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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 4, 2015

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**ZENDESK, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-36456**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**26-4411091**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1019 Market Street**  
**San Francisco, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**94103**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: 415.418.7506**

**N/A**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instructions A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On August 4, 2015, Zendesk, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its results for the quarter ended June 30, 2015. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein. The information in this Item 2.02 (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On August 4, 2015, Mikkel Svane, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company will make the graphic included with this Current Report as Exhibit 99.2 available to the public. This graphic will also be available for viewing at the Company's investor website, [investor.zendesk.com](http://investor.zendesk.com), although the Company reserves the right to discontinue that availability at any time.

The information in this Item 7.01 (including Exhibit 99.2) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated August 4, 2015, issued by Zendesk, Inc.

99.2 Second Quarter 2015 Highlights, dated August 4, 2015

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Zendesk, Inc.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Alan Black  
Alan Black  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

August 4, 2015

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Exhibit Index

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**ZENDESK ANNOUNCES 2015 SECOND QUARTER RESULTS****Highlights:**

- Second quarter revenue increased 63% year-over-year to \$48.2 million
- Second quarter GAAP operating loss of \$20.9 million and non-GAAP operating loss of \$6.5 million
- Growth remains strong as paid customer accounts surpassed 60,000, and the number of employees exceeded 1,000

SAN FRANCISCO – August 4, 2015 – Zendesk, Inc. (NYSE: ZEN) today reported financial results for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2015.

“We delivered impressive growth this quarter as our land-and-expand strategy gained momentum,” said Mikkel Svane, Zendesk Founder, CEO and Chair of the Board of Directors. “We saw strong expansions from key customers and broad-based growth across geographies and industries. Our product advancements and expanded business partnerships have given us more reach into larger organizations.”

**Results for the Second Quarter 2015**

Revenue was \$48.2 million for the quarter ended June 30, 2015, an increase of 63% over the prior year period. GAAP net loss for the quarter ended June 30, 2015 was \$21.5 million, and GAAP net loss per share was \$0.25. Non-GAAP net loss was \$7.0 million, and non-GAAP net loss per share was \$0.08. Non-GAAP net loss excludes approximately \$14.0 million in share-based compensation related expenses (including \$0.3 million of amortized share-based compensation capitalized in internal-use software and \$0.4 million of employer tax related to employee stock transactions) and \$0.4 million of amortization of purchased intangibles. GAAP and non-GAAP net loss per share for the quarter ended June 30, 2015 were based on 86.4 million weighted average shares outstanding.

**Outlook**

As of August 4, 2015, Zendesk provided guidance for its expected revenue, GAAP operating loss and non-GAAP operating loss for the quarter ending September 30, 2015 and updated its guidance for the year ending December 31, 2015.

For the quarter ending September 30, 2015, Zendesk expects to report:

- Revenue in the range of \$51.0 - 53.0 million
- Non-GAAP operating loss of \$7.0 - 8.0 million, which excludes share-based compensation and related expenses of approximately \$14.5 million and amortization of purchased intangibles of approximately \$0.4 million
- GAAP operating loss of \$21.9 - 22.9 million

For the full year 2015, Zendesk expects to report:

- Revenue in the range of \$198.0 - 201.0 million
- Non-GAAP operating loss of \$28.0 - 30.0 million, which excludes share-based compensation and related expenses of approximately \$55.0 million and amortization of purchased intangibles of approximately \$1.7 million
- GAAP operating loss of \$84.7 - 86.7 million

Zendesk’s guidance for GAAP operating loss, its estimates of share-based compensation and related expenses, and its estimates of amortization of purchased intangibles assumes, among other things, the occurrence of no additional acquisitions, investments or restructurings and no further revisions to share-based compensation and related expenses.

**Conference Call Information**

Zendesk will host a conference call today, August 4, 2015, to discuss financial results at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A live webcast of the conference call will be available at <https://investor.zendesk.com>. The conference call can also be accessed by dialing 877-201-0168, or +1 647-788-4901 (outside the U.S. and Canada). The conference ID is 78020840. A replay of the call via webcast will be available at <https://investor.zendesk.com> or by dialing 855-859-2056 or +1 404-537-3406 (outside the U.S. and Canada) and entering passcode 78020840. The dial-in replay will be available until the end of day August 6, 2015. The webcast replay will be available for 12 months.

**About Zendesk**

Zendesk provides a customer service platform designed to bring organizations and their customers closer together. With more than 60,000 paid customer accounts, Zendesk’s products are used by organizations in 150 countries and territories to provide support in more than 40 languages. Founded in 2007 and headquartered in San Francisco, Zendesk has operations in the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia and South America. Learn more at [www.zendesk.com](http://www.zendesk.com)

## Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements, including, among other things, statements regarding Zendesk's future financial performance, its continued investment to grow its business, and progress towards its long-term financial objectives. The words such as "may," "should," "will," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "target," "project," and similar phrases that denote future expectation or intent regarding Zendesk's financial results, operations and other matters are intended to identify forward-looking statements. You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events.

The outcome of the events described in these forward-looking statements is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause Zendesk's actual results, performance, or achievements to differ materially, including (i) adverse changes in general economic or market conditions; (ii) Zendesk's ability to adapt its customer service platform to changing market dynamics and customer preferences or achieve increased market acceptance of its platform; (iii) Zendesk's expectation that the future growth rate of its revenues will decline, and that as its costs increase, Zendesk may not be able to generate sufficient revenues to achieve or sustain profitability; (iv) Zendesk's limited operating history, which makes it difficult to evaluate its prospects and future operating results; (v) Zendesk's ability to effectively manage its growth and organizational change; (vi) the market in which Zendesk operates is intensely competitive, and Zendesk may not compete effectively; (vii) the development of the market for software as a service business software applications; (viii) Zendesk's ability to sell its live chat software as a standalone service and more fully integrate its live chat software with its customer service platform; (ix) breaches in Zendesk's security measures or unauthorized access to its customers' data; (x) service interruptions or performance problems associated with Zendesk's technology and infrastructure; (xi) real or perceived errors, failures, or bugs in its products; (xii) Zendesk's substantial reliance on its customers renewing their subscriptions and purchasing additional subscriptions; and (xiii) Zendesk's ability to effectively expand its sales capabilities.

The forward-looking statements contained in this press release are also subject to additional risks, uncertainties, and factors, including those more fully described in Zendesk's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015. Further information on potential risks that could affect actual results will be included in the subsequent periodic and current reports and other filings that Zendesk makes with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time, including its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015.

Forward-looking statements represent Zendesk's management's beliefs and assumptions only as of the date such statements are made. Zendesk undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements made in this press release to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this press release or to reflect new information or the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law.

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## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(In thousands, except per share data; unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Revenue	\$ 48,227	\$ 29,506	\$ 90,461	\$ 54,598
Cost of revenue	16,162	11,731	30,452	20,726
Gross profit	32,065	17,775	60,009	33,872
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	14,227	10,499	27,485	15,677
Sales and marketing	27,242	20,339	50,645	34,626
General and administrative	11,536	8,315	21,663	14,699
Total operating expenses	53,005	39,153	99,793	65,002
Operating loss	(20,940)	(21,378)	(39,784)	(31,130)
Other expense, net	(343)	(450)	(574)	(909)
Loss before provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(21,283)	(21,828)	(40,358)	(32,039)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	199	(85)	292	(36)
Net loss	(21,482)	(21,743)	(40,650)	(32,003)
Accretion of redeemable convertible preferred stock	—	(6)	—	(18)
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (21,482)	\$ (21,749)	\$ (40,650)	\$ (32,021)
Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.48)	\$ (0.50)	\$ (0.93)
Weighted-average shares used to compute net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	86,390	45,760	81,390	34,325

**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(In thousands, except par value; unaudited)

	<u>June 30,</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2014</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 255,669	\$ 80,265
Marketable securities	30,672	42,204
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$626 and \$264 as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	14,600	11,523
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	8,731	5,013
Total current assets	<u>309,672</u>	<u>139,005</u>
Marketable securities, noncurrent	22,820	9,205
Property and equipment, net	45,621	41,895
Goodwill and intangible assets, net	13,028	14,152
Other assets	2,282	1,531
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 393,423</u>	<u>\$ 205,788</u>
<b>Liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,079	\$ 4,763
Accrued liabilities	7,969	7,841
Accrued compensation and related benefits	9,674	11,738
Deferred revenue	64,168	50,756
Current portion of credit facility	—	3,041
Current portion of capital leases	—	10
Total current liabilities	<u>85,890</u>	<u>78,149</u>
Deferred revenue, noncurrent	715	823
Credit facility, noncurrent	—	3,911
Other liabilities	9,988	9,199
Total liabilities	<u>96,593</u>	<u>92,082</u>
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share	—	—
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	880	755
Additional paid-in capital	469,855	246,000
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(734)	(528)
Accumulated deficit	(172,519)	(131,869)
Treasury stock at cost	(652)	(652)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>296,830</u>	<u>113,706</u>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<u>\$ 393,423</u>	<u>\$ 205,788</u>

**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(In thousands; unaudited)

	<u>Three Months Ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net loss	\$ (21,482)	\$ (21,743)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	4,581	2,696
Share-based compensation	13,387	10,983
Other	146	42
Excess tax benefit from share-based award activity	(95)	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(2,755)	(682)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(2,468)	(1,764)
Other assets and liabilities	(727)	(261)
Accounts payable	(51)	242
Accrued liabilities	(53)	(352)
Accrued compensation and related benefits	578	1,808
Deferred revenue	9,363	5,539
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<u>424</u>	<u>(3,492)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(4,050)	(9,517)
Internal-use software development costs	(1,066)	(2,114)
Purchases of marketable securities	(21,046)	(6,464)
Proceeds from maturities of marketable securities	10,500	4,850
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	9,177	—
Cash paid for the acquisition of Zopim, net of cash acquired	—	(112)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<u>(6,485)</u>	<u>(13,357)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from initial public offering, net of issuance costs	—	106,139
Issuance costs related to follow-on public offering	(684)	—
Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options	2,038	979
Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards	(121)	(969)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock from employee stock purchase program	2,480	—
Excess tax benefit from share-based award activity	95	—
Principal payments on debt	(6,198)	(20,000)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	—	(90)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<u>(2,390)</u>	<u>86,059</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(101)	(11)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(8,552)	69,199
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period	264,221	50,855
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period</b>	<u>\$ 255,669</u>	<u>\$ 120,054</u>

**Non-GAAP Results**

(In thousands, except per share data)

The following table shows Zendesk's GAAP results reconciled to non-GAAP results included in this release.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
<b>Reconciliation of gross profit and gross margin:</b>				
GAAP gross profit	\$ 32,065	\$ 17,775	\$ 60,009	\$ 33,872
Plus: Share-based compensation	1,114	1,010	2,004	1,100
Plus: Employer tax related to equity transactions	32	11	108	12
Plus: Amortization of purchased intangibles	359	377	707	418
Plus: Amortization of share-based compensation capitalized in internal-use software	281	147	484	167
Non-GAAP gross profit	<u>\$ 33,851</u>	<u>\$ 19,320</u>	<u>\$ 63,312</u>	<u>\$ 35,569</u>
GAAP gross margin	66%	60%	66%	62%
Non-GAAP adjustments	4%	5%	4%	3%
Non-GAAP gross margin	<u>70%</u>	<u>65%</u>	<u>70%</u>	<u>65%</u>
<b>Reconciliation of operating expenses:</b>				
GAAP research and development	\$ 14,227	\$ 10,499	\$ 27,485	\$ 15,677
Less: Share-based compensation	(4,446)	(4,168)	(8,510)	(4,478)
Less: Employer tax related to equity transactions	(128)	(71)	(260)	(71)
Non-GAAP research and development	<u>\$ 9,653</u>	<u>\$ 6,260</u>	<u>\$ 18,715</u>	<u>\$ 11,128</u>
GAAP research and development as percentage of revenue	30%	36%	30%	29%
Non-GAAP research and development as percentage of revenue	20%	21%	21%	20%
GAAP sales and marketing	\$ 27,242	\$ 20,339	\$ 50,645	\$ 34,626
Less: Share-based compensation	(3,937)	(3,268)	(6,369)	(3,758)
Less: Employer tax related to equity transactions	(126)	(43)	(251)	(44)
Less: Amortization of purchased intangibles	(78)	(98)	(167)	(109)
Non-GAAP sales and marketing	<u>\$ 23,101</u>	<u>\$ 16,930</u>	<u>\$ 43,858</u>	<u>\$ 30,715</u>
GAAP sales and marketing as percentage of revenue	56%	69%	56%	63%
Non-GAAP sales and marketing as percentage of revenue	48%	57%	48%	56%
GAAP general and administrative	\$ 11,536	\$ 8,315	\$ 21,663	\$ 14,699
Less: Share-based compensation	(3,890)	(2,537)	(6,731)	(3,471)
Less: Employer tax related to equity transactions	(80)	(25)	(238)	(25)
Less: Transaction costs related to acquisition	—	—	—	(649)
Non-GAAP general and administrative	<u>\$ 7,566</u>	<u>\$ 5,753</u>	<u>\$ 14,694</u>	<u>\$ 10,554</u>
GAAP general and administrative as percentage of revenue	24%	28%	24%	27%
Non-GAAP general and administrative as percentage of revenue	16%	19%	16%	19%
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss and operating margin:</b>				
GAAP operating loss	\$ (20,940)	\$ (21,378)	\$ (39,784)	\$ (31,130)
Plus: Share-based compensation	13,387	10,983	23,614	12,807
Plus: Employer tax related to equity transactions	366	150	857	152
Plus: Amortization of purchased intangibles	437	475	874	527
Plus: Transaction costs related to acquisition	—	—	—	649
Plus: Amortization of share-based compensation capitalized in internal-use software	281	147	484	167
Non-GAAP operating loss	<u>\$ (6,469)</u>	<u>\$ (9,623)</u>	<u>\$ (13,955)</u>	<u>\$ (16,828)</u>
GAAP operating margin	(43)%	(72)%	(44)%	(57)%
Non-GAAP adjustments	30%	40%	29%	26%
Non-GAAP operating margin	<u>(13)%</u>	<u>(33)%</u>	<u>(15)%</u>	<u>(31)%</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net loss attributable to common stockholders:</b>				
GAAP net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (21,482)	\$ (21,749)	\$ (40,650)	\$ (32,021)
Plus: Share-based compensation	13,387	10,983	23,614	12,807
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Plus: Amortization of purchased intangibles	437	475	874	527
Plus: Transaction costs related to acquisition	—	—	—	649
Plus: Amortization of share-based compensation capitalized in internal-use software	281	147	484	167
Non-GAAP net loss attributable to common stockholders	<u>\$ (7,011)</u>	<u>\$ (9,994)</u>	<u>\$ (14,821)</u>	<u>\$ (17,719)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted:</b>				
GAAP net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	\$ (0.25)	\$ (0.48)	\$ (0.50)	\$ (0.93)
Non-GAAP adjustments to net loss	0.17	0.26	0.32	0.42
Non-GAAP adjustment to weighted-average shares used to compute net loss per share	—	0.06	—	0.23
Non-GAAP net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	<u>\$ (0.08)</u>	<u>\$ (0.16)</u>	<u>\$ (0.18)</u>	<u>\$ (0.29)</u>

**Reconciliation of weighted-average shares used to compute net loss per share attributable to common stockholders:**

GAAP weighted-average shares used to compute net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	86,390	45,760	81,390	34,325
Conversion of preferred stock	—	18,482	—	26,539
Non-GAAP weighted-average shares used to compute net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted	<u>86,390</u>	<u>64,242</u>	<u>81,390</u>	<u>60,864</u>

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## About Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To provide investors and others with additional information regarding Zendesk's results, the following non-GAAP financial measures were disclosed: non-GAAP gross profit and gross margin, non-GAAP operating expenses, non-GAAP operating loss and operating margin, non-GAAP net loss attributable to common stockholders, non-GAAP net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted, and non-GAAP weighted-average shares used to compute net loss per share attributable to common stockholders, basic and diluted.

Specifically, Zendesk excludes the following from its historical and prospective non-GAAP financial measures, as applicable:

*Share-based Compensation and Amortization of Share-based Compensation Capitalized in Internal-use Software* : Zendesk utilizes share-based compensation to attract and retain employees. It is principally aimed at aligning their interests with those of its stockholders and at long-term retention, rather than to address operational performance for any particular period. As a result, share-based compensation expenses vary for reasons that are generally unrelated to financial and operational performance in any particular period.

*Employer Tax Related to Employee Stock Transactions*: Zendesk views the amount of employer taxes related to its employee stock transactions as an expense that is dependent on its stock price, employee exercise and other award disposition activity, and other factors that are beyond Zendesk's control. As a result, employer taxes related to its employee stock transactions vary for reasons that are generally unrelated to financial and operational performance in any particular period.

*Amortization of Purchased Intangibles and Acquisition Related Expenses*: Zendesk views amortization of purchased intangible assets, including the amortization of the cost associated with an acquired entity's developed technology, as items arising from pre-acquisition activities determined at the time of an acquisition. While these intangible assets are evaluated for impairment regularly, amortization of the cost of purchased intangibles is an expense that is not typically affected by operations during any particular period. Zendesk views acquisition related expenses as events that are not necessarily reflective of operational performance during a period. In particular, Zendesk believes the consideration of measures that exclude such expenses can assist in the comparison of operational performance in different periods which may or may not include such expenses.

As a result of Zendesk's initial public offering, all outstanding shares of redeemable convertible preferred stock were automatically converted into shares of common stock. Consequently, the non-GAAP weighted-average shares outstanding used to compute non-GAAP net loss per share assumes that the conversion of Zendesk's redeemable convertible preferred stock that occurred in connection with its initial public offering occurred at the beginning of the relevant period. Zendesk believes this facilitates comparison with prior periods.

Zendesk uses non-GAAP financial information to evaluate its ongoing operations and for internal planning and forecasting purposes. Zendesk's management does not itself, nor does it suggest that investors should, consider such non-GAAP financial measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Zendesk presents such non-GAAP financial measures in reporting its financial results to provide investors with an additional tool to evaluate Zendesk's operating results. Zendesk believes these non-GAAP financial measures are useful because they allow for greater transparency with respect to key metrics used by management in its financial and operational decision-making. This allows investors and others to better understand and evaluate Zendesk's operating results and future prospects in the same manner as management.

Zendesk's management believes it is useful for itself and investors to review, as applicable, both GAAP information that may include items such as share-based compensation expense, amortization of share-based compensation capitalized in internal-use software, amortization of purchased intangibles, transaction costs related to acquisitions, and the non-GAAP measures that exclude such information in order to assess the performance of Zendesk's business and for planning and forecasting in subsequent periods. Whenever Zendesk uses such a non-GAAP financial measure, it provides a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure to the most closely applicable GAAP financial measure. Investors are encouraged to review the related GAAP financial measures and the reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to their most directly comparable GAAP financial measure as detailed above.

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## About Operating Metrics

Zendesk reviews a number of operating metrics to evaluate its business, measure performance, identify trends, formulate business plans, and make strategic decisions. These include the number of paid customer accounts for its customer service platform and live chat software, dollar-based net expansion rate, monthly recurring revenue represented by its churned customers, and the percentage of its monthly recurring revenue originating from customers with more than 100 agents.

Zendesk defines the number of paid customer accounts at the end of any particular period as the sum of the number of accounts on its customer service platform, exclusive of its Starter plan, free trials or other free services, and the number of accounts using its live chat software, exclusive of free trials or other free services, each as of the end of the period and as identified by a unique account identifier. Use of Zendesk's customer service platform and live chat software requires separate subscriptions and each of these accounts are treated as a separate paid customer account. A single consolidated organization or customers may have multiple accounts across each of Zendesk's customer service platform and live chat software to service separate subsidiaries, divisions, or work processes. Each of these accounts is also treated as a separate paid customer account.

Zendesk's dollar-based net expansion rate provides a measurement of its ability to increase revenue across its existing customer base through expansion of authorized agents associated with a paid customer account, and upgrades in subscription plan, as offset by churn, contraction in authorized agents associated with a paid customer account, and downgrades in subscription plans. Zendesk's dollar-based net expansion rate is based upon "monthly recurring revenue" for a set of paid customer accounts. Monthly recurring revenue for a paid customer account is a legal and contractual determination made by assessing the contractual terms of each paid customer account, as of the date of determination, as to the revenue Zendesk expects to generate in the next monthly period for that paid customer account, assuming no changes to the subscription and without taking into account any one-time discounts or any platform usage above the subscription base, if any, that may be applicable to such subscription. Monthly recurring revenue is not determined by reference to historical revenue, deferred revenue or any other United States generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, financial measure over any period. It is forward-looking and contractually derived as of the date of determination.

Zendesk calculates its dollar-based net expansion rate by dividing the retained revenue net of contraction and churn by Zendesk's base revenue. Zendesk defines its base revenue as the aggregate monthly recurring revenue of the paid customer accounts on Zendesk's customer service platform as of the date one year prior to the date of calculation. Zendesk defines the retained revenue net of contraction and churn as the aggregate monthly recurring revenue of the same customer base included in the measure of base revenue at the end of the annual period being measured. The dollar-based net expansion rate is also adjusted to eliminate the effect of certain activities that we identify involving the transfer of agents between paid customer accounts, consolidation of customer accounts, or the split of a single paid customer account into multiple paid customer accounts. In addition, the dollar-based net expansion rate is adjusted to include paid customer accounts in the customer base used to determine retained revenue net of contraction and churn that share common corporate information with customers in the customer base that is used to determine the base revenue. Giving effect to this consolidation results in Zendesk's dollar-based net expansion rate being calculated across approximately 28,500 customers, as compared to the approximately 31,100 total paid customer accounts as of June 30, 2015. To the extent that Zendesk can determine that the underlying customers do not share common corporate information, Zendesk does not aggregate paid customer accounts associated with reseller and other similar channel arrangements for the purposes of determining its dollar-based net expansion rate. While not material, Zendesk believes the failure to account for these activities would otherwise skew the dollar-based net expansion metrics associated with customers that maintain multiple paid customer accounts on its customer service platform and paid customer accounts associated with reseller and other similar channel arrangements.

Zendesk's dollar-based net expansion rate as of March 31, 2015 was adjusted to correct a computational error. Zendesk's adjusted dollar-based net expansion rate as of March 31, 2015 was 119%.

For a more detailed description of how Zendesk calculates its dollar-based net expansion rate, please refer to Zendesk's periodic reports as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Zendesk calculates its monthly recurring revenue represented by its churned customers on an annualized basis by dividing base revenue associated with paid customer accounts on Zendesk's customer service platform that churn, either by termination of the subscription or failure to renew, during the annual period being measured, by Zendesk's base revenue. Zendesk's monthly recurring revenue represented by its churned customers excludes expansion or contraction associated with paid customer accounts on Zendesk's customer service platform and the effect of upgrades or downgrades in subscription plan. The monthly recurring revenue represented by its churned customers is adjusted to exclude paid customer accounts that churned from the customer base used that share common corporate information with customer accounts that did not churn from the customer base during the annual period being measured. While not material, Zendesk believes the failure to make this adjustment could otherwise skew the monthly recurring revenue represented by its churned customers as a result of customers that maintain multiple paid customer accounts on its customer service platform.

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Zendesk's percentage of monthly recurring revenue that is generated by customers with 100 or more agents is determined by dividing the monthly recurring revenue for paid customer accounts with more than 100 agents on its customer service platform as of the measurement date by the monthly recurring revenue for all paid customer accounts on its customer service platform as of the measurement date. Zendesk determines the customers with 100 or more agents as of the measurement date based on the number of activated agents at the measurement date and includes adjustments to aggregate paid customer accounts that share common corporate information.

Zendesk does not currently incorporate operating metrics associated with Zopim live chat software into its measurement of dollar-based net expansion rate, monthly recurring revenue represented by its churned customers, or percentage of monthly recurring revenue that is generated by customers with 100 or more agents.

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## SECOND QUARTER 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

### CUSTOMERS

60,000+

paid customer accounts

### DAILY REACH

4.6M+

daily interactions between organizations and customers

EMPLOYEES  
1,000+  
WORLDWIDE



### COUNTRY IN FOCUS

Germany

### ENTERPRISE

27%

of monthly recurring revenue from 100+ seat customers

### INTERNATIONAL

44%

revenues from outside the United States

### RANK

#1

non-English speaking country by revenue in Europe

### GROWTH

149%

year-over-year revenue growth in Germany

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