non-cash operating lease costs		1,991		2,424	8,608		10,990
Common stock charitable donation expense		-		-	-		13,290
Stock-based compensation, net of amounts capitalized		76,028		58,072	277,656		155,624
Deferred income taxes		(283)		(394)	(237)		1,335
Other		504		157	1,384		1,828
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:							
Accounts receivable		(35,665)		(21,642)	(42,080)		(32,516)
Deferred contract acquisition costs		(20,724)		(20,332)	(62,801)		(57,924)
Prepaid expenses and other assets		3,248		(14,027)	(17,850)		(31,366)
Accounts payable		7,132		4,406	13,580		6,143
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		8,226		29,642	9,948		61,132
Operating lease liabilities		(2,270)		(2,650)	(9,209)		(10,866)
Deferred revenue		32,911		44,383	 76,352		87,285
Net cash used in operating activities		(27,078)		(23,876)	(157,333)		(105,060)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Capitalization of internal-use software costs		(2,781)		(1,479)	(10,334)		(5,342)
Purchases of marketable securities		(528,660)		(284,683)	(2,051,908)		(663,595)
Maturities of marketable securities		482,899		91,275	1,200,558		271,942
Purchases of property and equipment		(1,006)		(1,364)	(4,121)		(3,600)
Other				=	=		12
Net cash used in investing activities		(49,548)		(196,251)	(865,805)		(400,583)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Proceeds from initial public offering, net of underwriting discounts and commissions		-		-	_		786,600
Proceeds from issuance of common stock upon exercise							
of vested options		8,329		22,611	42,461		51,737
Proceeds from issuance of common stock upon early exercise of unvested options		-		512	416		19,454
Repurchases of unvested options		(80)		(107)	(789)		(482)
Payments of deferred offering costs		-		-	-		(3,125)
Proceeds from convertible senior notes, net of issuance							
costs		-		1,081,300	(786)		1,081,300
Payment for purchase of capped calls		-		(90,970)	-		(90,970)

Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee stock purchase plan		-		-		40,939		<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities		8,249		1,013,346		82,241		1,844,514
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash		2		16		(4)		5
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash		(68,375)		793,235		(940,901)		1,338,876
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of period		504,156		583,447		1,376,682		37,806
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of period	\$	435,781	\$	1,376,682	\$	435,781	\$	1,376,682
Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted c	ash wi	thin the cons	olidat	ed balance shee	ets to t	he amounts sh	own a	bove:
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	435,781	\$	1,375,932	\$	435,781	\$	1,375,932
Restricted cash included in other assets, current				750		-		750
Total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	\$	435,781	\$	1,376,682	\$	435,781	\$	1,376,682

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# Reconciliation of GAAP Measures to Non-GAAP Measures

(in thousands, except percentages, share and per share data) (unaudited)

	Three Months Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,				
		2022		2021		2022		2021
Reconciliation of GAAP total gross profit to non-GAAP tot	tal gro	ss profit:						
Total gross profit on a GAAP basis	\$	114,717	\$	73,782	\$	383,529	\$	250,572
Total gross margin on a GAAP basis		68.0%		61.5%		65.5%		64.6%
Add: Stock-based compensation expense		7,871		7,508		32,389		17,989
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions		469		521		1,173		1,013
Non-GAAP total gross profit	\$	123,057	\$	81,811	\$	417,091	\$	269,574
Non-GAAP total gross margin		73.0%		68.2%		71.2%		69.5%
Reconciliation of GAAP operating expenses to non-GAAP	oper	ating expense	s:					
Research and development operating expense on a								
	\$	71,809	\$	56,686	\$	264,041	\$	161,925
Less: Stock-based compensation expense		28,385		20,298		101,499		49,051
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions		755		1,279		2,632		2,278
Non-GAAP research and development operating	¢	42,669	\$	35,109	\$	159,910	\$	110,596
expense	Ψ	42,009	Ψ	33,109	Ψ	139,910	Ψ	110,590
Non-GAAP research and development operating expense as a percentage of total revenue		25.3%		29.3%		27.3%		28.5%
Sales and marketing operating expense on a GAAP basis	\$	122,684	\$	100,625	\$	456,452	\$	319,331
Less: Stock-based compensation expense		26,846		20,859		99,366		55,506
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions		177		2,317		2,485		4,266
Non-GAAP sales and marketing operating expense	\$	95,661	\$	77,449	\$	354,601	\$	259,559
Non-GAAP sales and marketing operating expense as a percentage of total revenue		56.7%		64.6%		60.5%		66.9%
General and administrative operating expense on a GAAP								
basis	\$	35,209	\$	30,151	\$	125,710	\$	108,936
Less: Stock-based compensation expense		12,926		9,407		44,402		33,078
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions		131		1,835		720		2,532
Less: Common stock charitable donation expense		-		-		-		13,290
Less: Acquisition-related expenses		1,104		<del>-</del>		1,104		-
Non-GAAP general and administrative operating expense	\$	21,048	\$	18,909	\$	79,484	\$	60,036
Non-GAAP general and administrative operating expense as a percentage of total revenue		12.5%		15.8%		13.6%		15.5%
	Thr	ee Months En	ded D	ecember 31,		Year Ended I	Decem	ber 31,
		2022		2021		2022		2021
Reconciliation of GAAP operating loss to non-GAAP oper	ating	loss:						

Add: Stock-based compensation expense	76,028	58,072	277,656	155,624
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	1,532	5,952	7,010	10,089
Add: Common stock charitable donation expense	-	-	-	13,290
Add: Acquisition-related expenses	1,104		 1,104	<u>-</u>
Non-GAAP operating loss	\$ (36,321)	\$ (49,656)	\$ (176,904)	\$ (160,617)
Non-GAAP operating margin	 (21.5%)	 (41.4%)	(30.2%)	 (41.4%)
Reconciliation of GAAP net loss to non-GAAP net loss:				
Net loss on a GAAP basis	\$ (105,884)	\$ (114,439)	\$ (452,551)	\$ (342,801)
Add: Stock-based compensation expense	76,028	58,072	277,656	155,624
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	1,532	5,952	7,010	10,089
Add: Common stock charitable donation expense	-	-	-	13,290
Add: Acquisition-related expenses	1,104	=	1,104	=
Add: Amortization of debt issuance costs	959	187	3,799	187
Add: Income tax effects and adjustments	656	(181)	1,631	844_
Non-GAAP net loss	\$ (25,605)	\$ (50,409)	\$ (161,351)	\$ (162,767)
Non-GAAP net loss per share, basic and diluted	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.58)	\$ (0.86)
Weighted-average shares used to compute net loss per share, basic and diluted	286,732,756	265,480,761	280,080,357	188,627,720

The following table presents a reconciliation of free cash flow to net cash used in operating activities, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, for each of the periods indicated (unaudited, in thousands, except percentages):

	Three Months Ended December 31,				Year Ended December 31,				
	2022		2021		2022		2021		
Net cash used in operating activities	\$	(27,078)	\$	(23,876)	\$	(157,333)	\$	(105,060)	
Capitalized internal-use software costs		(2,781)		(1,479)		(10,334)		(5,342)	
Capital expenditures		(1,006)		(1,364)		(4,121)		(3,600)	
Free cash flow	\$	(30,865)	\$	(26,719)	\$	(171,788)	\$	(114,002)	
Free cash flow margin		(18.3%)		(22.3%)		(29.3%)		(29.4%)	
Net cash used in investing activities	\$	(49,548)	\$	(196,251)	\$	(865,805)	\$	(400,583)	
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$	8,249	\$	1,013,346	\$	82,241	\$	1,844,514	

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