Upwork Q2 2024 Earnings

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Top line growth with continued margin accretion

Q2'24

GSV

Revenue

GAAP Gross Margin

\$1.0B

\$193.1M

77%

-2.7% year-over-year

+15% year-over-year

+100 bps year-over-year

Adjusted EBITDA

Free Cash Flow

Take Rate

\$40.8M

\$33.5M

19.2%

21% adjusted EBITDA margin

82% FCF/adjusted EBITDA

+290 bps year-over-year

"GSV," "Adjusted EBITDA," "Free Cash Flow," and "Take Rate" are defined in the definitions section of this presentation. Adjusted EBITDA margin, free cash flow, and free cash flow conversion rate are non-GAAP measures and are presented for supplemental purposes only and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial information presented in accordance with GAAP. An explanation of non-GAAP measures and reconciliations to their most directly comparable GAAP measures can be found in the appendix of this presentation. For more information regarding our second quarter 2024 results, please refer to our press release dated August 7, 2024 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, when filled.

Second quarter highlights



GSV from Al-related work up 67% year-over-year in Q2



Net income of \$22.2 million – highest ever



Completed \$100M share repurchase program; purchased 2.9M shares in Q2 and 8.2M shares in 2024



Strong Free Cash Flow generation – \$33.5M in Q2

Advancing Al work + innovation

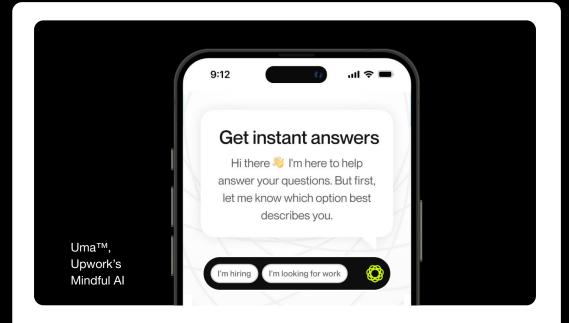
Rise in AI work + adoption yielding 67% YoY increase in AI-related work GSV

Freelancers working on Al-related work earned 47% more per hour than those working on non-Al-related work in Q2

Freelancers on Upwork using Al tools and apps at 5x the rate of corporate employees

Emerging Use Cases

- Al integration work
- Prompt engineering
- Generative Al modeling
- Data labeling



23%

QoQ increase in users interacting with Uma[™] as a conversational work companion

68%

QoQ increase in Upwork Chat Pro DAUs - a feature powered by GPT-4o

Ads & monetization momentum

One of Upwork's fastest-growing revenue streams

75% year-over-year revenue growth in ads & monetization products in Q2

Revenue from Connects grew 81% year-over-year in Q2

Ads & monetization products include:

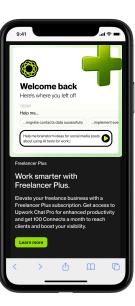
- Freelancer Plus
- Boosted Profiles
- Boosted Proposals
- Connects Purchases

Freelancer Plus

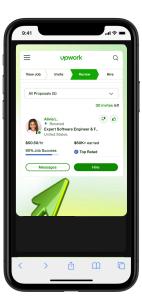
Boosted Profiles

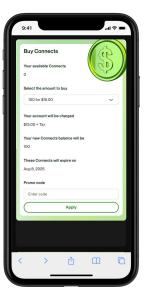
Boosted Proposals

Connects Purchases









Agility and strong foundations in Enterprise



46 new Enterprise logos in Q2, including Builders FirstSource, Guidepoint, and Labelbox



27 of 46 new logos signed via a new test offering in our Enterprise Solutions portfolio



Welcomed Beeline, one of the largest and most familiar VMS providers, as new partner



Enabling our first joint clients – including Nasdaq – with KellyOCG, Upwork's first MSP partner

Vendor Management System Partners

SAP Fieldglass

beeline®



Second quarter revenue growth and focus on margin expansion



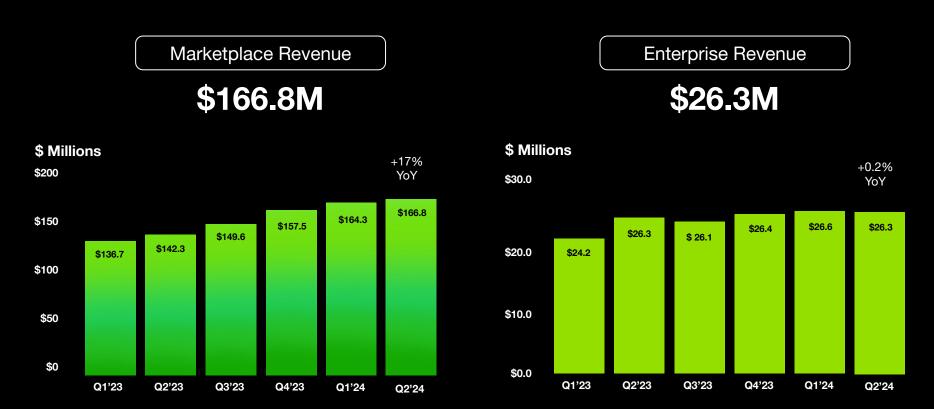
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Take rate achieved all-time high; Marketplace increased to 18%



[&]quot;Take Rate," "Marketplace Take Rate," and "Active Clients" are defined in the definitions section of this presentation.

Strong growth in Marketplace revenue



In order to conform to the current period presentation as of December 31, 2023, we present revenue from Enterprise Solutions and Managed Services together as Enterprise revenue in prior periods and no longer report revenue from our Enterprise Solutions offering in Marketplace revenue.

Healthy balance sheet + strong cash flow

Free Cash Flow

In the second quarter 2024

\$33.5M

Shares Repurchased

In the second quarter 2024

2.9M

Cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities

As of June 30, 2024

\$497.7M

Full-year guidance

	Q3 2024 Guidance	FY 2024 Guidance	
Revenue	\$179 million - \$184 million	\$735 million - \$745 million	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$36 million - \$39 million	\$140 million - \$150 million	
Diluted weighted-average shares outstanding	139 million - 141 million	139 million - 143 million	
Non-GAAP diluted EPS	\$0.23 - \$0.25	\$0.90 - \$0.94	
Stock-based compensation expense	Stock-based compensation expense is expected to average less than \$20 million per quarter for 2024		

Appendix + Definitions

UPWORK INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		Months Ended June 30,	Six	Months Ended June 30,
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenue				
Marketplace (1)	\$ 166,786	\$ 142,308	\$ 331,116	\$ 278,984
Enterprise (1)	26,343	26,303	52,950	50,485
Total revenue	193,129	168,611	384,066	329,469
Cost of revenue	43,852	40,882	88,045	81,309
Gross profit	149,277	127,729	296,021	248,160
Operating expenses				
Research and development	52,465	43,246	105,381	87,727
Sales and marketing	47,333	59,069	95,184	124,069
General and administrative	29,924	28,983	61,925	58,270
Provision for transaction losses	1,774	2,547	2,701	9,248
Total operating expenses	131,496	133,845	265,191	279,314
Income (loss) from operations	17,781	(6,116)	30,830	(31,154)
Other income, net	5,620	3,982	12,342	46,982
Income (loss) before income taxes	23,401	(2,134)	43,172	15,828
Income tax provision	(1,181)	(1,857)	(2,510)	(2,652)
Net income (loss)	\$ 22,220	\$ (3,991)	\$ 40,662	\$ 13,176

⁽¹⁾ In 2023, we changed the name of our Upwork Enterprise offering to Enterprise Solutions. Concurrently, to align with customer needs and internal decision-making, we combined Enterprise Solutions and Managed Services into a suite of Enterprise offerings. In order to conform to the current period presentation as of June 30, 2024, we present revenue from Enterprise Solutions and Managed Services together as Enterprise revenue in prior periods and no longer report revenue from our Enterprise Solutions offering, previously referred to as Upwork Enterprise, in Marketplace revenue.

UPWORK INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED) (In thousands, except for per share data)

(Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended June 30,				Months Ended June 30,	
	:	2024		2023	 2024		2023
Net income (loss) per share:							
Basic	\$	0.17	\$	(0.03)	\$ 0.30	\$	0.10
Diluted	\$	0.17	\$	(0.03)	\$ 0.30	\$	(0.18)
Weighted-average shares used to compute net income (loss) per share							
Basic		131,436		134,142	133,809		133,492
Diluted		138,266		134,142	140,798		135,049

UPWORK INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHFFTS

ASSETS Current assets

Goodwill

Total assets

Current liabilities Accounts payable

Intangible assets, net Operating lease asset

Other assets, noncurrent

Escrow funds payable

Operating lease liability, noncurrent

Other liabilities, noncurrent

Total liabilities

Stockholders' equity

Deferred revenue Total current liabilities

Debt, noncurrent

Cash and cash equivalents

Trade and client receivables, net

Total current assets Property and equipment, net

Funds held in escrow, including funds in transit

Prepaid expenses and other current assets

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities

Marketable securities

MOULIDATED BALANCE SHEET	3	
(In thousands)		
(Unaudited)	June 30, 2024	

\$

\$

182,803

314,941

218,656

116,522

22,743

855,665

28,149

118,219

2,258

2,627

1,645

5,863

218,656

49,811

10,766

285.096

357,008

647,467

4,835

528

1.008.563

\$

\$

\$

December 31, 2023

79,641

470,457

212,387

103,061

17,825

883,371

27,140

118,219

3,048

4,333

1,430

5,063 212,387

58,192

17,361

293.003

356,087

6,088

1,288

656,466

1,037,541

UPWORK INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED) (In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	June 30, 2024	December 31, 2023
Common stock	13	14
Additional paid-in capital	615,012	674,918
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(529)	205
Accumulated deficit	(253,400)	(294,062)
Total stockholders' equity	361,096	381,075
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,008,563	\$ 1,037,541

UPWORK INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In thousands)

	(Unaudited)			
			hree Months End	ded June
		2024		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net income (loss)		\$	22,220	\$

Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:

Provision for transaction losses

Depreciation and amortization

Amortization of debt issuance costs

Amortization of operating lease asset

Stock-based compensation expense

Changes in operating assets and liabilities:

Prepaid expenses and other assets

Accrued expenses and other liabilities

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities

Trade and client receivables

Operating lease liability

Accounts payable

Deferred revenue

Tides Foundation common stock warrant expense

Gain on early extinguishment of convertible senior notes

Accretion of discount on purchases of marketable securities, net

(In thousand: (Unaudited)	•		
	Three M	onths Ended June 30,	
	2024	2023	

1.637

3.629

461

859

187

19.238

(3.769)

(3,004)

(1,580)

(81)

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(3,274)

37,290

(3,283)

Six Months Ended June 30,

\$

2023

13.176

5.442

3.878

1,177

(6,154)

1,611

375

38.337

(38,945)

(6,957)

(1,464)

(2,866)

(3,371)

(5,141)

(3,490)

(4,392)

2024

40.662

2.433

6.775

921

(8,159)

1,706

375

36.180

(16.158)

(5,133)

(3,129)

(6,847)

(7,381)

42,946

701

(3,991)

1.730

1.854

461

811

187

18.437

(8.947)

(104)

1.714

(3,738)

4,309

9

(1,447)

(2,667)

\$

UPWORK INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

2024

(44,423)

190,074

8,485

(598)

(3,149)

150,389

2023

(97,991)

139,994

6,150

(3,369)

44,807

23

Six Months Ended June 30,

2023

(254,119)

307,410

149,859

(135)

(6,072)

196,943

2024

(194,299)

321,846

35,394

(775)

(5,637)

156,529

(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

(Unaudited)	
	Three Months Ended June 30,

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of marketable securities

Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities

Internal-use software and platform development costs

Net cash provided by investing activities

Proceeds from sale of marketable securities

Purchases of property and equipment

UPWORK INC. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	Three I	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,		ne 30,
	2024		2023	2024		2023
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:						
Changes in escrow funds payable	(4	281)	(1,766)	6,269		16,197
Proceeds from exercises of stock options		664	177	770		935
Proceeds from employee stock purchase plan	2	,917	2,564	2,917		2,564
Repurchase of common stock	(33	124)	_	(100,000)		_
Net cash paid for early extinguishment of convertible senior notes		<u> </u>	(575)			(171,327)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(33	824)	400	(90,044)		(151,631)
NET CHANGE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS, AND RESTRICTED CASH	153	,855	49,516	109,431		40,920
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash—beginning of period	25′	,994	286,635	296,418		295,231
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash—end of period	\$ 405	,849 \$	336,151	\$ 405,849	\$	336,151

The following table reconciles cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash as reported in the consolidated balance sheets to the total of the same amounts shown in the consolidated statements of cash flows as of the following (in thousands):

	June 30, 2024		December 31, 2023		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	182,803	\$	79,641	
Restricted cash		4,390		4,390	
Funds held in escrow, including funds in transit		218,656		212,387	
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Total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash as shown in the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows	\$	405,849	\$	296,418	

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(In thousands, except for percentages)
(Unaudited)

22,220

2024

Three Months Ended June 30,

\$

2023

(3,991)

14,362

(2)%

9%

\$

Six Months Ended June 30,

\$

40,662

74,160

11%

19%

2023

13,176

11,436

4%

3%

2024

Add back (deduct):				
Stock-based compensation expense	19,238	18,437	36,180	38,337
Depreciation and amortization	3,629	1,854	6,775	3,878
Other income, net (1)	(5,620)	(3,982)	(12,342)	(46,982)
Income tax provision	1,181	1,857	2,510	2,652
Other ⁽²⁾	187	187	375	375

40,835

12%

21%

Net income (loss)

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA margin

Profit margin

⁽¹⁾ During the six months ended June 30, 2023, we recognized a gain of \$38.9 million on the early extinguishment of a portion of our 0.25% convertible senior notes due 2026, which is included in other income, net.

^[2] During each of the three and six months ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, we incurred \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, of expense related to our Tides Foundation warrant.

	(In thousands) (Unaudited)		
		Three Months End	led
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June 30, 2024

22,220

19,238

3,629

(5,620)

1,181

187

40,835

\$

\$

(1) During the three months ended March 31, 2023, we recognized a gain of \$38.9 million on the early extinguishment of a portion of our 0.25% convertible senior notes due 2026, which is included in other income, net.

\$

(2) For all periods presented, we incurred \$0.2 million of expense related to our Tides Foundation warrant.

Net income (loss)

Add back (deduct):

Other income, net (1)

Adjusted EBITDA

Other (2)

Stock-based compensation expense

Depreciation and amortization

Income tax (benefit) provision

(In thousands)
(Unaudited)
Three Months Ende

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED EBITDA	
(In thousands)	
(Unaudited)	

18,442

16,942

3,146

(6,722)

1,329

188

33,325

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED EBITDA
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

\$

\$

June 30, 2023

(3,991)

18,437

1,854

(3,982)

1,857

14,362

187

\$

\$

2023

\$

16,337

17,811

1,763

(5,766)

895

188

31,228

17,374

18,047

3,808

(7,389)

(1,557)

30,470

187

March 31, 2023

\$

\$

17,167

19,900

2,024

795

188

(2,926)

(43,000)

RECONCILIATION OF GAAP NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED EBITDA
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(In thousands)

RECONCILIATION OF CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)

OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO FREE CASH FLOW
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

		Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
	2024		2023		2024		2023		
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$	37,290	\$	4,309	\$	42,946	\$	(4,392)	
Less: purchases of property, plant & equipment and cash outflows from internally developed software		(3,747)		(3,346)		(6,412)		(6,207)	
Free cash flow	\$	33,543	\$	963	\$	36,534	\$	(10,599)	

Key Definitions

Active Clients

We define an Active Client as a client that has had spend activity on our work marketplace during the 12 months preceding the date of measurement.

Adjusted EBITDA

We define adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) adjusted for stock-based compensation expense; depreciation and amortization; other income (expense), net, which includes interest expense; income tax benefit (provision); and, if applicable, certain other gains, losses, benefits, or charges that are non-cash or are significant and the result of isolated events or transactions that have not occurred frequently in the past and are not expected to occur regularly in the future.

Connects

Virtual tokens that are required for talent to bid on projects and ads products on our work marketplace.

Enterprise Client

We define an Enterprise Client as a client that has entered into a contract for its use of our Enterprise Solutions or Managed Services offerings.

Enterprise Revenue

We define Enterprise Revenue as revenue from our Enterprise offerings, including all client fees, subscriptions, and talent service fees from our Enterprise Solutions offering, previously referred to as Upwork Enterprise, and our Managed Services offering.

Free Cash Flow

We define free cash flow as cash provided by (used in) operations less purchases of property, plant & equipment and cash outflows from internally developed software.

Gross Services Volume (GSV)

We define gross services volume, or GSV, as the total amount that clients spend on our offerings as well as additional fees we charge to talent and clients for other services.

GSV per Active Client

GSV per Active Client is calculated by dividing total GSV during the four quarters ended on the date of measurement by the number of active clients on the date of measurement.

Key Definitions

Marketplace Revenue

Marketplace revenue represents the majority of our revenue and is derived from our Marketplace offerings, which include all offerings other than our Enterprise offerings—Enterprise Solutions, previously referred to as Upwork Enterprise, and Managed Services.

Marketplace Take Rate

Marketplace take rate measures the correlation between Marketplace revenue and Marketplace GSV and is calculated by dividing Marketplace revenue by Marketplace GSV.

Take Rate

We define take rate as total revenue divided by total GSV.

About Upwork

About Upwork

Upwork is the world's largest work marketplace that connects businesses with independent talent from across the globe. We serve everyone from one-person startups to large, Fortune 100 enterprises with a powerful, trust-driven platform that enables companies and talent to work together in new ways that unlock their potential. Our talent community earned over \$3.8 billion on Upwork in 2023 across more than 10,000 skills in categories including website & app development, creative & design, data science & analytics, customer support, finance & accounting, consulting, and operations. Learn more at upwork.com and join us on LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and X.

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To supplement our consolidated financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"), we present certain non-GAAP financial measures in this presentation, including adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, free cash flow, and free cash flow conversion rate.

We use non-GAAP financial measures in conjunction with financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP for planning purposes, including the preparation of our annual operating budget, as a measure of our core operating results and the effectiveness of our business strategy, and in evaluating our financial performance. These measures provide consistency and comparability with past financial performance, facilitate period-to-period comparisons of our core operating results, and also facilitate comparisons with other peer companies, many of which use similar non-GAAP financial measures to supplement their GAAP results. In addition, adjusted EBITDA is widely used by investors and securities analysts to measure a company's operating performance without regard to certain items that can vary substantially from company to company, and free cash flow allows investors to evaluate the cash generated from our underlying operations across periods.

Investors are cautioned that there are material limitations associated with the use of non-GAAP financial measures as analytical tools, and investors should not consider them in isolation or as a substitute for the most directly comparable financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. In particular, (1) adjusted EBITDA excludes stock-based compensation expense, which has recently been, and will continue to be for the foreseeable future, a significant recurring expense for our business and an important part of our compensation strategy, (2) although depreciation and amortization expense are non-cash charges, the assets subject to depreciation and amortization may have to be replaced in the future, and adjusted EBITDA does not reflect cash capital expenditure requirements for such replacements or for new capital expenditure requirements, and (3) adjusted EBITDA does not reflect: (a) changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs; (b) interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our debt, which reduces cash available to us; or (c) tax payments that may represent a reduction in cash available to us. In addition, the non-GAAP measures we use may be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies, including companies in our industry, limiting their usefulness for comparison purposes. We compensate for these limitations by providing specific information regarding the GAAP items excluded from these non-GAAP financial measures. Reconciliations of the non-GAAP measures presented in this presentation to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measures have been provided in the financial statement tables included in this presentation, and investors are encouraged to review the reconciliations and not rely on any single financial measure to evaluate our business.

We have not reconciled our adjusted EBITDA guidance to GAAP net income or non-GAAP diluted EPS guidance to GAAP diluted EPS because certain items that impact GAAP net income and GAAP diluted EPS are uncertain or out of our control and cannot be reasonably predicted. In particular, stock-based compensation expense is impacted by the future fair market value of our common stock and other factors, all of which are difficult to predict, subject to frequent change, or not within our control. The actual amount of these expenses during the third quarter of 2024 and fiscal year 2024 will have a significant impact on our future GAAP financial results. Accordingly, a reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA guidance to GAAP net income and non-GAAP diluted EPS guidance to GAAP diluted EPS is not available without unreasonable effort.