

Introducing Confluent

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Confluent Momentum-at-a-Glance



Founded in 2014 by the Original Creators of *Apache Kafka*

~\$60B Total Addressable Market¹

		Q1'23 TTM
(\$)	Total Revenue	\$634M / 45% YoY
(\$)	Confluent Cloud Revenue	\$246M / 106% YoY
111	Dollar-Based Net Retention Rate	>130%
202	Total Customers	~4,690 ²
(5)	Customers with ≥ \$100K in ARR	1,075

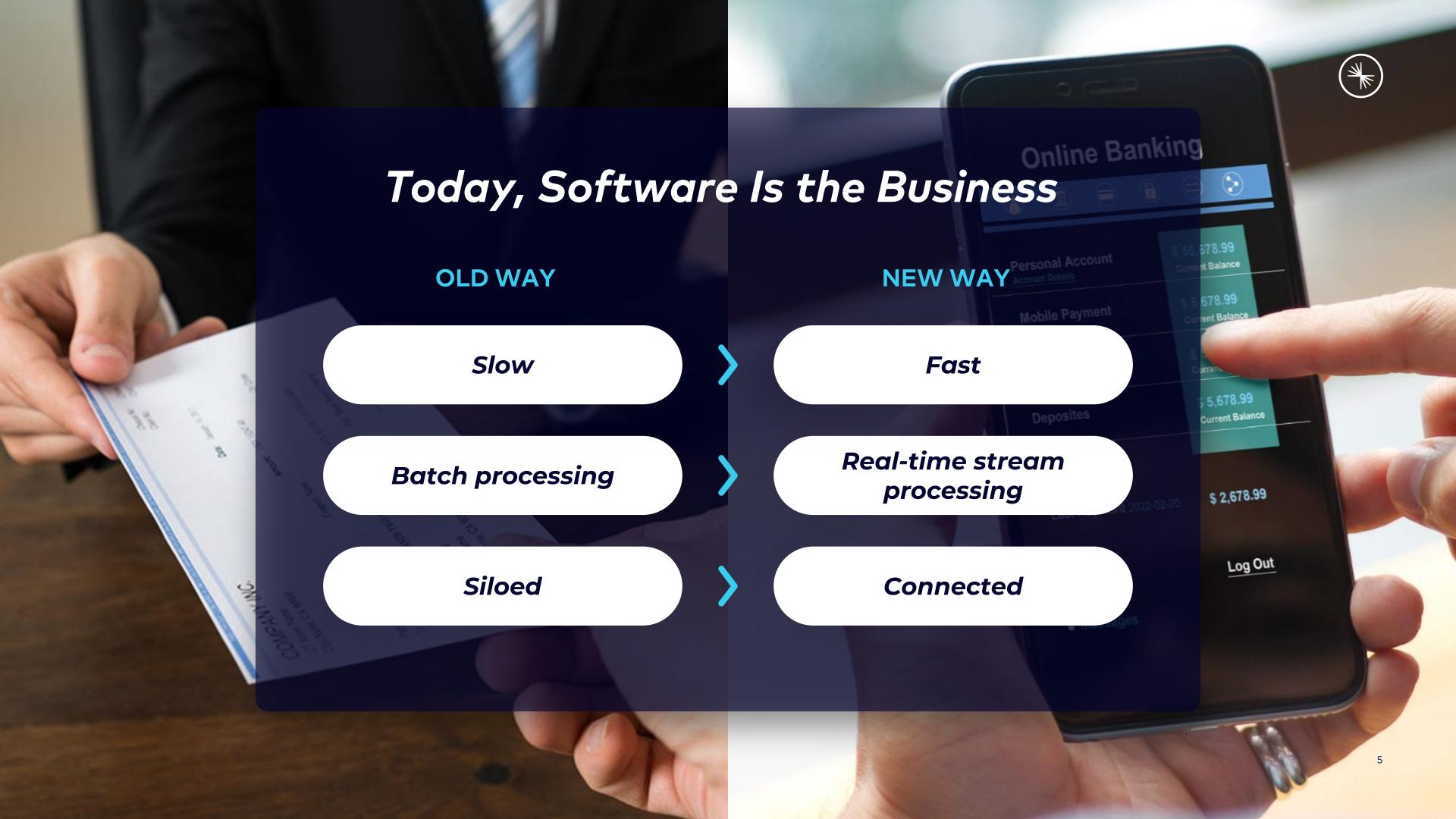
Note: Financials and metrics other than TAM data are as of or for stated period ended March 31, 2023; revenue based on trailing twelve months as of March 31, 2023.

¹TAM calculations performed by Confluent; source: Gartner, Forecast: Enterprise Infrastructure Software, Worldwide, 2020-2026, 2022 Update, June 2022; source: Gartner, Forecast: Enterprise Application Software, Worldwide, August 2022.

² Includes the impact of paywall removal.



Confluent is on a mission to set data in motion



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Top Picks for Joshua









Trending Now



customer experiences







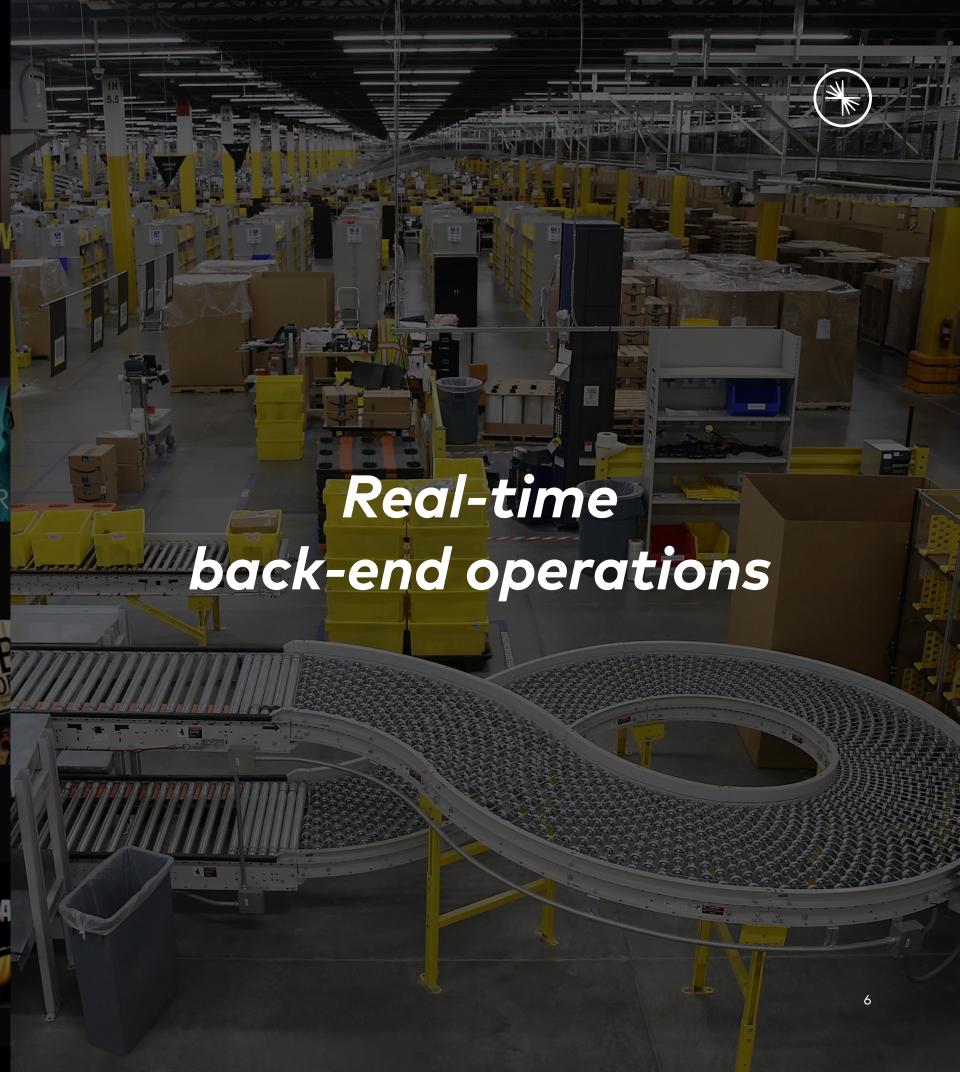
















New use cases need new capabilities

This requires total connectivity and instant reaction, all the time, in real-time

The Problems with Data at Rest and Legacy Movement Tools



Data at Rest

Databases

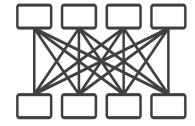
- Slow, daily batch processing
- Simple, static real-time queries



Legacy Data Movement Tools

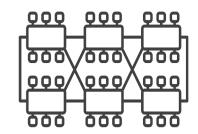
ETL/Data Integration

- Batch
- Expensive
- Time Consuming



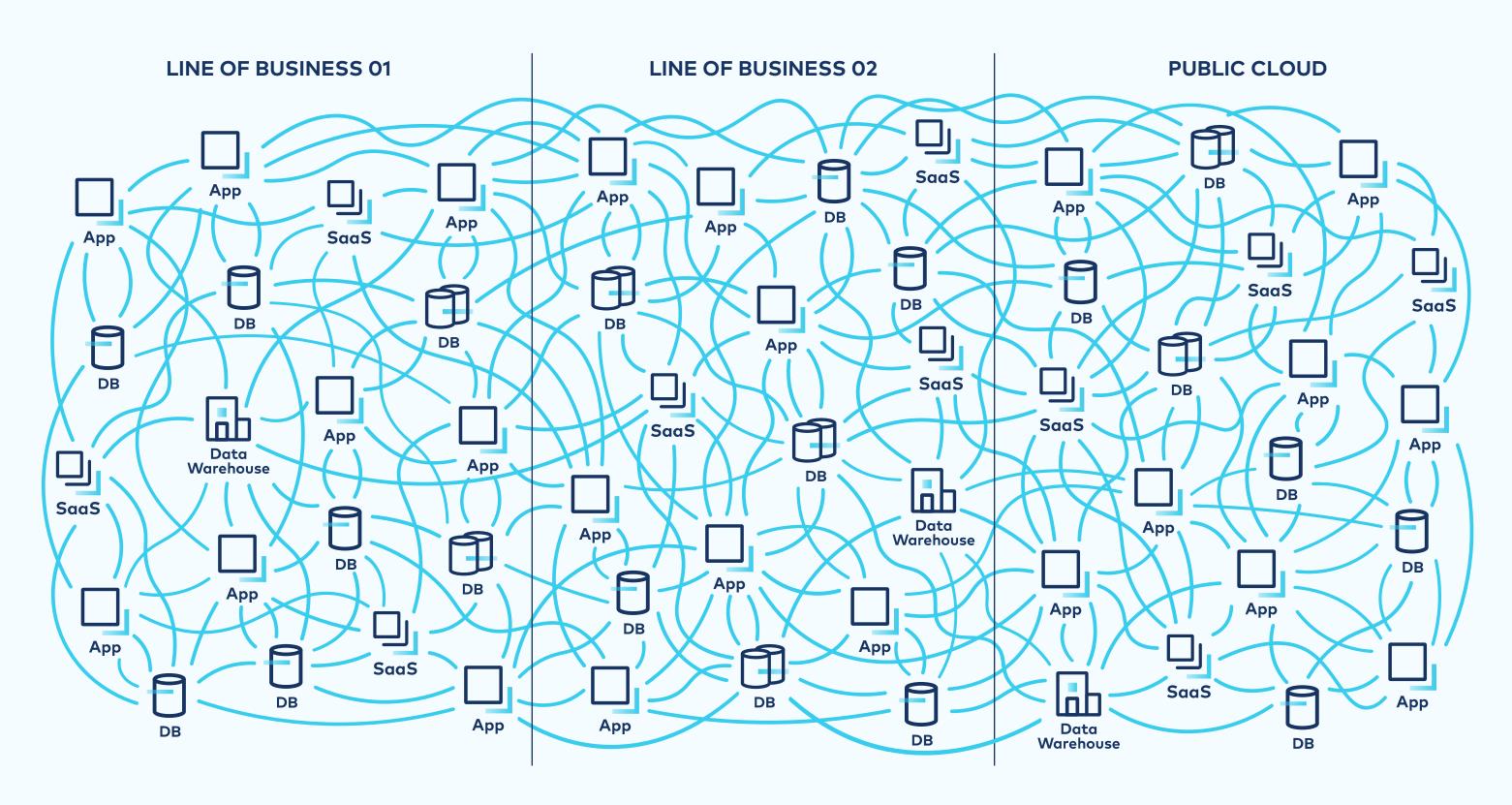
Messaging

- Difficult to Scale
- No Persistence
- Data Loss
- No Replay



Databases Bring Point-in-Time Queries to Stored Data; This Leads to a Giant Mess in Data Architecture

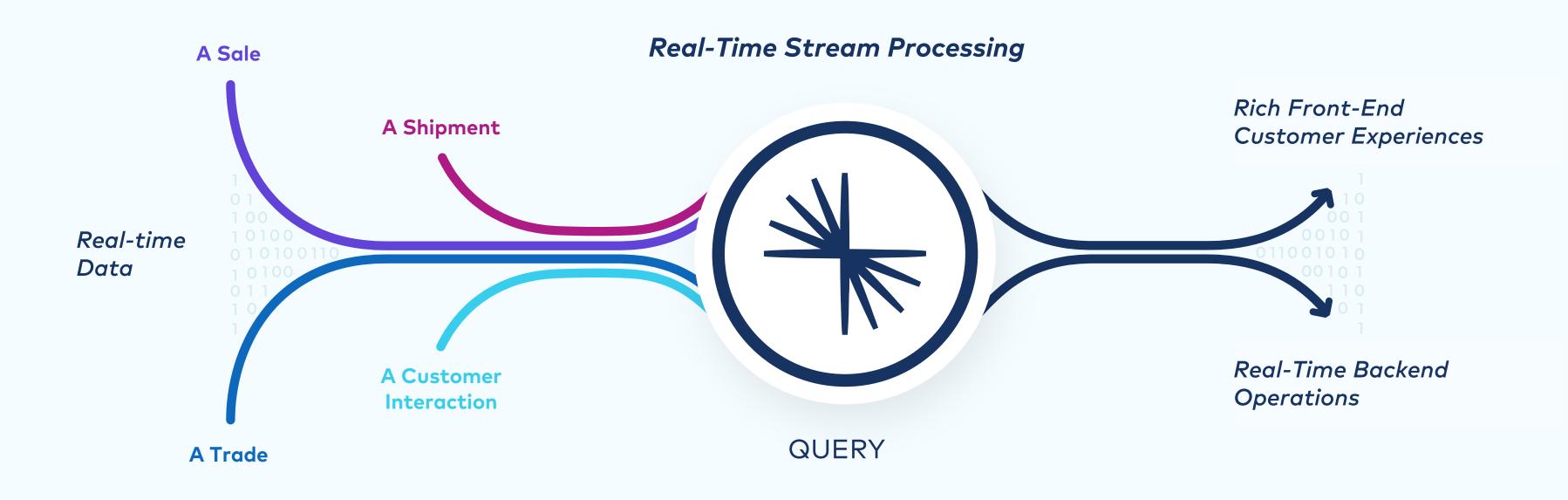




A New Paradigm is Required for Data in Motion:



Continuously Processing Evolving Streams of Data in Real-time







Originally created by the founders of Confluent while at LinkedIn

+100,000s

organizations using Kafka >75% of the F500 estimated to be using Apache Kafka

>65,000 Kafka meetup members

>200 global meetup groups

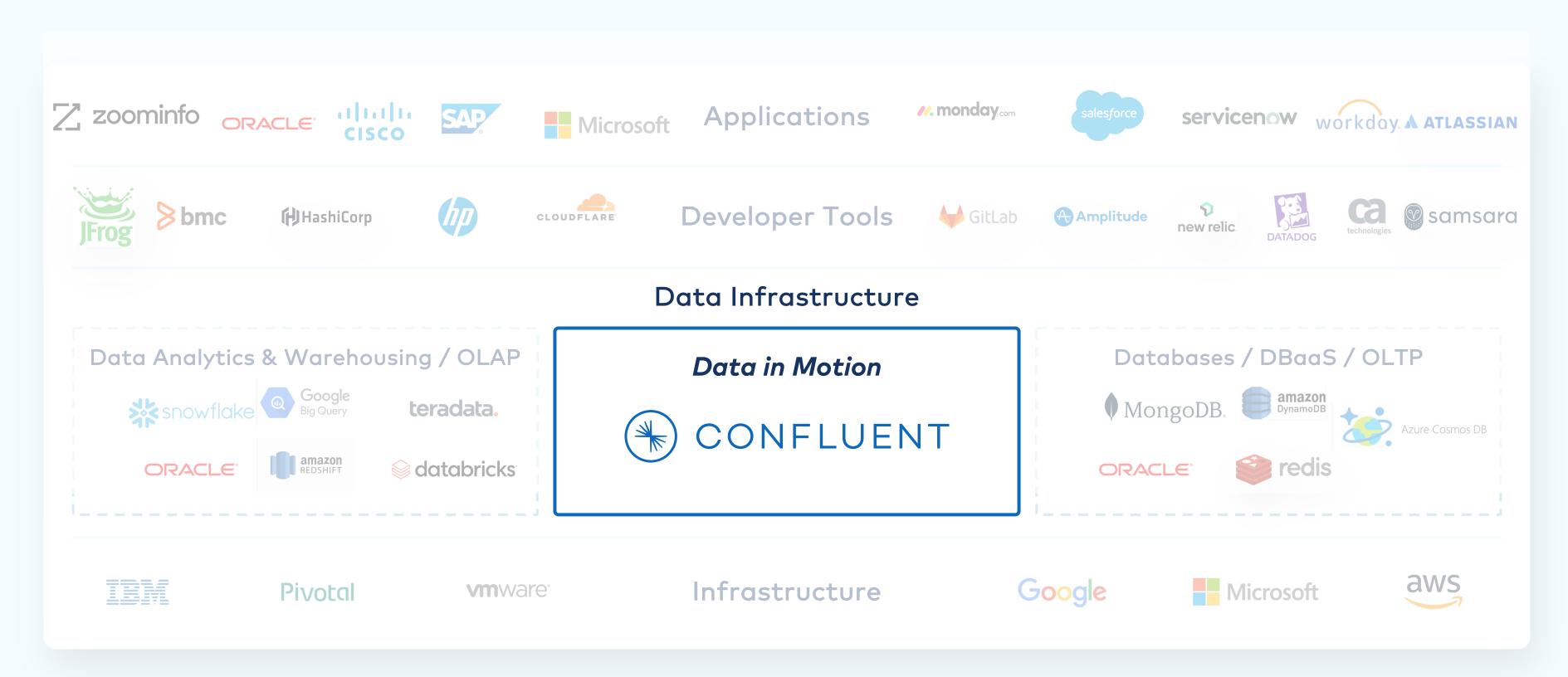
From Giant Mess to Central Nervous System





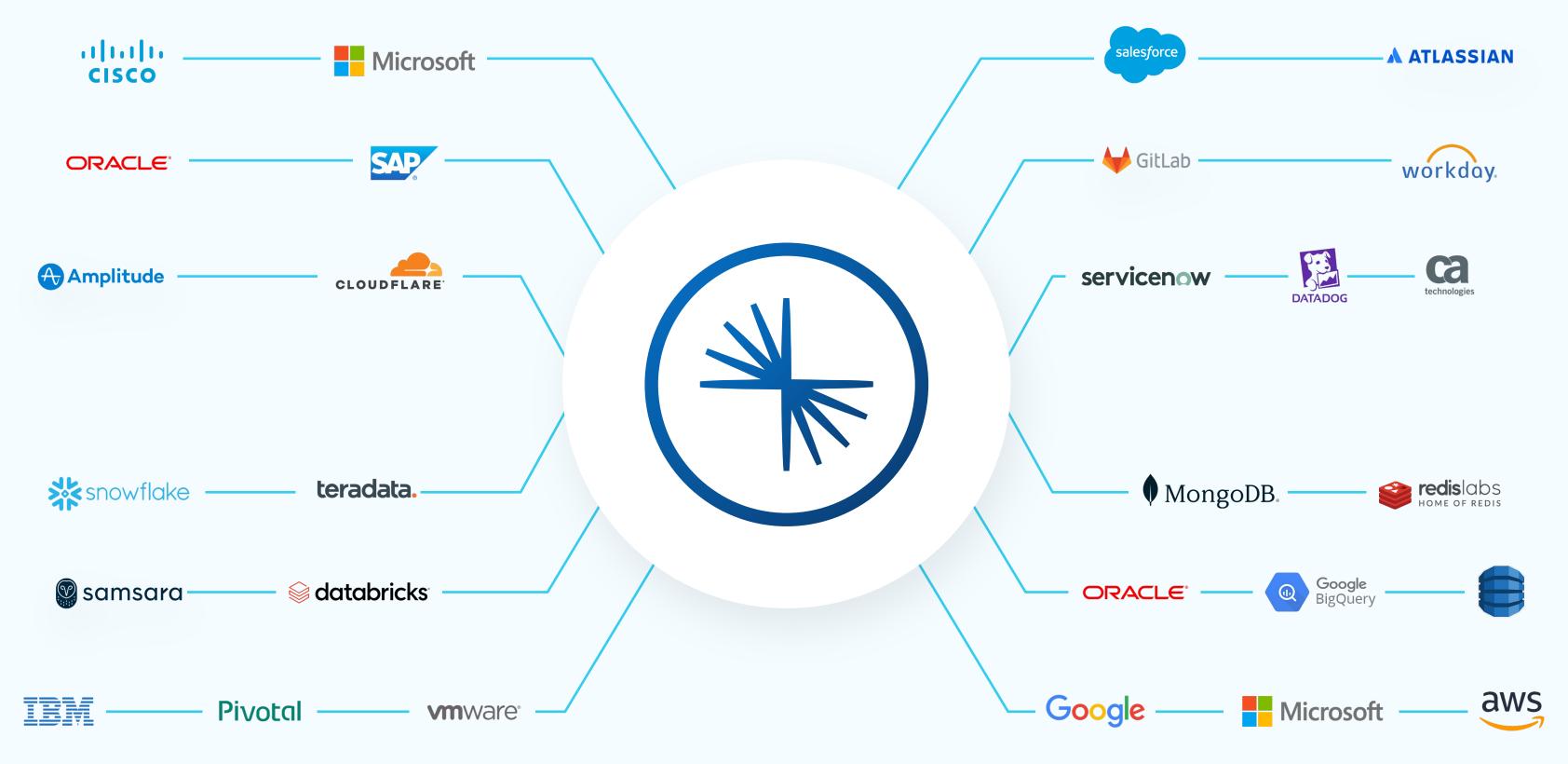
The New Data Infrastructure Category





Confluent is Becoming the Central Nervous System of the Modern Technology Stack





Use Cases Across All Industries

Pipelines



ETL

Retail	Inventory Management	Personalized Promotions	Product Development & Introduction	Sentiment Analysis	Streaming Enterprise Messaging	Systems of Scale for High Traffic Periods
Healthcare Healthcare	Connected Health Records	Data Confidentiality & Accessibility	Dynamic Staff Allocation Optimization	Integrated Treatment	Proactive Patient Care	Real-Time Monitoring
Finance & Banking	Early-On Fraud Detection	Capital Management	Market Risk Recognition & Investigation	Preventive Regulatory Scanning	Real-Time What-If Analysis	Trade Flow Monitoring
Transportation	Advanced Navigation	Environmental Factor Processing	Fleet Management	Predictive Maintenance	Threat Detection & Real-Time Response	Traffic Distribution Optimization
Teleco	5G Networks	Data Security	Product Development & Introduction	Sentiment Analysis	IOT Integration	Systems of Scale for High Traffic Periods
Common in	Data Pipelines	Hybrid Cloud	Microservices	Security and Fraud	Customer 360	Streaming ETL

and Fraud

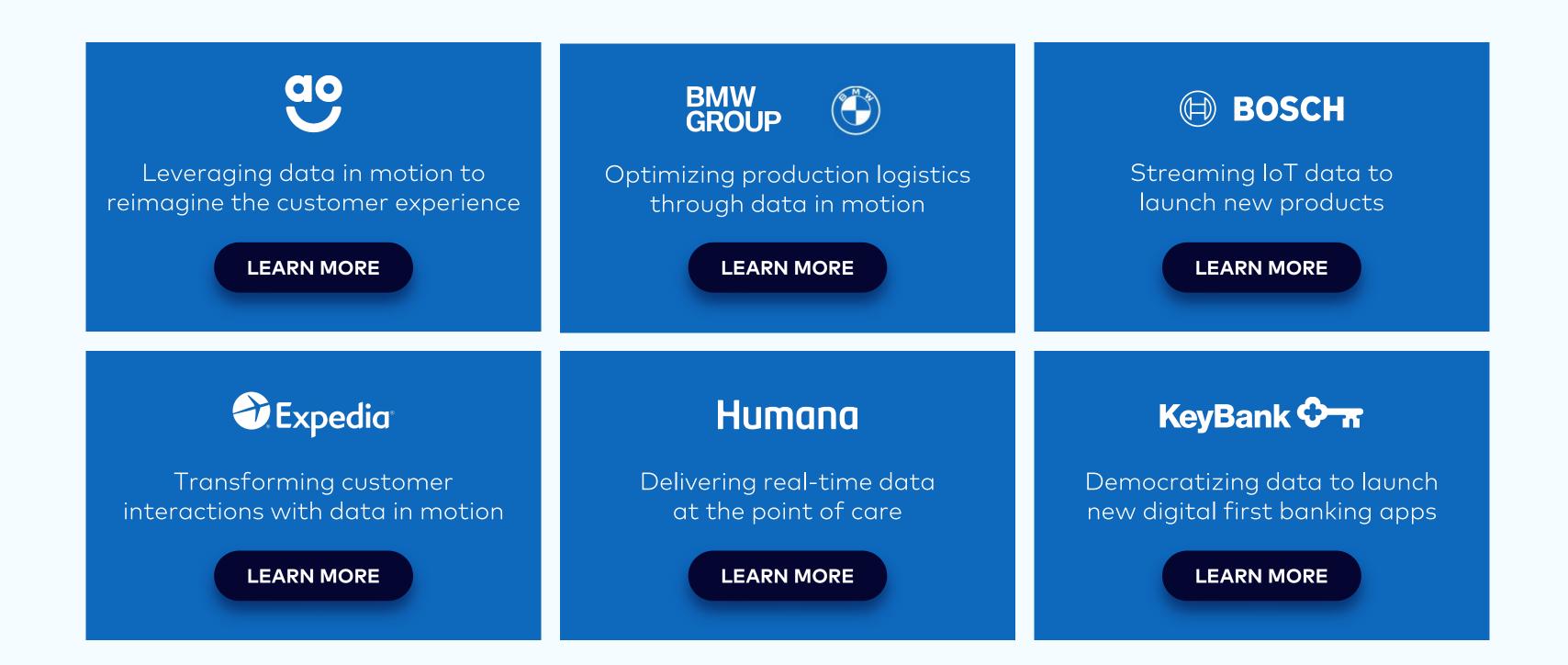
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Integration

all Industries

Customer Success with Confluent





Customer Expansion Journey Case Studies



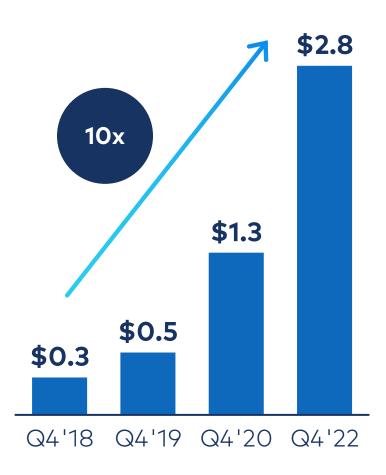
ARR \$ in millions





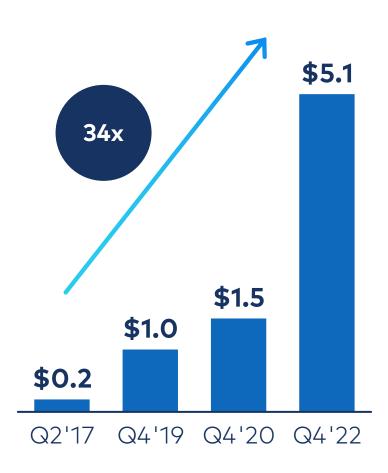
Rapid global adoption driving elevated customer experiences and seamless internal engineering initiatives

Health Benefits Provider



Accelerated claims
approval and processing,
member digital experience,
and internal systems
aggregation

Payment Card Provider



Secured the ability to continue doing business throughout the globe unlocked by Confluent with use cases including GDPR and mandate processing

Fortune 50 Bank



Improved banking relationship management, accelerated client onboarding, and enabled customized marketing programs for customers

Proven Success Across Industries















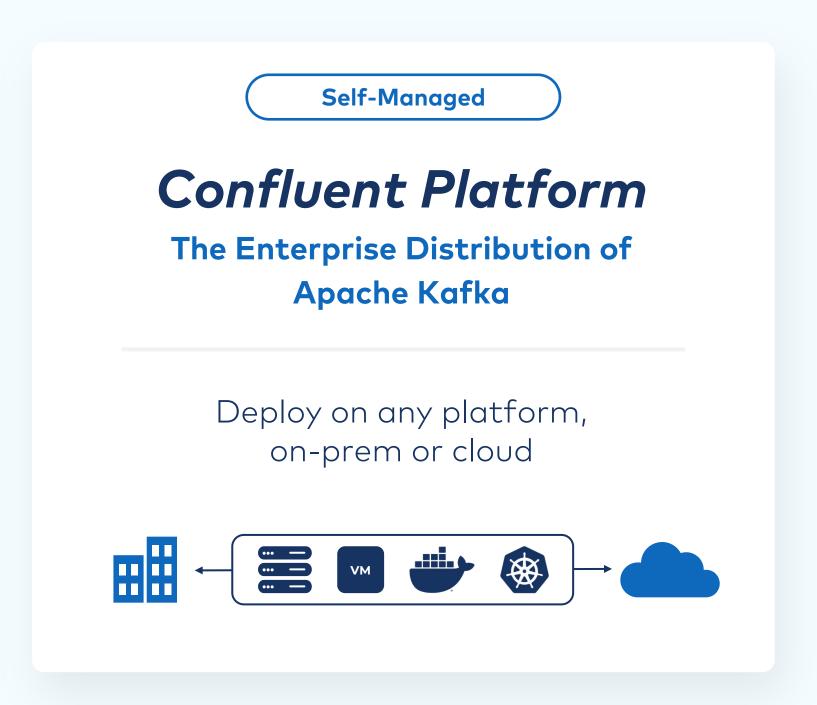




Using Confluent Everywhere







Both: Subscription option available where price scales with usage

Why Confluent Wins





Product Differentiation

Cloud-native: Re-imagined Kafka experience for the Cloud

Complete: Enable developers to reliably & securely build next-gen apps faster

Everywhere: Be everywhere our customers want to be



Customer Growth Go-To-Market Model

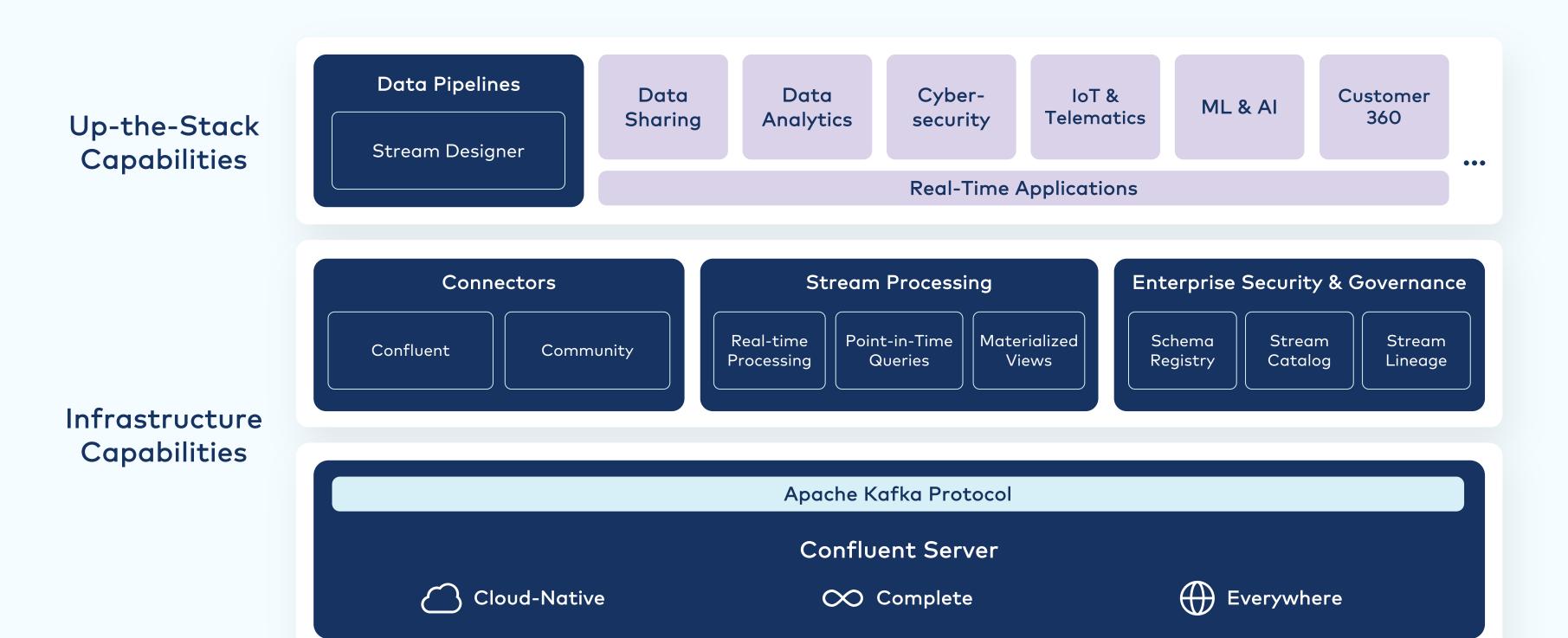
Product Led: Product-led growth at early stages of the journey

Consumption Oriented: Use case driven expansion and consumption

Purpose Built for Data in Motion Journey: Expertise & product capabilities for every stage of adoption

The Confluent Data Streaming Platform





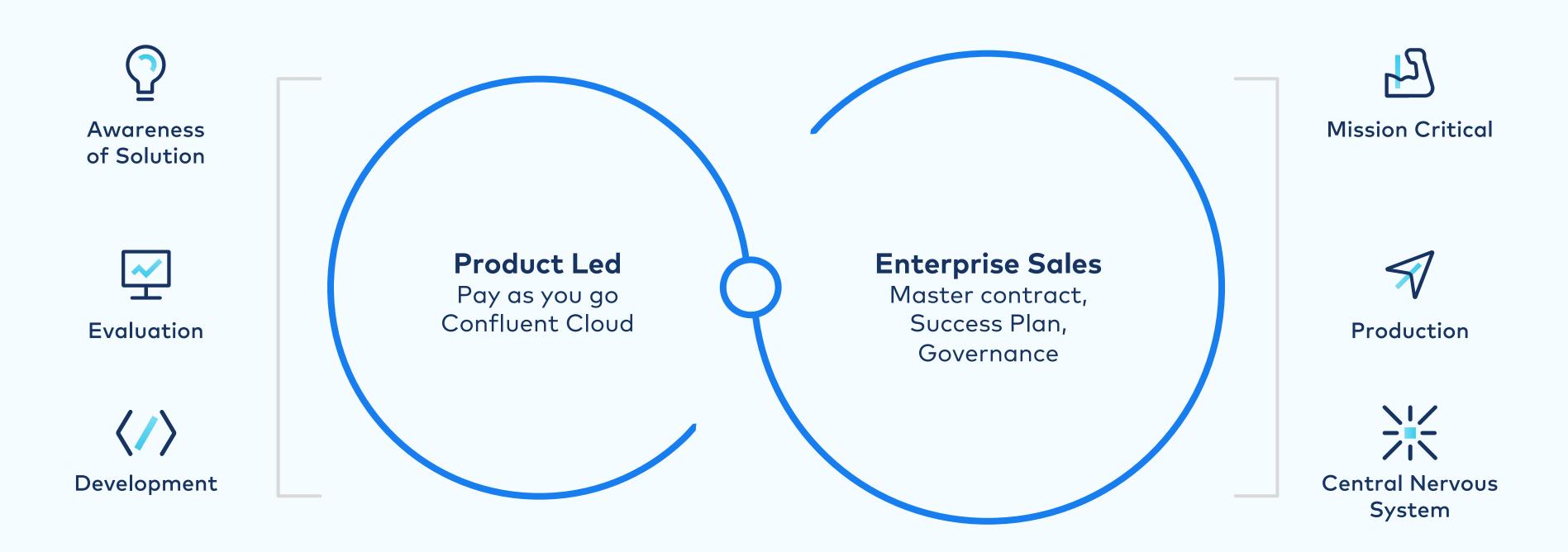
Data in Motion Journey





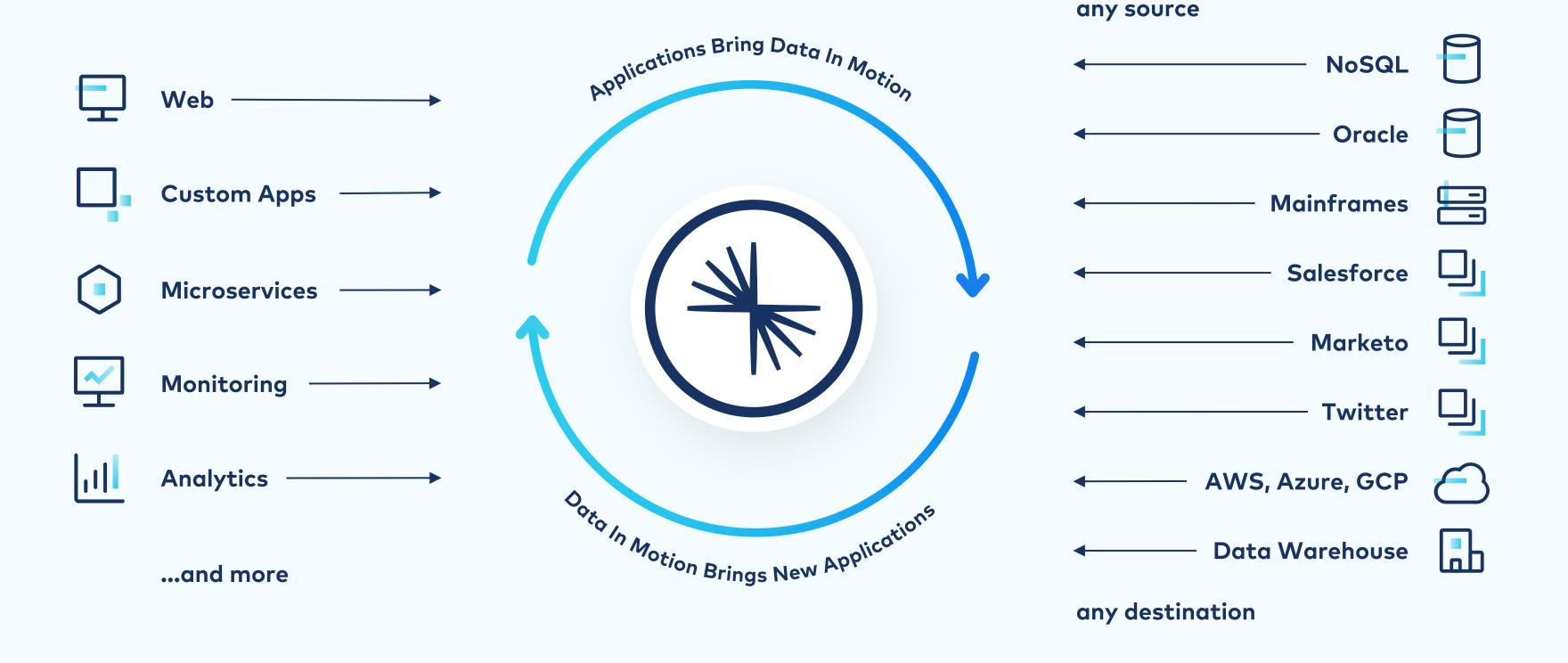
Product-Led and Enterprise Sales Motions are Complementary and Serve our Stakeholder Personas





Network Effects Drive Further Expansion

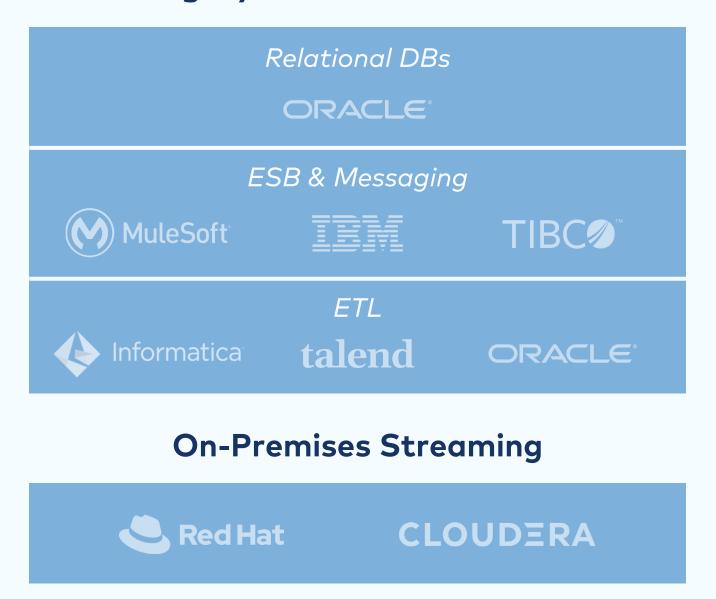




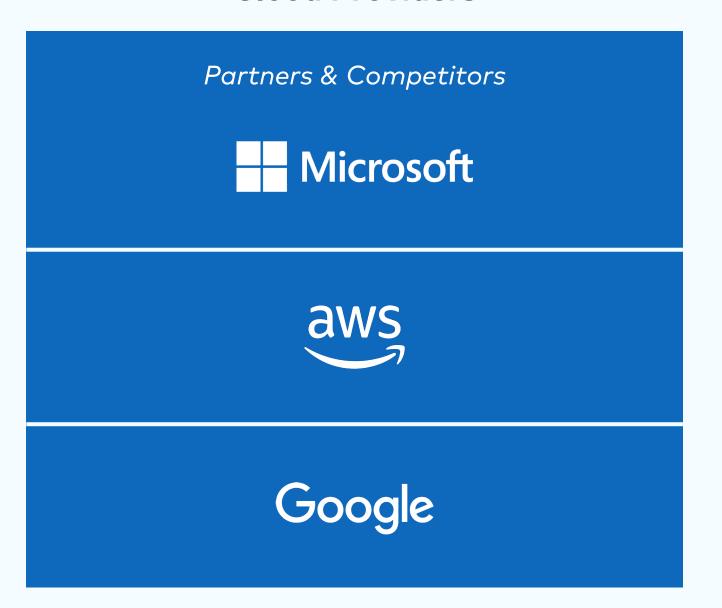
Competitive Landscape



Legacy Data Infrastructure



Cloud Providers



Cloud Competitive Landscape



		Cloud-Native	Complete	Everywhere
Confluent				
Microsoft	Event Hubs			0
	Dataflow			
Google	Pub/Sub			0
	Kinesis			
Amazon	MSK			

Multiple Levers of Growth in a Large and Growing TAM





Easy and Frictionless Land with Cloud Pay-As-You-Go



Expand in

Underpenetrated Segments

(e.g. Commercial, Tech)



Enterprise-Wide Expansion via Solutions Selling



Grow and Harness our **Partner Ecosystem**



Continued **International Expansion**



Productize Use Cases

Up-The-Stack

One Team, One Mission: Set Data in Motion



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Linked in



Jun Rao Co-Founder

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Chief Customer and Partner Officer at ServiceNow

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2,716 employees as of Q1 2023

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Former CEO and Chairman at Mulesoft

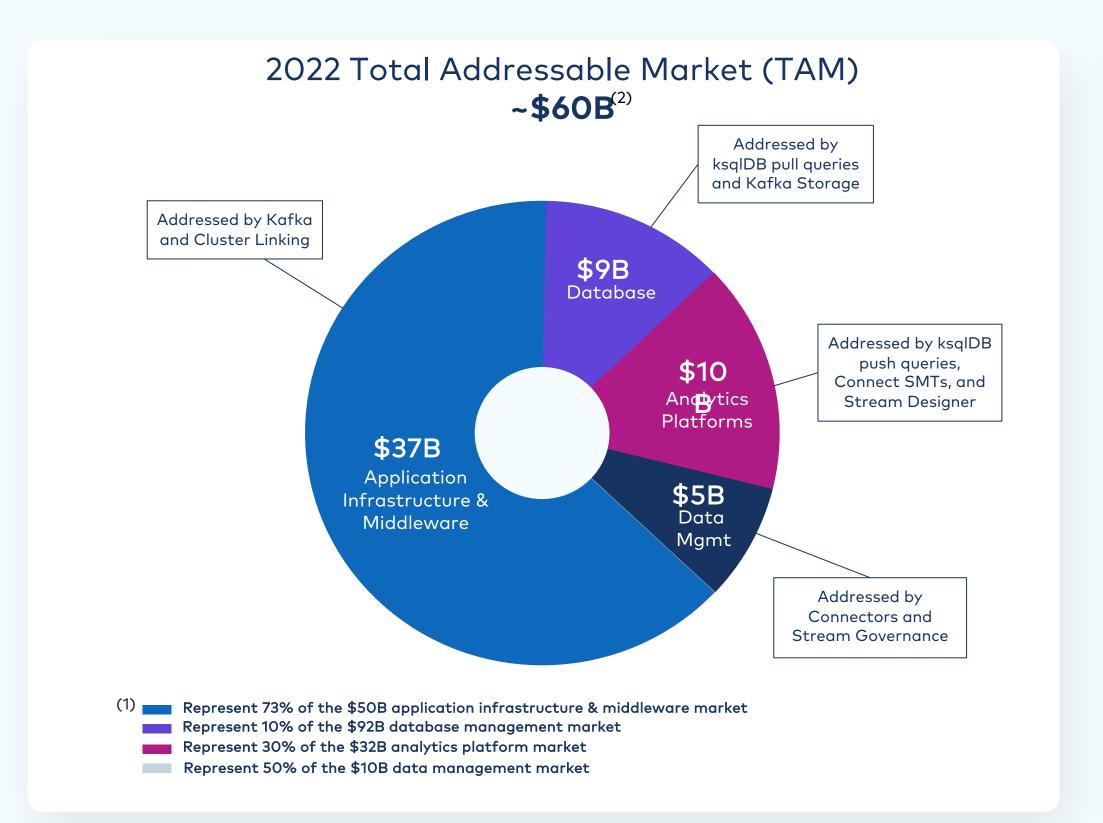
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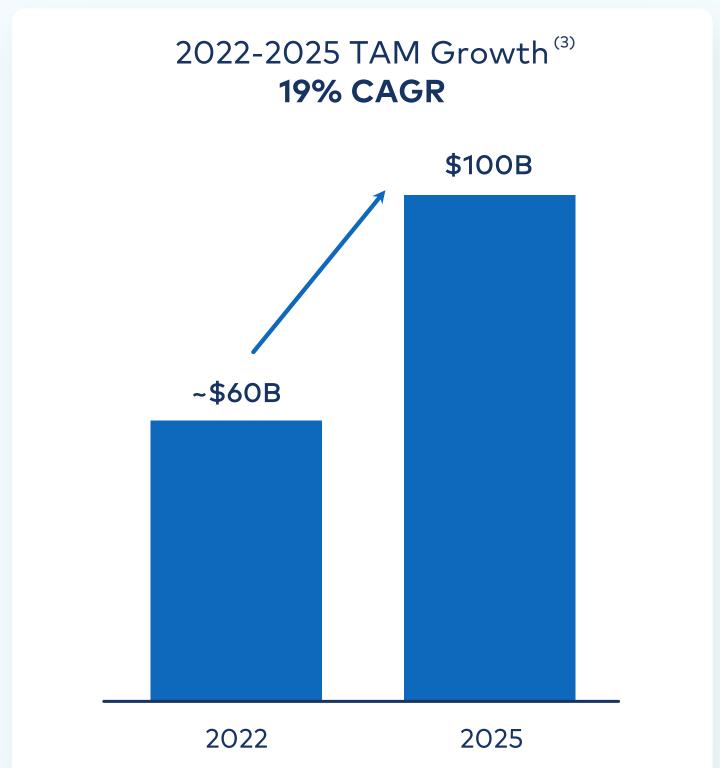


Financial Highlights

A New Data Category, A Large Market Opportunity



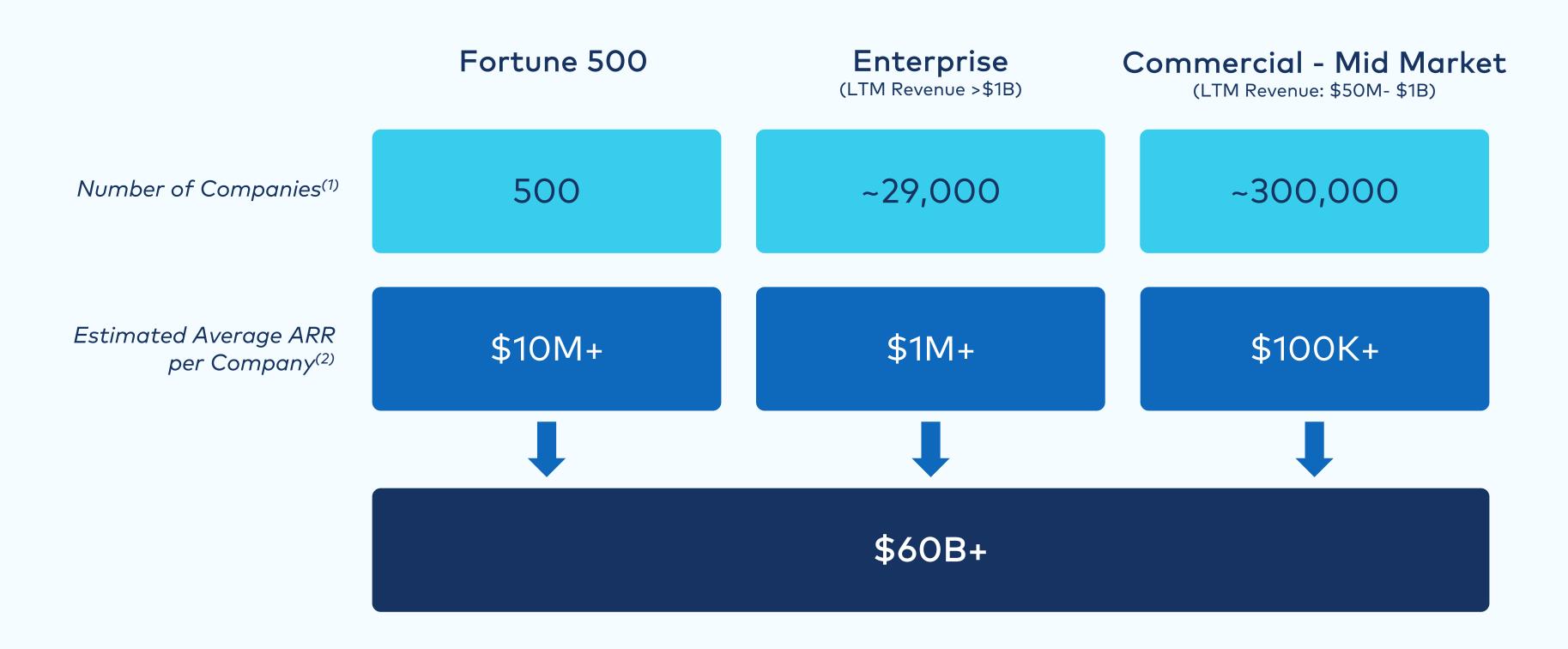




- (1) Market size based on Gartner estimates from
- Forecast: Enterprise Infrastructure Software, Worldwide, 2020-2026, 2022 Update. Published 30 June 2022. Arunasree Cheparthi et al.
- Forecast Analysis: Enterprise Application Software, Worldwide. Published 3 August 2022. Amarendra et al.
- (2) Confluent product share based on internal analysis of use cases in each Gartner market category addressable with generally available Confluent products
- (3) Confluent TAM based on estimated share of each Gartner market from 2022 to 2025, which is tied to our current product offering and planned product roadmap

Bottoms-up View of Our 2022 Addressable Market





⁽¹⁾ Source: Capital IQ.

³²

The Power of Our Model



Fully-Managed

Confluent Cloud

42% of Q1'23 revenue | 89% y/y growth

Committed subscription or pay-as-you-go

Priced based on type of cluster, compute power, data transfer, and storage used

Revenue recognized based on customer usage¹

Self-Managed

Confluent Platform

50% of Q1'23 revenue | 16% y/y growth

Committed subscription

Priced per node running on physical or virtual computing machines

Portion of upfront license revenue, substantial majority ratable over contract term

Services | 8% of Q1'23 revenue | 12% y/y growth

Professional services and education services

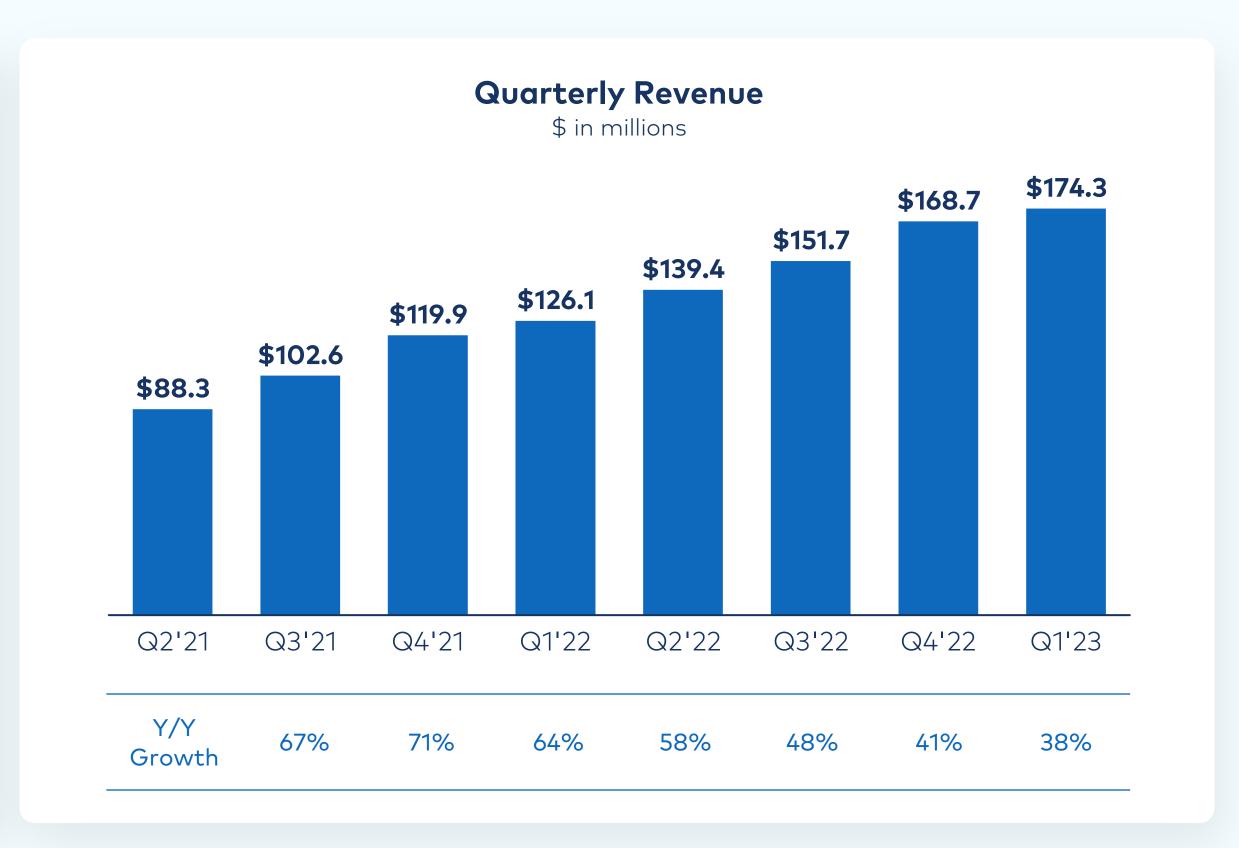
Priced on time-and-materials basis; attached to subscriptions sales

Revenue recognized based on completion and utilization

Significant Revenue Growth at Scale



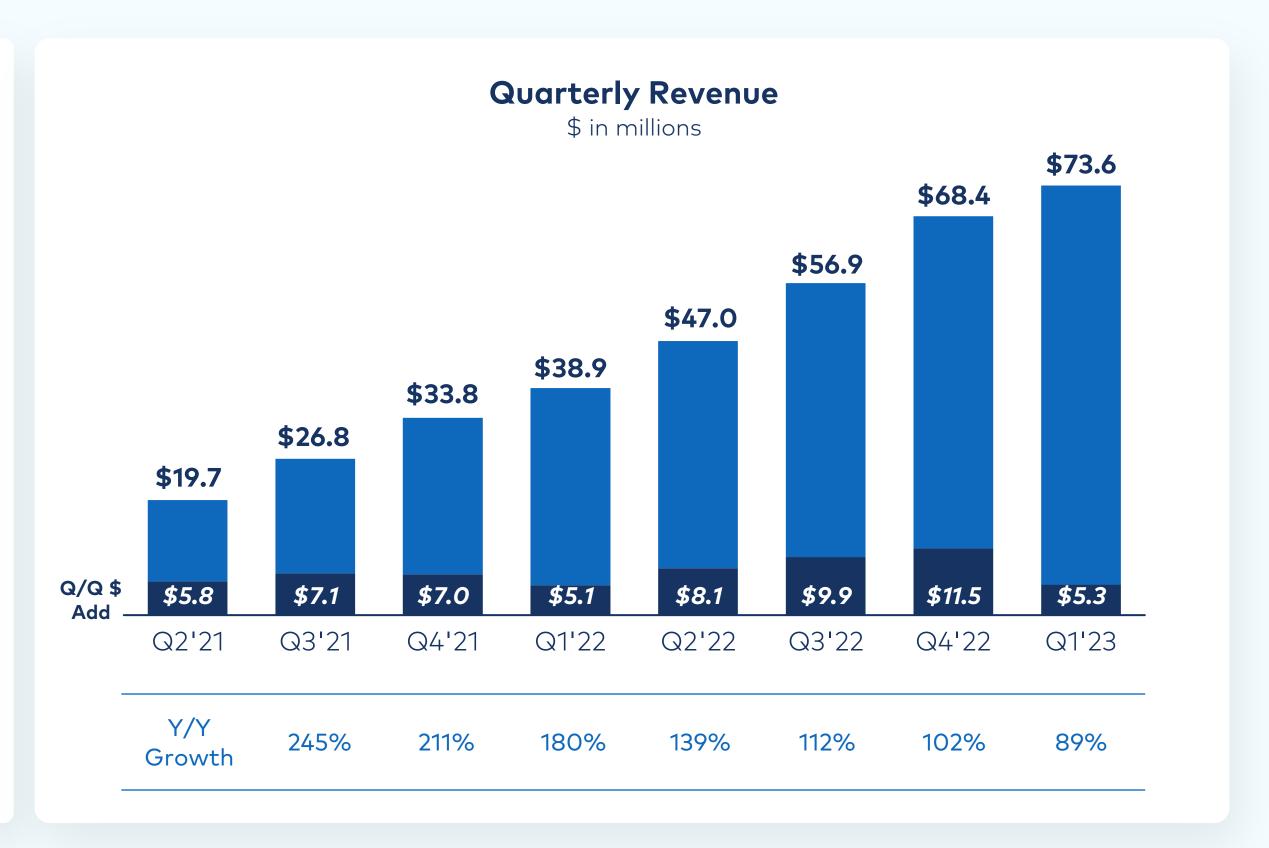




Fast-Growing Confluent Cloud Revenue

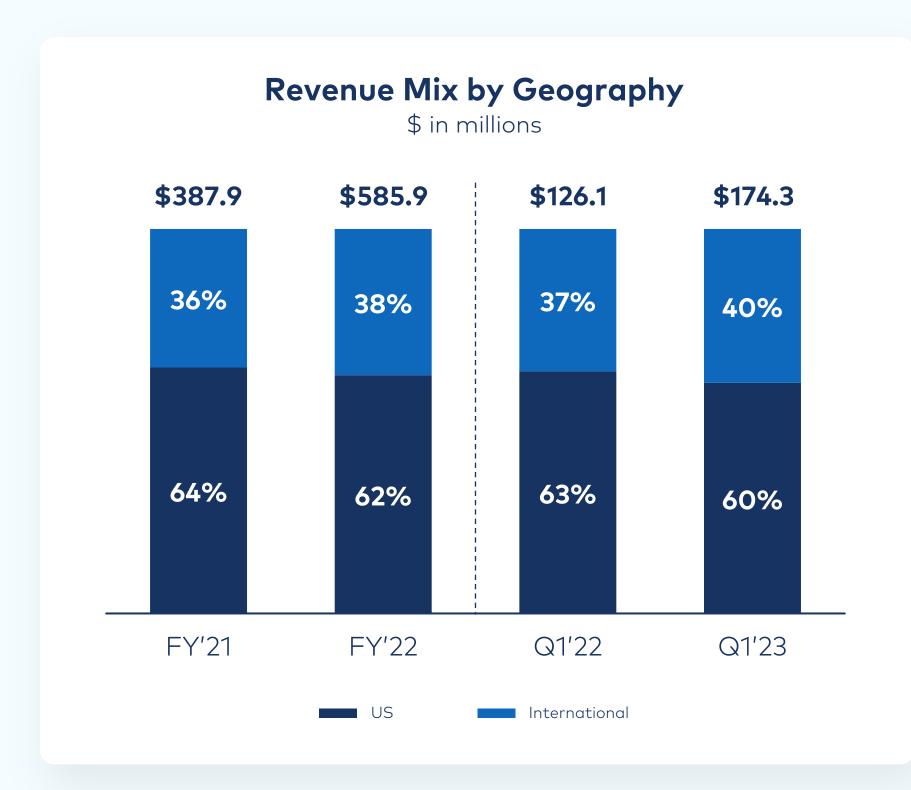


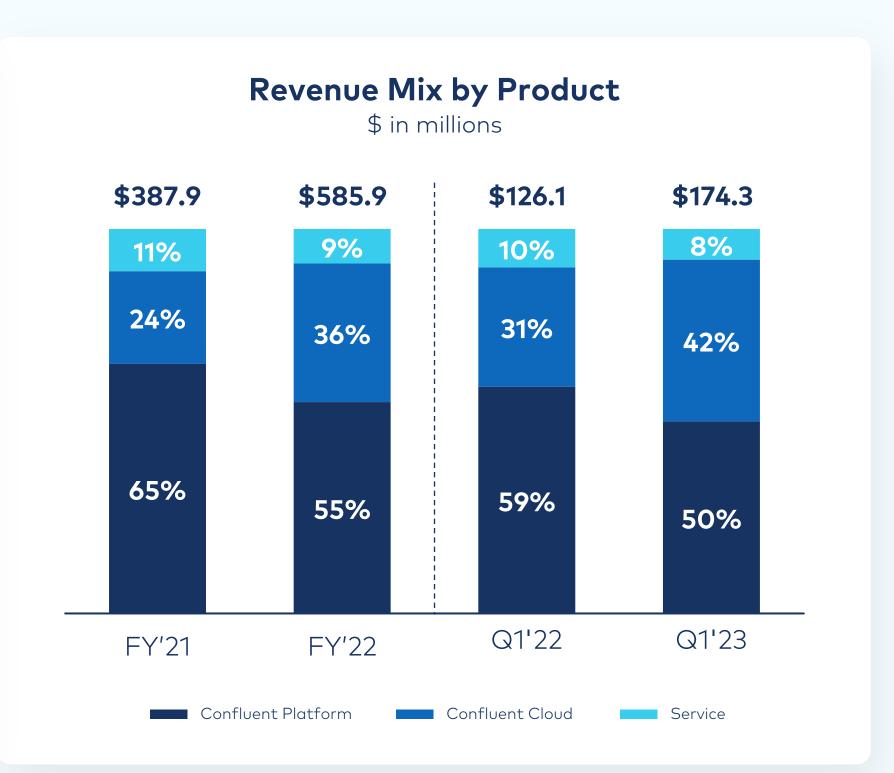




Early International Expansion and Accelerating Adoption of Confluent Cloud

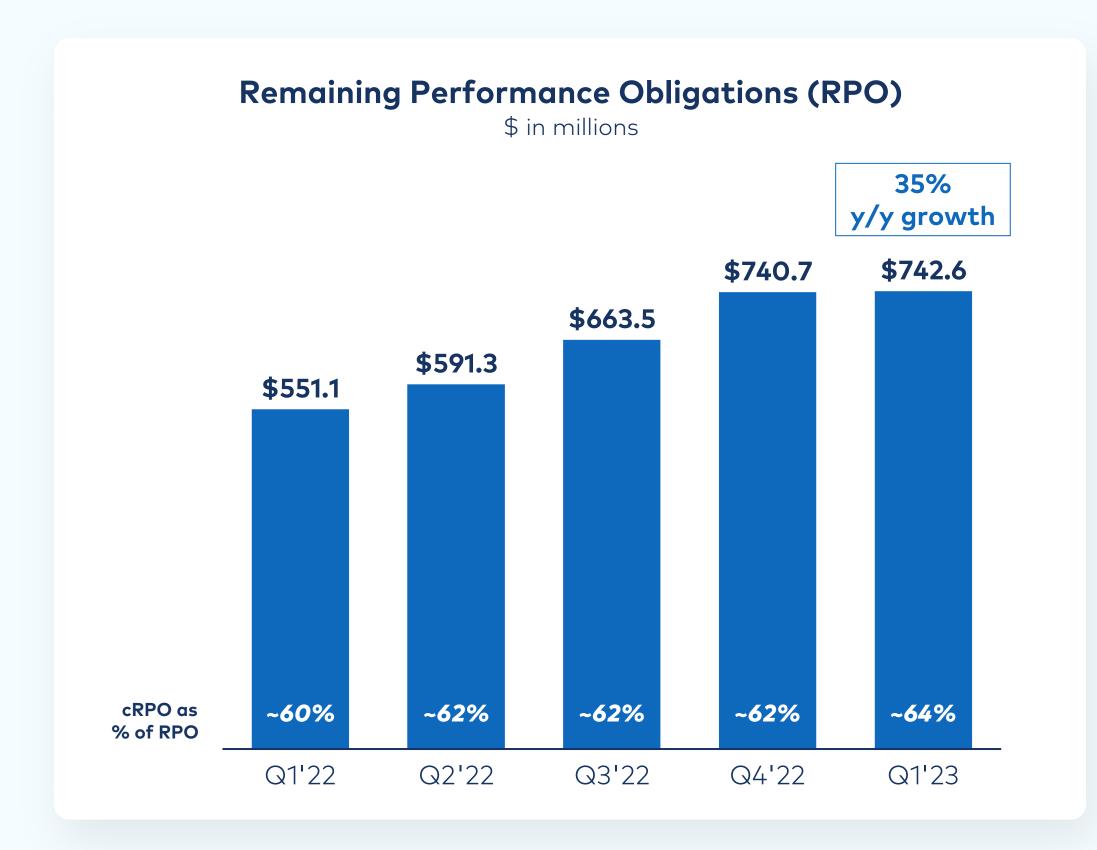






Strong Customer Commitments

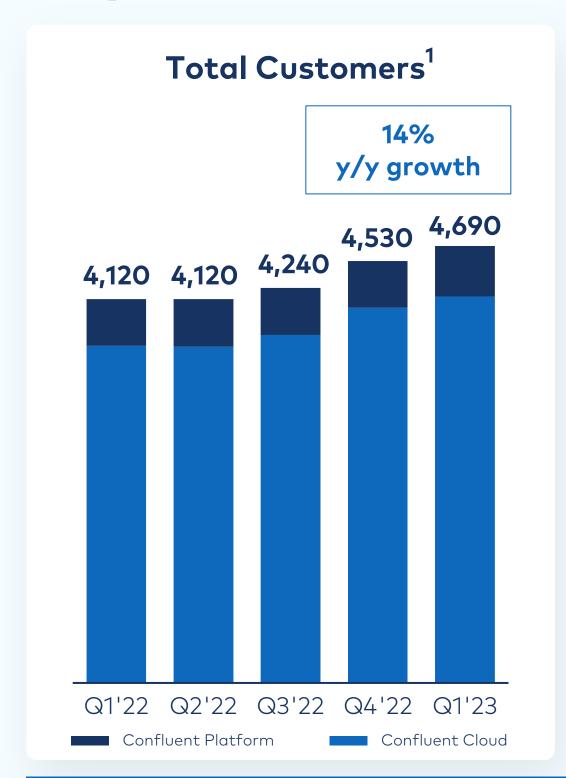


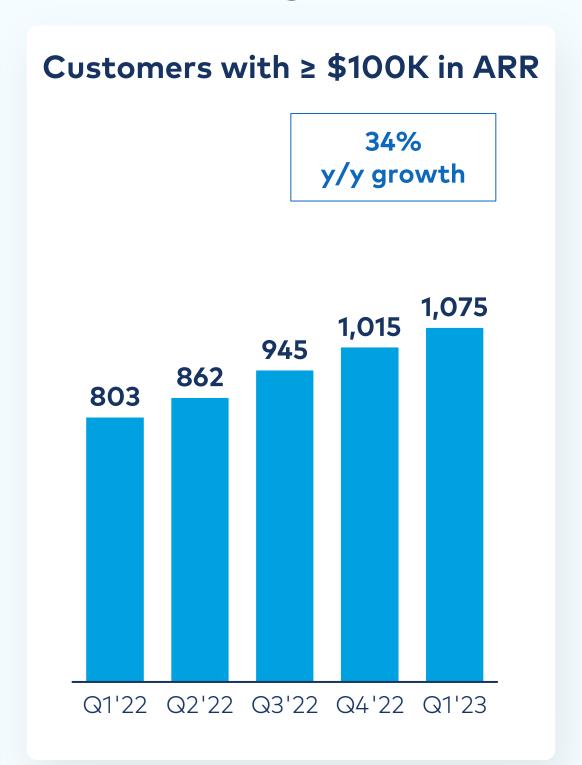


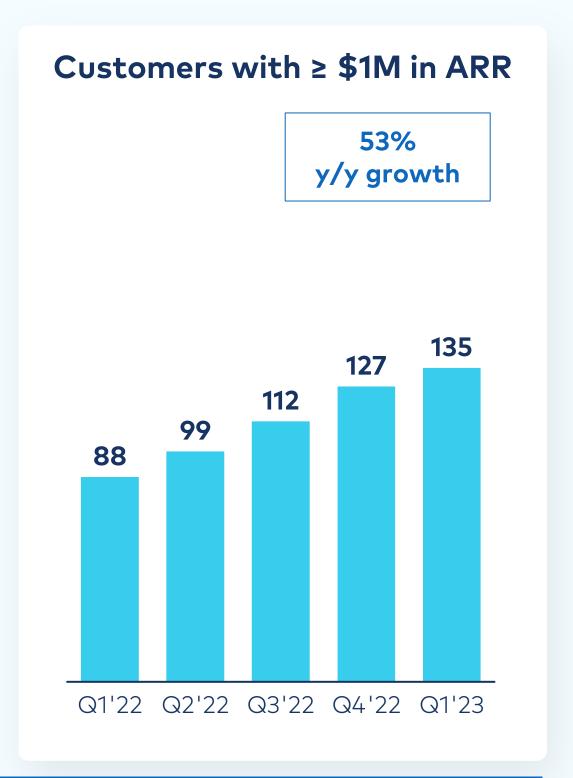
- RPO represents contractually committed revenue to be recognized in the future, regardless of:
 - O Billings terms
 - O Variability in cloud consumption patterns
- RPO and current RPO, rather than Billings:
 - Are important metrics to measure the health of the business, considering the various revenue components and billings terms in our model
 - O Provide insight into the organic momentum of our business

Rapid Customer Growth & Large Customer Momentum





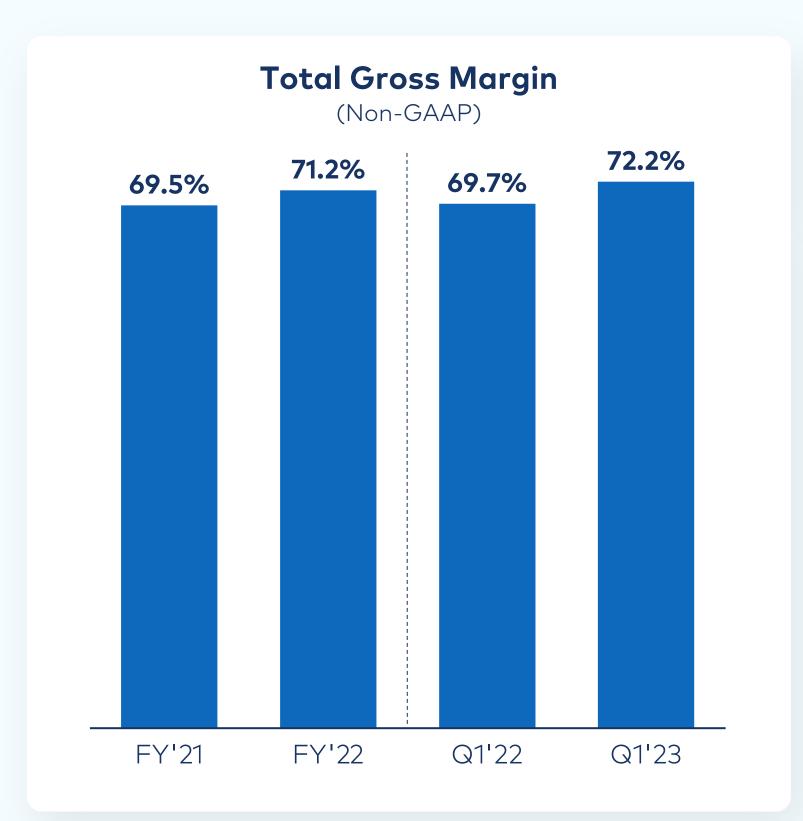


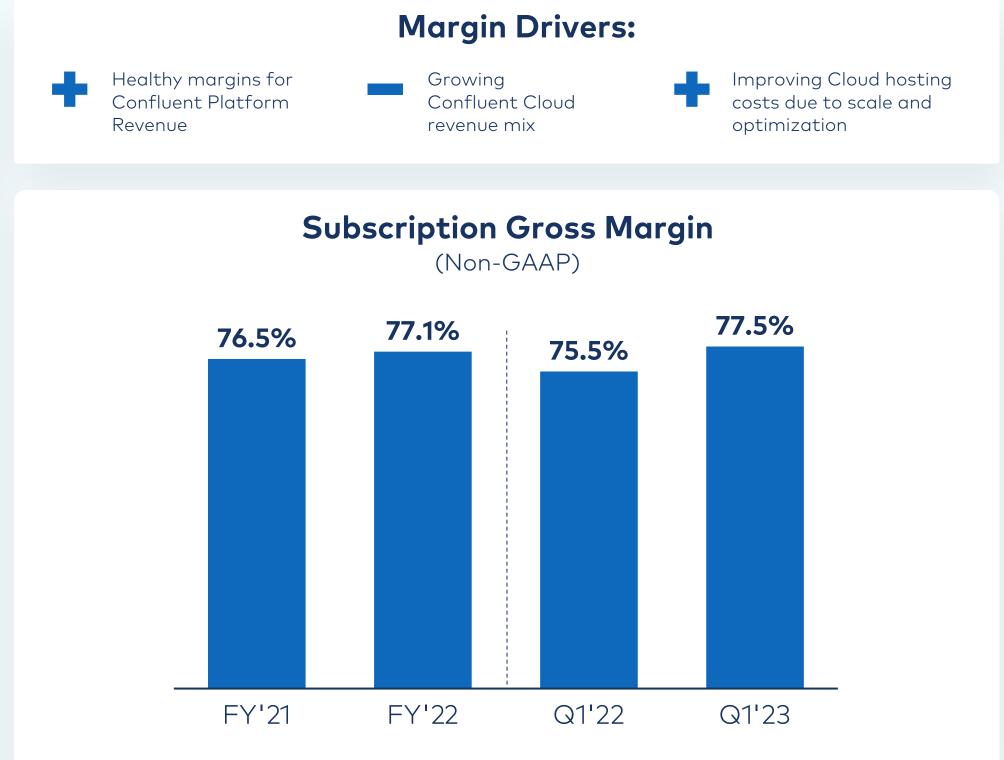


Including a growing number of \$5M+ and \$10M+ ARR Customers YoY

Gross Margin Healthy as Revenue Mix Shifts

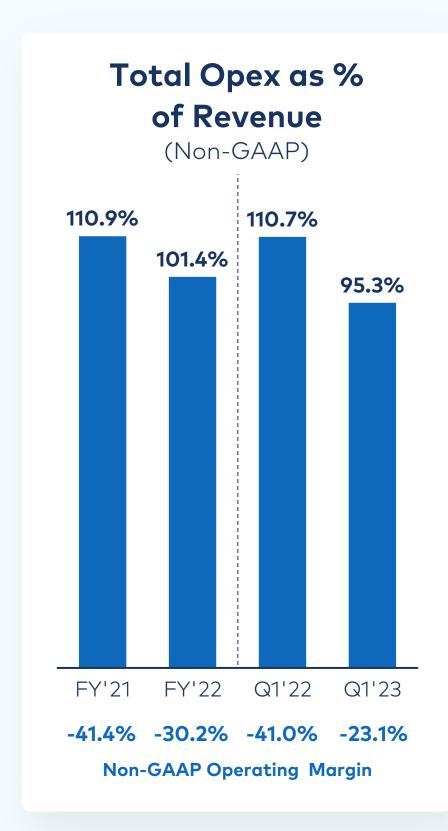


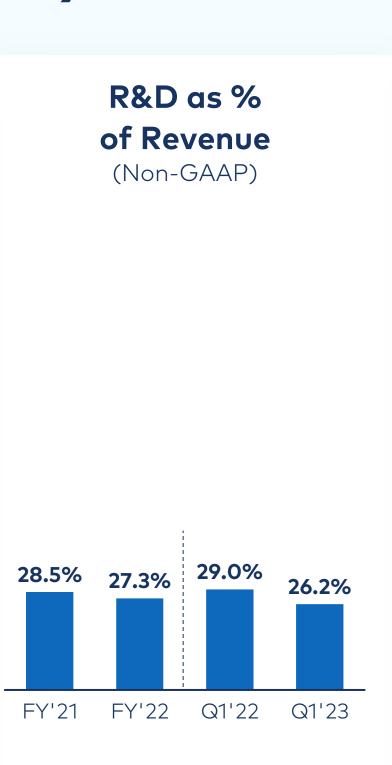


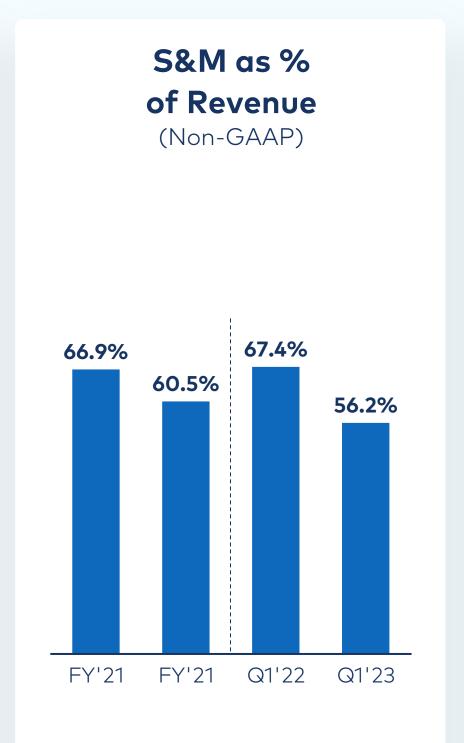


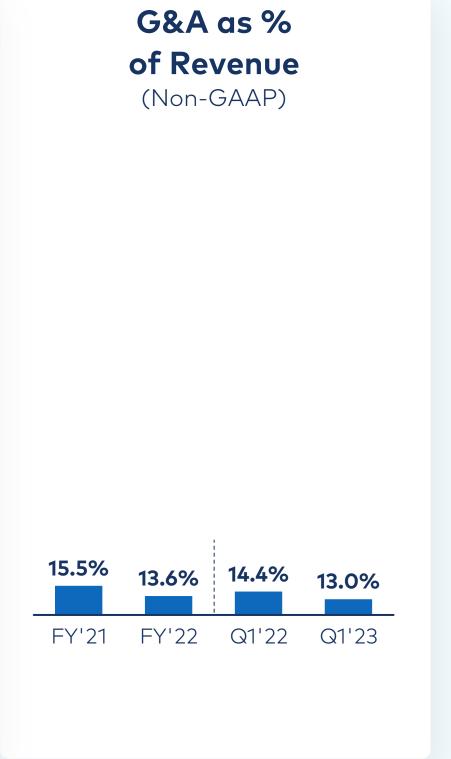
Investing Prudently for Growth











Managing Growth and Profitability



Non-GAAP	Mid-Term Target Annual Revenue Growth: >30%	Long-Term Target
Gross Margin	~70%	72%-75%
Operating Margin	~5%	20%-25%
Free Cash Flow Margin	~10%	>25%

Targeting to exit Q4'23 with breakeven non-GAAP operating margin

Key Takeaways





Category Creating Company Founded by the Creators of Kafka



~\$60 Billion 2022 Total Addressable Market¹



Strong Growth and Long-Term Margin Profile



Expansion
Driven by
Network Effects



Positioned to Capitalize on the Large and Growing Shift to Cloud



Seasoned Management Team with Track Record of Execution



Appendix

Definitions



Annual Recurring Revenue (ARR):

We define ARR as (1) with respect to Confluent Platform customers, the amount of revenue to which our customers are contractually committed over the following 12 months assuming no increases or reductions in their subscriptions, and (2) with respect to Confluent Cloud customers, the amount of revenue that we expect to recognize from such customers over the following 12 months, calculated by annualizing actual consumption of Confluent Cloud in the last three months of the applicable period, assuming no increases or reductions in usage rate. Services arrangements are excluded from the calculation of ARR. Prior to the first quarter of 2023, ARR with respect to Confluent Cloud customers excluded pay-as-you-go arrangements and was based on contractual commitments over the following 12 months, regardless of actual consumption. We adjusted our methodology for calculating ARR commencing with the first quarter of 2023 to incorporate actual consumption of Confluent Cloud and applied this change retroactively.

Dollar-Based Net Retention Rate:

We calculate our dollar-based net retention rate (NRR) as of a period end by starting with the ARR from the cohort of all customers as of 12 months prior to such period end ("Prior Period Value"). We then calculate the ARR from these same customers as of the current period end ("Current Period Value"), and 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 Confluent Platform subscriptions that expand, renew, contract, or attrit. The dollar-based NRR also includes the effect of annualizing actual consumption of Confluent Cloud in the last three months of the applicable period, 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.

Total Customers:

Represent the total number of customers at the end of each period. 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.

Customers with \$100,000 or greater in ARR:

Represent the number of customers that contributed \$100,000 or more in ARR as of period end.

Customers with \$1,000,000 or greater in ARR:

Represent the number of customers that contributed \$1,000,000 or more in ARR as of period end.

Dollar-based Net Retention Rate (NRR)



Commencing with the first quarter of 2023, we updated our methodology for calculating ARR using a consumption-based method for Confluent Cloud, which has been applied retroactively to the calculation of NRR for the prior year periods. The following table summarizes total NRR before and after the methodology change. Going forward, Confluent will disclose NRR under the new methodology only.

	Q1'22	Q2'22	Q3'22	Q4'22	Q1'23
Total NRR (New Methodology)	>130%	>130%	>130%	>130%	>130%
Total NRR (Old Methodology)	>130%	>130%	>130%	Just Under 130%	Just Under 125%

Note:

Definition for the new NRR methodology: See Appendix for the updated definitions for "Annual Recurring Revenue (ARR)" and "Dollar-Based Net Retention Rate."

Definition for the old NRR methodology: "We calculate our NRR as of a period end by starting with the ARR from the cohort of all customers as of the 12 months prior to such period end, or Prior Period Value. We then calculate the ARR from these same customers as of the current period end, or 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 net retention rate 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."

Teleco Use Cases





TelecoDrive analytics and streamline operations

analytics 5G Network



Migration to the Cloud



Dynamic Sales
Prediction Model



Legacy IT Modernization



Edge Computing



Automating Operations



Data Security



Fraud Detection & Analysis



Regulatory Reporting & Compliance



Customer Dispute Resolution



Real-time Network
Monitoring



Response Monitoring



Product Development & Introduction



Predictive/Preventative Maintenance



Product Quality Monitoring



Efficiency/Waste Reduction



Logistics Telemetry



Real-Time Collaboration Across Teams



Sentiment Analysis



Customer Data Aggregation



Intelligence Visualization & Transformation



Machine Learning
Training



Real-Time Associate feedback



Responsive Model Correction





Financial Services Use Cases





Financial Services

Reshape customer experience and streamline operations

Corporate and Investment Banking, Capital Markets



Real-time Payments



Risk Analytics



Market, Reference, & Security Master Data Distribution



Trade System Integration & Automation



Trade Processing



Finance, Risk, Compliance, IT & Cyber



Operational Log Hub



IT Observability



Cyber Security / SIEM Modernization



Credit & Market Risk



Fraud Detection



Retail Banking, Wealth & Asset Management



Customer 360



Omni-channel Banking



Fraud Detection



Client Advisor Workstations



Data & Analytics Service



Technology Modernization



Mainframe Modernization



Bridge to Cloud



Streaming Analytics



Event-driven Microservices



CDC Patterns from System of Records







Retail Services Use Cases





Retail

Drive consumer analytics & streamline operations

Inventory Management



Omni-Channel Experiences



Dynamic Sales
Prediction Model



Integrated Order Implementation



Real-Time Alternate Scenario Analysis



Transportation Optimization



Personalized Promotions



Correlation Detection & Analysis



Customer Profile Development



Event-Driven Processing of Customer Navigation



Real-time Personalized Messaging



Promotion Release & Response Monitoring



Product Development & Introduction



Predictive/Preventative
Maintenance



Product Quality
Monitoring



Manufacturing Efficiency/Waste Reduction



Shipping/Logistics/ Telemetry



Real-Time Collaboration Across Teams



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Responsive Model Correction









	FY'21	FY'22	Q1'22	Q1′23
Total revenue	\$387,864	\$585,944	\$126,139	\$174,302
Total gross profit on a GAAP basis	\$250,572	\$383,529	\$80,362	\$116,158
Add: Stock-based compensation expense	17,989	32,389	7,175	9,105
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	1,013	1,173	410	411
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-	-	-	113
Non-GAAP total gross profit	\$269,574	\$417,091	\$87,947	\$125,787
Non-GAAP total gross margin	69.5%	71.2%	69.7%	72.2%
	FY'21	FY'22	Q1'22	Q1′23
Subscription revenue	\$347,099	\$535,009	\$113,920	\$160,567
Subscription gross profit on a GAAP basis	\$252,239	\$388,685	\$80,317	\$117,662
Add: Stock-based compensation expense	12,571	23,136	5,313	6,328
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	636	569	333	321
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-	-	-	113
Non-GAAP subscription gross profit	\$265,446	\$412,390	\$85,963	\$124,424



usands, except percentages)	FY'21	FY'22	Q1′22	Q1'23
Total revenue	\$387,864	\$585,944	\$126,139	\$174,302
Operating expenses on a GAAP basis	\$590,192	\$846,203	\$191,844	\$282,251
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	137,635	245,267	50,194	70,184
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	9,076	5,837	2,029	3,252
Less: Common stock charitable donation expense	13,290	-	-	-
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	-	1,104	-	9,317
Less: Restructuring and other related charges	-	-	-	33,382
Non-GAAP Operating expenses	\$430,191	\$593,995	\$139,621	\$166,116
Non-GAAP Operating expenses as a % of total revenue	110.9%	101.4%	110.7%	95.3%
	FY'21	FY'22	Q1′22	Q1'23
Total revenue	\$387,864	\$585,944	\$126,139	\$174,302
Research and development (R&D) expense on a GAAP basis	\$161,925	\$264,041	\$57,661	\$84,890
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	49,051	101,499	20,085	30,015
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	2,278	2,632	1,039	1,669
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	-	-	-	7,680
Non-GAAP R&D expense	\$110,596	\$159,910	\$36,537	\$45,526
Non-GAAP R&D expense as a % of total revenue	28.5%	27.3%	29.0%	26.1%



	FY'21	FY'22	Q1'22	Q1′23
Total revenue	\$387,864	\$585,944	\$126,139	\$174,302
Sales and marketing (S&M) expense on a GAAP basis	\$319,331	\$456,452	\$106,702	\$128,624
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	55,506	99,366	21,062	28,487
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	4,266	2,485	680	1,083
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	-	-	-	1,076
Non-GAAP S&M expense	\$259,559	\$354,601	\$84,960	\$97,978
Non-GAAP S&M expense as a % of total revenue	66.9%	60.5%	67.4%	56.2%
	FY'21	FY'22	Q1′22	Q1′23
Total revenue	\$387,864	\$585,944	\$126,139	\$174,302
General and administrative (G&A) expense on a GAAP basis	\$108,936	\$125,710	27,481	35,355
Less: Stock-based compensation expense	33,078	44,402	9,047	11,682
Less: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	2,532	720	310	500
Less: Common stock charitable donation expense	13,290	-	-	-
Less: Acquisition-related expenses	-	1,104	-	561
Non-GAAP G&A expense	\$60,036	\$79,484	\$18,124	\$22,612
Non-GAAP G&A expense as a % of total revenue	15.5%	13.6%	14.4%	13.0%



	FY'21	FY'22	Q1′22	Q1′23
Total revenue	\$387,864	\$585,944	\$126,139	\$174,302
Operating loss on a GAAP basis	\$(339,620)	\$(462,674)	\$(111,482)	\$(166,093)
Add: Stock-based compensation expense	155,624	277,656	57,369	79,289
Add: Employer taxes on employee stock transactions	10,089	7,010	2,439	3,663
Add: Common stock charitable donation expense	13,290	-	-	-
Add: Amortization of acquired intangibles	-	-	-	113
Add: Acquisition-related expenses	-	1,104	-	9,317
Add: Restructuring and other related charges	-	-	-	33,382
Non-GAAP operating loss	\$(160,617)	\$(176,904)	\$(51,674)	\$(40,329)
Non-GAAP operating margin	(41.4%)	(30.2%)	(41.0%)	(23.1%)

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