



Twitter

Q4 2014 Earnings Report

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This presentation and the accompanying press release and conference call contain “forward-looking” statements that are based on our management’s beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to management. Forward-looking statements include statements about expected financial metrics, such as revenue, non-GAAP adjusted EBITDA and EPS, as well as non-financial metrics, such as average monthly active users and mobile monthly active users, for the first quarter of 2015, the full fiscal year and beyond. They also include statements about our possible or assumed business strategies, competitive position, industry environment, potential growth opportunities, potential market opportunities and the effects of competition.

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This presentation includes certain non-GAAP financial measures as defined by SEC rules. As required by Regulation G, we have provided a reconciliation of those measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures, which is available in the Appendix.



A Note About Metrics

The numbers of active users and timeline views presented in our earnings materials are based on internal company data. While these numbers are based on what we believe to be reasonable estimates for the applicable period of measurement, there are inherent challenges in measuring usage and user engagement across our large user base around the world. For example, there are a number of false or spam accounts in existence on our platform. We have performed an internal review of a sample of accounts and estimated that false or spam accounts represented less than 5% of our MAUs. In making this determination, we applied significant judgment, so our estimation of false or spam accounts may not accurately represent the actual number of such accounts, and the actual number of false or spam accounts could be higher than we have estimated. We are continually seeking to improve our ability to estimate the total number of spam accounts and eliminate them from the calculation of our active users. For example, we made an improvement in our spam detection capabilities in the second quarter of 2013 and suspended a large number of accounts. Spam accounts that we have identified are not included in the active user numbers presented in our earnings materials. We treat multiple accounts held by a single person or organization as multiple users for purposes of calculating our active users because we permit people and organizations to have more than one account. Additionally, some accounts used by organizations are used by many people within the organization. As such, the calculations of our active users may not accurately reflect the actual number of people or organizations using our platform. Our metrics are also affected by applications that automatically contact our servers for regular updates with no user action involved, and this activity can cause our system to count the users associated with such applications as active users on the day or days such contact occurs. In the three months ended December 31, 2014, approximately 8.5% of users used third party applications that may have automatically contacted our servers for regular updates without any discernible additional user-initiated action. As such, the calculations of MAUs presented in our earnings materials may be affected as a result of automated activity.

In addition, our data regarding user geographic location for purposes of reporting the geographic location of our MAUs is based on the IP address associated with the account when a user initially registered the account on Twitter. The IP address may not always accurately reflect a user's actual location at the time such user engaged with our platform.

We present and discuss timeline views, but have estimated a small percentage of the timeline views in the three months ended September 30, 2013 to account for certain timeline views that were logged incorrectly during the quarter as a result of a product update. We believe these estimates to be reasonable, but actual numbers could differ from our estimates. As we announced on November 12, 2014, we do not intend to disclose timeline views for any future period.

We present and discuss the size of our audience based on both internal metrics and data from Google Analytics, which measures unique visitors to our properties.

We regularly review and may adjust our processes for calculating our internal metrics to improve their accuracy. Our measures of user growth and user engagement may differ from estimates published by third parties or from similarly-titled metrics of our competitors due to differences in methodology.



Key metrics

Q4 2014



288

Million MAUs



631

Timeline Views
/ MAU



\$2.37

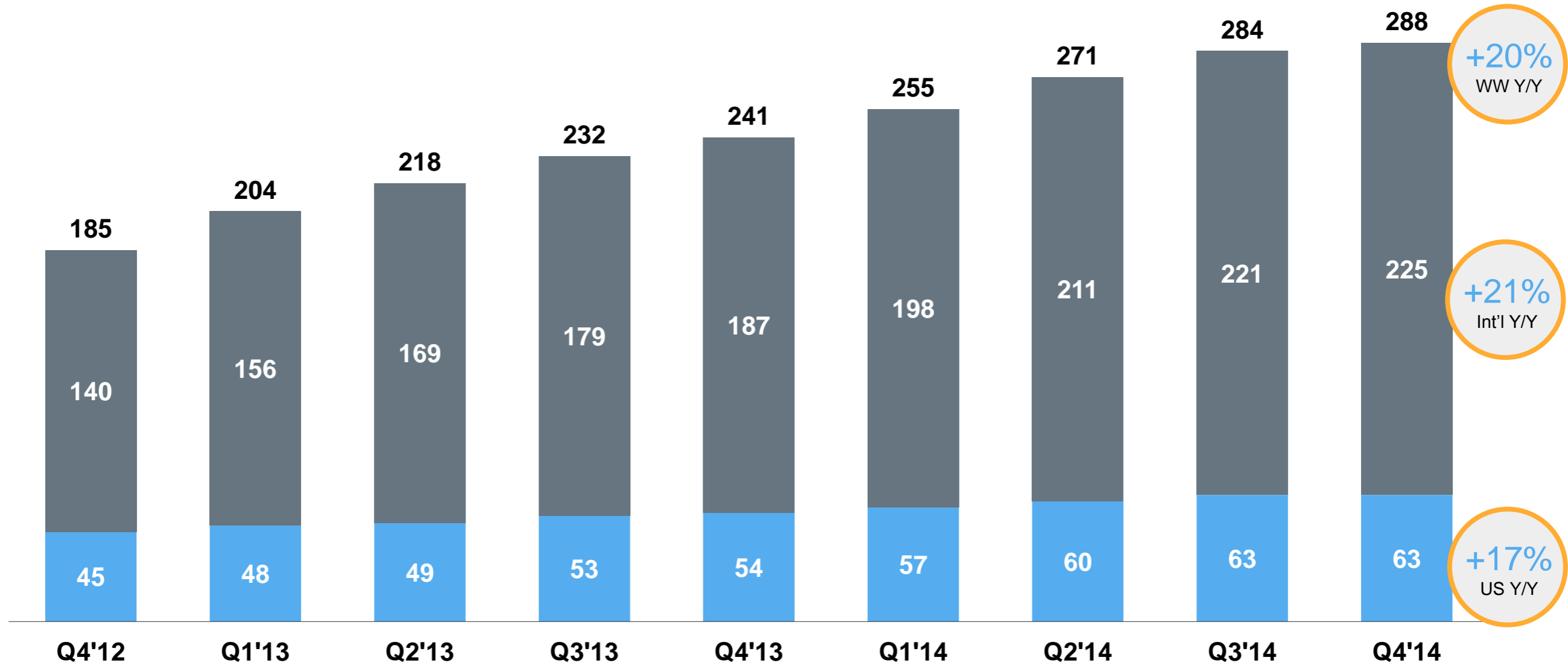
Ad Revenue / 1000
Timeline Views



Monthly active users

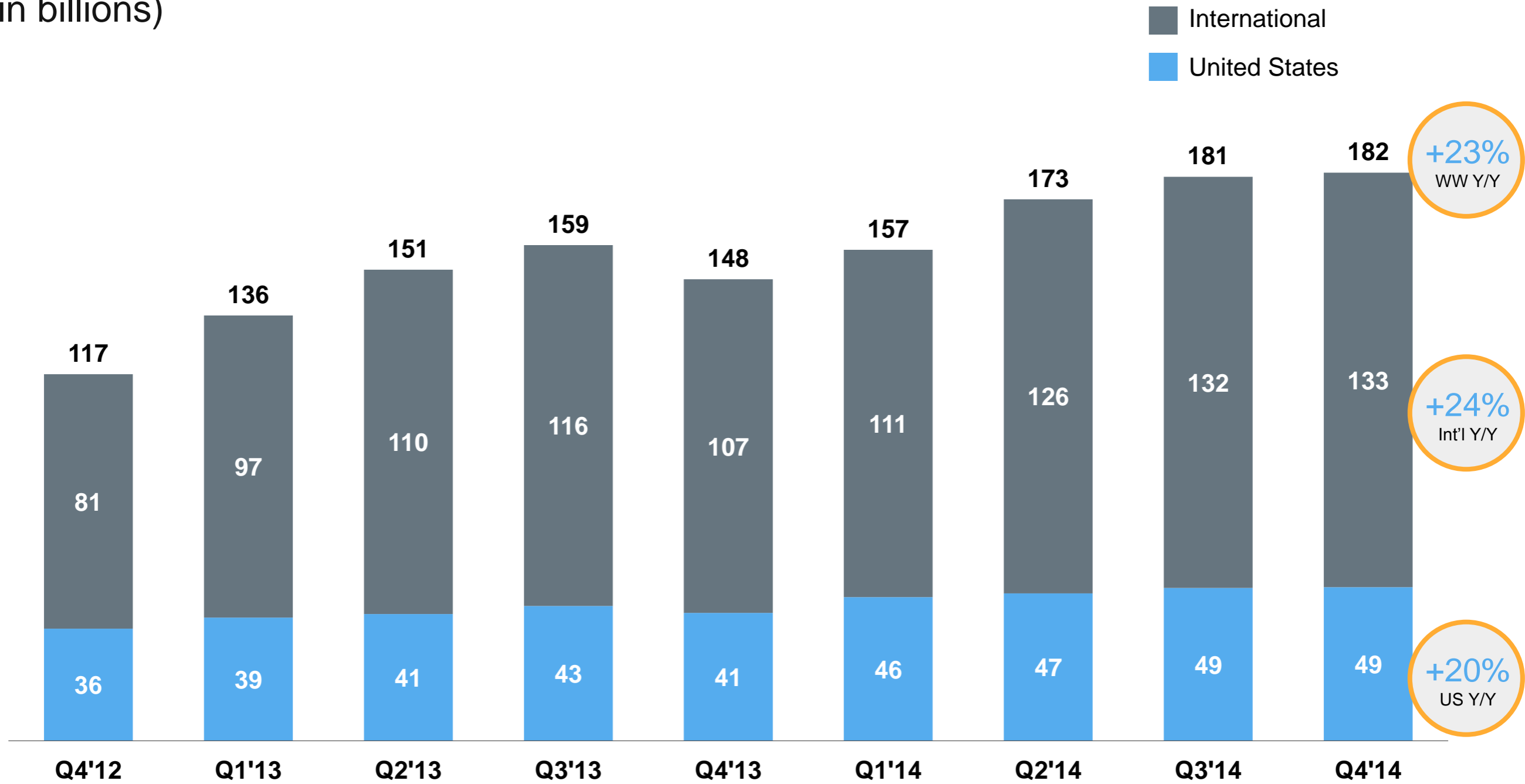
(quarterly average in millions)

International
United States



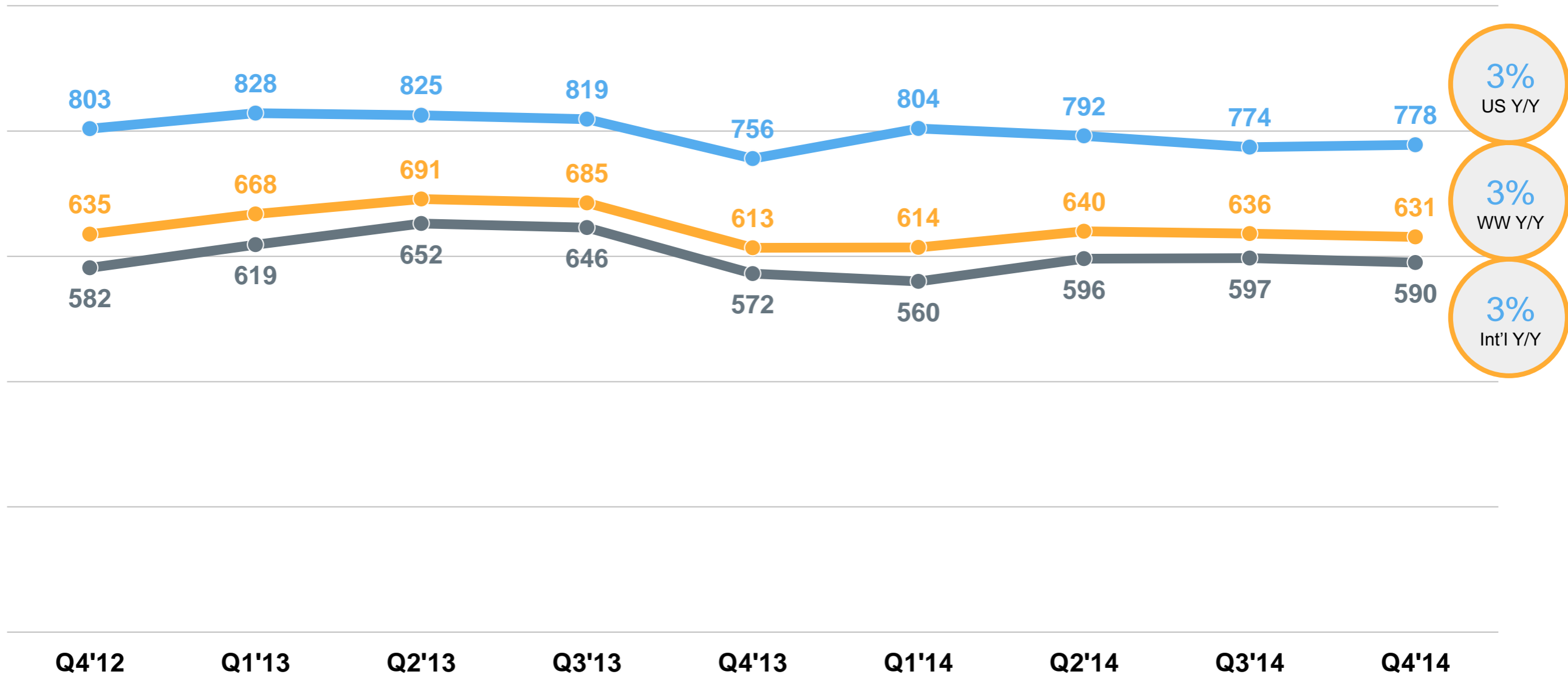
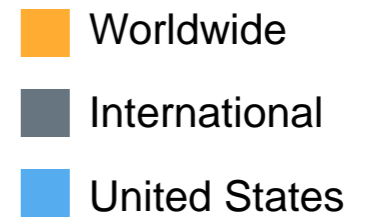
Timeline views

(in billions)



Timeline views / MAU

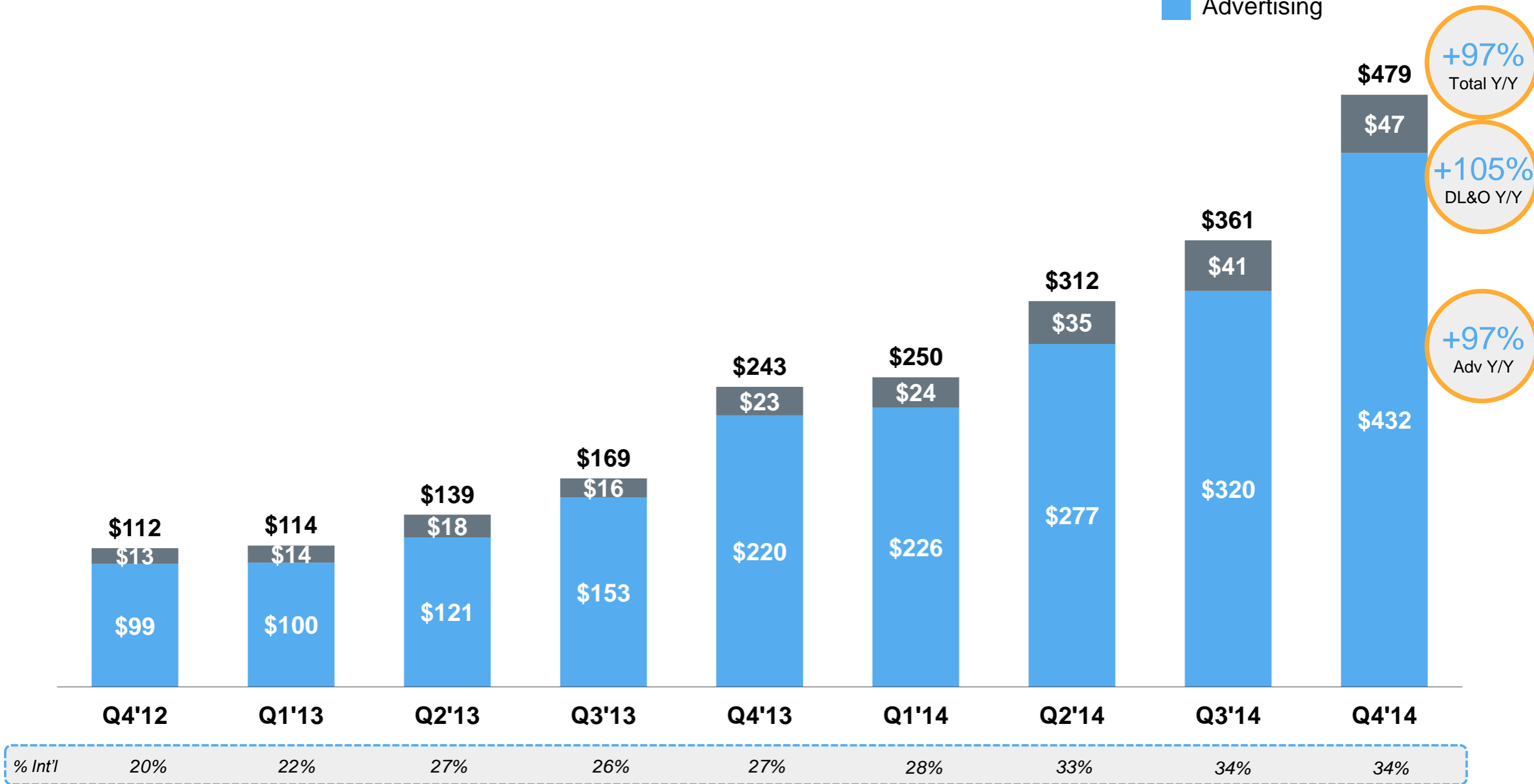
(in units)



Quarterly revenue

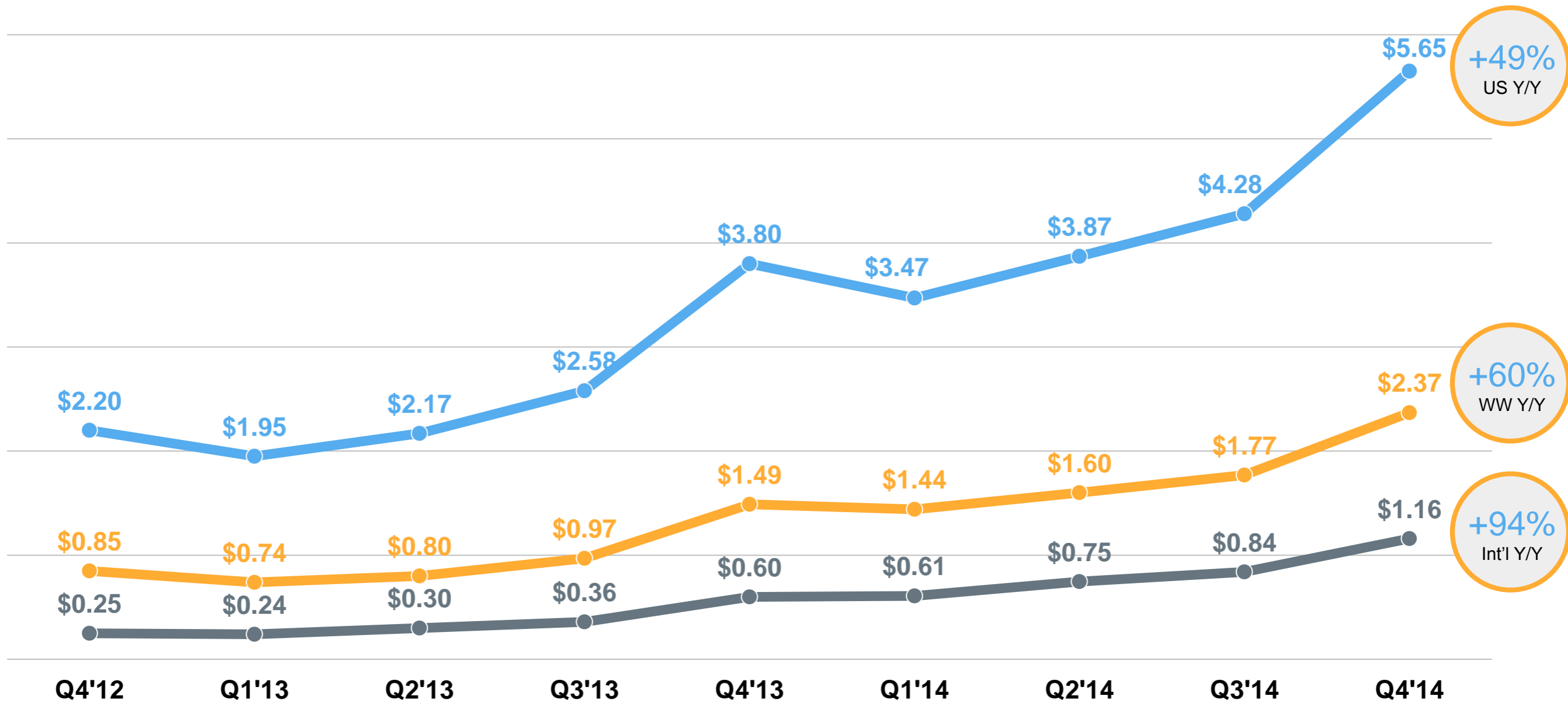
(in millions)

■ Data Licensing & Other
■ Advertising



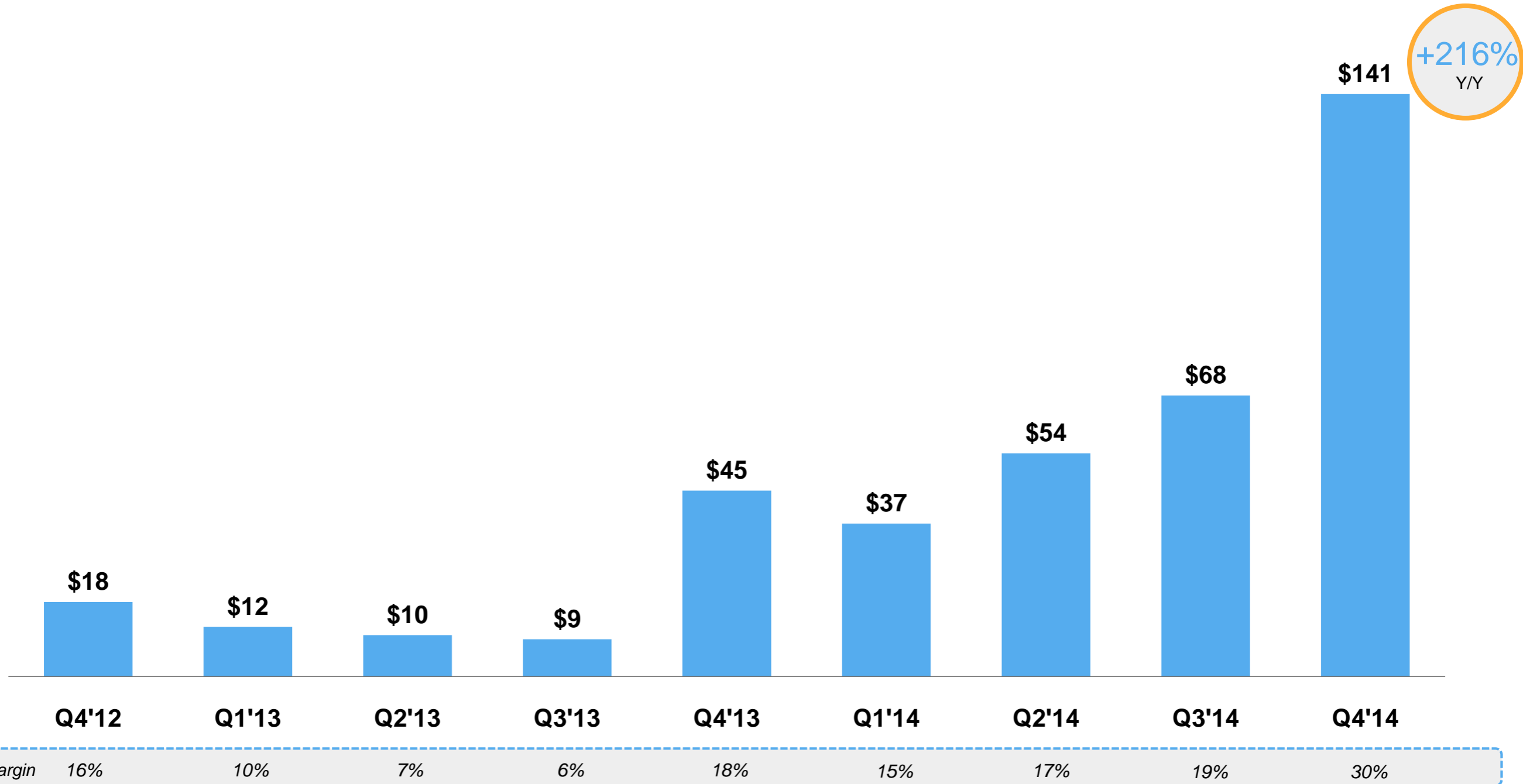
Ad revenue / 1,000 timeline views

- Worldwide
- International
- United States



Quarterly adjusted EBITDA

(in millions)



Note: Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net loss adjusted to exclude stock-based compensation expense, depreciation and amortization expense, interest and other expenses and provision (benefit) for income taxes. See Appendix for a reconciliation of net loss to Adjusted EBITDA.





Appendix

Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation

(in thousands)

Reconciliation of Net Loss to Adjusted EBITDA

| | Three Months Ended | | | | | | | | | Twelve Months Ended | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Q4'2012 | Q1'2013 | Q2'2013 | Q3'2013 | Q4'2013 | Q1'2014 | Q2'2014 | Q3'2014 | Q4'2014 | Dec 31, 2013 | Dec 31, 2014 |
| Net loss | \$(8,705) | \$(27,026) | \$(42,225) | \$(64,601) | \$(511,471) | \$(132,362) | \$(144,642) | \$(175,464) | \$(125,352) | \$(645,323) | \$(577,820) |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 5,346 | 12,922 | 22,646 | 43,602 | 521,197 | 126,369 | 158,411 | 169,602 | 177,215 | 600,367 | 631,597 |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 21,001 | 22,730 | 25,917 | 29,023 | 33,224 | 39,951 | 45,631 | 60,155 | 62,428 | 110,894 | 208,165 |
| Interest and other expense (income) | 1,357 | 2,762 | 2,532 | 909 | 5,112 | 1,769 | 330 | 13,874 | 23,512 | 11,315 | 39,485 |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes | (1,428) | 357 | 777 | 360 | (3,317) | 1,222 | (5,599) | 159 | 3,687 | (1,823) | (531) |
| Adjusted EBITDA | \$17,571 | \$11,745 | \$9,647 | \$9,293 | \$44,745 | \$36,949 | \$54,131 | \$68,326 | \$141,490 | \$75,430 | \$300,896 |

Note: Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net loss adjusted to exclude stock-based compensation expense, depreciation and amortization expense, interest and other expenses and provision (benefit) for income taxes.



GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliations

(in thousands)

Three Months Ended December 31, 2014

| | GAAP | Stock-based compensation expense | Amortization of acquired intangible assets | Non-GAAP |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Cost of Revenue | 136,613 | 13,240 | 7,524 | 115,849 |
| Research and development | 181,715 | 95,942 | 365 | 85,408 |
| Sales and marketing | 203,599 | 49,031 | 2,530 | 152,038 |
| General and administrative | 55,304 | 19,002 | - | 36,302 |

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2014

| | GAAP | Stock-based compensation expense | Amortization of acquired intangible assets | Non-GAAP |
|----------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Cost of Revenue | 446,309 | 50,536 | 26,273 | 369,500 |
| Research and development | 691,543 | 360,726 | 1,157 | 329,660 |
| Sales and marketing | 614,110 | 157,263 | 9,133 | 447,714 |
| General and administrative | 189,906 | 63,072 | - | 126,834 |





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