

LinkedIn posts solid 4Q, but outlook disappoints

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Revenue climbed 47 percent from the previous year to \$447 million.

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In this May 19, 2011 file photo, the LinkedIn logo is displayed in the foyer at headquarters in Mountain View, Calif. LinkedIn Corp. reports quarterly earnings on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014. (AP Photo/Paul Sakuma, File)

LinkedIn finished last year with a solid financial performance, but the online professional networking service spooked investors with a forecast indicating that its growth is starting to slow down.

The projection released Thursday along with LinkedIn Corp.'s fourth-quarter results triggered a 10 percent drop in the company's [stock price](#) in extended trading.

The sell-off came a day after Twitter Inc., another Internet service that connects people with [common interests](#), let down Wall Street with a slowdown in its user growth.

LinkedIn's fourth-quarter earnings and revenue topped [analyst estimates](#).

The Mountain View, Calif., company earned \$3.8 million, or 3 cents per share. That was down 67 percent from \$11.5 million, or 10 cents per share, a year earlier.

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