Qualys Announces Third Quarter 2026 Financial Results

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Q3 Revenue Growth of 11% Year-Over-Year

Raises 2026 Revenue Guidance to $736.9-$738.9 million

FOSTER CITY, Calif., Nov. 9, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Qualys, Inc. (NASDAQ: QLYS), a leader in cloud-native cyber risk management, today announced financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2026. For the quarter, the Company reported revenues of $188.0 million, net income under United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") of $57.2 million, non-GAAP net income of $74.8 million, Adjusted EBITDA of $89.9 million, GAAP net income per diluted share of $1.62, and non-GAAP net income per diluted share of $2.12.

"In Q3, we delivered another quarter of strong revenue growth and profitability," said Sumedh Thakar, Qualys president and CEO. "Increasing adoption of our AI-native Risk Operations Center, driven by our partner-first strategy, reflects accelerating demand for a vendor-neutral platform that actually fixes security issues rather than just reporting them. These results distinguish our competitive position in pre-breach risk management and reinforce our confidence in long-term growth."

Third Quarter 2026 Financial Highlights

Revenues: Revenues for the third quarter of 2026 increased by 11% to $188.0 million compared to $169.9 million for the same quarter in 2025.

Gross Profit: GAAP gross profit for the third quarter of 2026 increased by 10% to $156.7 million compared to $142.1 million for the same quarter in 2025. GAAP gross margin was 83% for the third quarter of 2026 compared to 84% for the same quarter in 2025. Non-GAAP gross profit for the third quarter of 2026 increased by 10% to $159.3 million compared to $144.9 million for the same quarter in 2025. Non-GAAP gross margin was 85% for both the third quarter of 2026 and for the same quarter in 2025.

Operating Income: GAAP operating income for the third quarter of 2026 increased by 11% to $66.3 million compared to $60.0 million for the same quarter in 2025. As a percentage of revenues, GAAP operating income was 35% for both the third quarter of 2026 and for the same quarter in 2025. Non-GAAP operating income for the third quarter of 2026 increased by 9% to $87.1 million compared to $80.0 million for the same quarter in 2025. As a percentage of revenues, non-GAAP operating income was 46% for the third quarter of 2026 compared to 47% for the same quarter in 2025.

Net Income: GAAP net income for the third quarter of 2026 increased by 14% to $57.2 million, or $1.62 per diluted share, compared to $50.3 million, or $1.39 per diluted share, for the same quarter in 2025. As a percentage of revenues, GAAP net income was 30% for both the third quarter of 2026 and for the same quarter in 2025. Non-GAAP net income for the third quarter of 2026 increased by 11% to $74.8 million, or $2.12 per diluted share, compared to $67.4 million, or $1.86 per diluted share, for the same quarter in 2025. As a percentage of revenues, non-GAAP net income was 40% for both the third quarter of 2026 and for the same quarter in 2025.

Adjusted EBITDA: Adjusted EBITDA (a non-GAAP financial measure) for the third quarter of 2026 increased by 9% to $89.9 million compared to $82.6 million for the same quarter in 2025. As a percentage of revenues, Adjusted EBITDA was 48% for the third quarter of 2026 compared to 49% for the same quarter in 2025.

Operating Cash Flow: Operating cash flow for the third quarter of 2026 increased by 13% to $101.8 million compared to $90.4 million for the same quarter in 2025. As a percentage of revenues, operating cash flow was 54% for the third quarter of 2026 compared to 53% for the same quarter in 2025.

Third Quarter 2026 Business Highlights

- Qualys introduced InstaScan, powered by Agent Insta in Enterprise TruRisk Management, delivering scanless vulnerability detection within minutes of advisory disclosure. By continuously correlating new advisories with existing asset, exposure, and threat telemetry, InstaScan eliminates the multi-day detection gap created by traditional scan cycles, enabling customers to begin validation and remediation before adversaries can act.
- Qualys advanced its TruRisk Eliminate capabilities with AI-powered Patch Reliability Scoring, wave-based autonomous remediation, and peer-to-peer patching, enabling organizations to rapidly remediate zero-day vulnerabilities and misconfigurations while maintaining operational stability with reduced dependency on centralized infrastructure.
- Qualys expanded TotalAI with governance capabilities that help CISOs reduce shadow AI, flag abnormal model behavior, and demonstrate that controls are working across development and runtime environments. Enhancements include discovery of AI agents and MCP servers, red-team testing against OWASP Top 10 and EU AI Act standards, and audit-ready evidence generation.
- Leading independent analysts recognized Qualys across multiple categories. Qualys received the highest score for best current offering in the 2026 Forrester Wave for Proactive Security Platforms, was named a Leader in the IDC MarketScape for Worldwide DAST, earned the highest-rated Champion designation in the Info-Tech Research Group Emotional Footprint for Vulnerability Management, and was named a Leader in the Frost and Sullivan Radar for Cloud Workload Protection Platforms.

Financial Performance Outlook

Based on information as of today, November 9, 2026, Qualys is issuing the following financial guidance for the fourth quarter and full year fiscal 2026. The Company emphasizes that the guidance is subject to various important cautionary factors referenced in the sections entitled "Legal Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below.

Fourth Quarter 2026 Guidance: Management expects revenues for the fourth quarter of 2026 to be in the range of $191.0 million to $193.0 million, representing 9% to 10% growth over the same quarter in 2025. GAAP net income per diluted share is expected to be in the range of $1.57 to $1.64, which assumes an effective income tax rate of 21%. Non-GAAP net income per diluted share is expected to be in the range of $2.05 to $2.12, which assumes a non-GAAP effective income tax rate of 20%. Fourth quarter 2026 net income per diluted share estimates are based on approximately 35.5 million weighted average diluted shares outstanding for the quarter.

Full Year 2026 Guidance: Management now expects revenues for the full year of 2026 to be in the range of $736.9 million to $738.9 million, representing 10% growth over 2025. This compares to the previous guidance range of $732.0 million to $738.0 million. GAAP net income per diluted share is now expected to be in the range of $6.08 to $6.15, up from the previous guidance range of $5.76 to $5.90. This assumes an effective income tax rate of 22%. Non-GAAP net income per diluted share is now expected to be in the range of $8.07 to $8.14, up from the previous guidance range of $7.74 to $7.88. This assumes a non-GAAP effective income tax rate of 20%. Full year 2026 net income per diluted share estimates are based on approximately 35.5 million weighted average diluted shares outstanding.

Qualys has not reconciled non-GAAP net income per diluted share guidance to GAAP net income per diluted share guidance because Qualys does not provide guidance on the various reconciling cash and non-cash items between GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income (i.e., stock-based compensation, amortization of intangible assets from acquisitions and non-recurring items). The actual dollar amount of reconciling items in the fourth quarter and full year 2026 is likely to have a significant impact on the Company's GAAP net income per diluted share in the fourth quarter and full year 2026. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP net income per diluted share guidance to the GAAP net income per diluted share guidance is not available without unreasonable effort.

Investor Conference Call

Qualys will host a conference call and live webcast to discuss its third quarter financial results at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (2:00 p.m. Pacific Time) on Monday, November 9, 2026. To access the conference call by phone, please register here. A live webcast of the earnings conference call, investor presentation and prepared remarks can be accessed at https://investor.qualys.com/events-presentations. A replay of the conference call will be available through the same webcast link following the end of the call.

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About Qualys

Qualys, Inc. (NASDAQ: QLYS) is a leader in cloud-native cyber risk management, helping organizations measure, communicate, and eliminate cyber risk. The Qualys platform and its solutions power the Risk Operations Center (ROC), unifying asset visibility, exposure management, risk prioritization, and remediation to help organizations continuously reduce risk across hybrid, multi-cloud, endpoint, and AI environments. Qualys equips security and IT teams for the Frontier AI Era with AI-speed detection, hyper-prioritization, and autonomous remediation. Trusted by more than 10,000 organizations globally, including most of the Fortune 100, Qualys helps customers transform cybersecurity into a measurable business function that strengthens resilience and drives business outcomes. For more information, please visit www.qualys.com.

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The forward-looking statements in this press release are based on information available to Qualys as of the date hereof, and Qualys disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to reporting financial results in accordance with GAAP, Qualys provides investors with certain non-GAAP financial measures, including non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating expenses, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP net income per diluted share, Adjusted EBITDA (defined as earnings before interest expense, interest income and other income (expense), net, income taxes, depreciation, amortization, and stock-based compensation) and non-GAAP free cash flows (defined as cash provided by operating activities less purchases of property and equipment, net of proceeds from disposal).

In computing non-GAAP financial measures, Qualys excludes the effects of stock-based compensation expense, amortization of intangible assets from acquisitions, non-recurring items and for non-GAAP net income, impairment of non-marketable securities and certain tax effects. Qualys believes that these non-GAAP financial measures help illustrate underlying trends in its business that could otherwise be masked by the effect of the income or expenses that are excluded in non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating expenses, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP net income per diluted share, Adjusted EBITDA and non-GAAP free cash flows.

Furthermore, Qualys uses some of these non-GAAP financial measures to establish budgets and operational goals for managing its business and evaluating its performance. Qualys believes that non-GAAP gross profit, non-GAAP gross margin, non-GAAP operating expenses, non-GAAP operating income, non-GAAP net income, non-GAAP net income per diluted share, Adjusted EBITDA and non-GAAP free cash flows provide additional tools for investors to use in comparing its recurring core business operating results over multiple periods with other companies in its industry.

Although Qualys does not focus on or use quarterly billings in managing or monitoring the performance of its business, Qualys provides calculated current billings (defined as total revenues recognized in a period plus the sequential change in current deferred revenue in the corresponding period) for the convenience of investors and analysts in building their own financial models.

In order to provide a more complete picture of recurring core operating business results, the Company's non-GAAP net income and non-GAAP net income per diluted share include adjustments for non-recurring income tax items and certain tax effects of non-GAAP adjustments to achieve the effective income tax rate on a non-GAAP basis. The Company's non-GAAP effective tax rate may differ from the GAAP effective income tax rate as a result of these income tax adjustments. The Company believes its estimated non-GAAP effective income tax rate of 20% in 2026 is a reasonable estimate under its current global operating structure and core business operations. The Company may adjust this rate during the year to take into account events or trends that it believes materially impact the estimated annual rate. The non-GAAP effective income tax rate could be subject to change for a number of reasons, including but not limited to, significant changes resulting from tax legislation, material changes in geographic mix of revenues and expenses and other significant events.

The presentation of this non-GAAP financial information is not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for results prepared in accordance with GAAP. A reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures discussed in this press release to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures is included with the financial statements contained in this press release. Management uses both GAAP and non-GAAP information in evaluating and operating its business internally and as such has determined that it is important to provide this information to investors.

Qualys, Inc.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(unaudited)
(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
Revenues	$ 188,049	$ 169,882	$ 545,862	$ 493,843
Cost of revenues [1]	31,362	27,798	91,596	85,601
Gross profit	156,687	142,084	454,266	408,242
Operating expenses:				
Research and development [1]	30,222	28,927	89,927	88,330
Sales and marketing [1]	40,948	35,280	120,732	103,750
General and administrative [1]	19,227	17,922	54,530	53,045
Total operating expenses	90,397	82,129	265,189	245,125
Income from operations	66,290	59,955	189,077	163,117
Other income (expense), net:				
Interest income	6,769	6,264	19,186	18,906
Other income (expense), net	(409)	(937)	(3,560)	379
Total other income, net	6,360	5,327	15,626	19,285
Income before income taxes	72,650	65,282	204,703	182,402
Income tax provision	15,476	14,936	44,481	37,232
Net income	$ 57,174	$ 50,346	$ 160,222	$ 145,170
Net income per share:				
Basic	$ 1.64	$ 1.40	$ 4.56	$ 4.00
Diluted	$ 1.62	$ 1.39	$ 4.53	$ 3.97
Weighted average shares used in computing net income per share:				

Basic	34,817	36,037	35,135	36,250
Diluted	35,321	36,293	35,347	36,530
(1) Includes stock-based compensation as follows:				
Cost of revenues	$ 2,038	$ 2,172	$ 6,040	$ 6,242
Research and development	4,879	5,207	13,998	15,274
Sales and marketing	3,887	3,490	11,788	9,773
General and administrative	9,416	8,578	26,547	25,024
Total stock-based compensation, net of amounts capitalized	$ 20,220	$ 19,447	$ 58,373	$ 56,313

Qualys, Inc.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(unaudited)
(in thousands)

	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 357,191	$ 250,258
Short-term marketable securities	163,552	195,681
Accounts receivable, net	148,863	170,991
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	53,413	40,686
Total current assets	723,019	657,616
Long-term marketable securities	287,296	250,868
Property and equipment, net	21,873	23,166
Operating leases - right of use asset	45,762	46,001
Deferred tax assets, net	66,404	74,518
Intangible assets, net	2,357	4,255
Goodwill	7,447	7,447
Noncurrent restricted cash	1,200	1,200
Other noncurrent assets	27,748	30,010
Total assets	$ 1,183,106	$ 1,095,081
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 3,568	$ 1,202
Accrued liabilities	49,013	57,694
Deferred revenues, current	411,958	401,127
Operating lease liabilities, current	9,213	7,315
Total current liabilities	473,752	467,338
Deferred revenues, noncurrent	14,432	16,285
Operating lease liabilities, noncurrent	42,028	44,959
Other noncurrent liabilities	6,115	5,346
Total liabilities	536,327	533,928
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock	35	36
Additional paid-in capital	833,149	731,788
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(4,873)	(4,012)
Accumulated deficit	(181,532)	(166,659)
Total stockholders' equity	646,779	561,153
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 1,183,106	$ 1,095,081

Qualys, Inc.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(unaudited)
(in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2026	2025

Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income	$ 160,222	$ 145,170
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	9,522	11,353
Provision for credit losses	536	1,110
Impairment of property and equipment	624	—
Impairment of non-marketable securities	1,967	—
Stock-based compensation, net of amounts capitalized	58,373	56,313
Accretion of discount on marketable securities, net	(1,117)	(2,799)
Deferred income taxes	6,989	6,724
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	21,592	35,023
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(8,563)	(13,402)
Accounts payable	2,102	591
Accrued liabilities and other noncurrent liabilities	(4,541)	1,568
Deferred revenues	8,978	(7,910)
Net cash provided by operating activities	256,684	233,741
Cash flow from investing activities:		
Purchases of marketable securities	(203,815)	(275,379)
Sales and maturities of marketable securities	194,114	182,322
Purchases of property and equipment	(7,182)	(4,266)
Net cash used in investing activities	(16,883)	(97,323)
Cash flow from financing activities:		
Repurchase of common stock	(185,628)	(138,754)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	65,615	8,856
Payments for taxes related to net share settlement of equity awards	(19,506)	(20,200)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock through employee stock purchase plan	6,651	6,751
Net cash used in financing activities	(132,868)	(143,347)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	106,933	(6,929)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	251,458	233,382
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	$ 358,391	$ 226,453

Qualys, Inc.
RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES
ADJUSTED EBITDA
(unaudited)
(in thousands, except percentages)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
Net income	$ 57,174	$ 50,346	$ 160,222	$ 145,170
Net income as a percentage of revenues	30 %	30 %	29 %	29 %
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment	2,798	2,559	7,624	9,435
Amortization of intangible assets	619	639	1,898	1,918
Income tax provision	15,476	14,936	44,481	37,232
Stock-based compensation	20,220	19,447	58,373	56,313
Total other income, net	(6,360)	(5,327)	(15,626)	(19,285)
Adjusted EBITDA	$ 89,927	$ 82,600	$ 256,972	$ 230,783
Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenues	48 %	49 %	47 %	47 %

Qualys, Inc.
RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES
(unaudited)
(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
GAAP Cost of revenues	$ 31,362	$ 27,798	$ 91,596	$ 85,601

Less: Stock-based compensation	(2,038)	(2,172)	(6,040)	(6,242)
Less: Amortization of intangible assets	(619)	(639)	(1,898)	(1,918)
Non-GAAP Cost of revenues	$ 28,705	$ 24,987	$ 83,658	$ 77,441
GAAP Gross profit	$ 156,687	$ 142,084	$ 454,266	$ 408,242
Plus: Stock-based compensation	2,038	2,172	6,040	6,242
Plus: Amortization of intangible assets	619	639	1,898	1,918
Non-GAAP Gross Profit	$ 159,344	$ 144,895	$ 462,204	$ 416,402
GAAP Research and development	$ 30,222	$ 28,927	$ 89,927	$ 88,330
Less: Stock-based compensation	(4,879)	(5,207)	(13,998)	(15,274)
Non-GAAP Research and development	$ 25,343	$ 23,720	$ 75,929	$ 73,056
GAAP Sales and marketing	$ 40,948	$ 35,280	$ 120,732	$ 103,750
Less: Stock-based compensation	(3,887)	(3,490)	(11,788)	(9,773)
Non-GAAP Sales and marketing	$ 37,061	$ 31,790	$ 108,944	$ 93,977
GAAP General and administrative	$ 19,227	$ 17,922	$ 54,530	$ 53,045
Less: Stock-based compensation	(9,416)	(8,578)	(26,547)	(25,024)
Non-GAAP General and administrative	$ 9,811	$ 9,344	$ 27,983	$ 28,021
GAAP Operating expenses	$ 90,397	$ 82,129	$ 265,189	$ 245,125
Less: Stock-based compensation	(18,182)	(17,275)	(52,333)	(50,071)
Non-GAAP Operating expenses	$ 72,215	$ 64,854	$ 212,856	$ 195,054
GAAP Income from operations	$ 66,290	$ 59,955	$ 189,077	$ 163,117
Plus: Stock-based compensation	20,220	19,447	58,373	56,313
Plus: Amortization of intangible assets	619	639	1,898	1,918
Non-GAAP Income from operations	$ 87,129	$ 80,041	$ 249,348	$ 221,348
GAAP Net income	$ 57,174	$ 50,346	$ 160,222	$ 145,170
Plus: Stock-based compensation	20,220	19,447	58,373	56,313
Plus: Amortization of intangible assets	619	639	1,898	1,918
Plus: Impairment of non-marketable securities	—	—	1,967	—
Less: Tax adjustment	(3,221)	(2,991)	(8,908)	(13,301)
Non-GAAP Net income	$ 74,792	$ 67,441	$ 213,552	$ 190,100
GAAP Net income per share:				
Basic	$ 1.64	$ 1.40	$ 4.56	$ 4.00
Diluted	$ 1.62	$ 1.39	$ 4.53	$ 3.97
Non-GAAP Net income per share:				
Basic	$ 2.15	$ 1.87	$ 6.08	$ 5.24
Diluted	$ 2.12	$ 1.86	$ 6.04	$ 5.20
Weighted average shares used in GAAP and non-GAAP net income per share:				
Basic	34,817	36,037	35,135	36,250
Diluted	35,321	36,293	35,347	36,530

Qualys, Inc.
RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES
FREE CASH FLOWS
(unaudited)
(in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2026	**2025**
GAAP Cash flows provided by operating activities	$ 256,684	$ 233,741
Less:		
Purchases of property and equipment, net of proceeds from disposal	(7,182)	(4,266)
Non-GAAP Free cash flows	$ 249,502	$ 229,475

Qualys, Inc.
RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP DISCLOSURES
CALCULATED CURRENT BILLINGS
(unaudited)
(in thousands, except percentages)

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2026	2025
GAAP Revenue	$ 188,049	$ 169,882
GAAP Revenue growth compared to same quarter of prior year	11 %	10 %
Plus: Current deferred revenue at September 30	411,958	371,476
Less: Current deferred revenue at June 30	(388,075)	(354,971)
Non-GAAP Calculated current billings	$ 211,932	$ 186,387
Calculated current billings growth compared to same quarter of prior year	14 %	11 %

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