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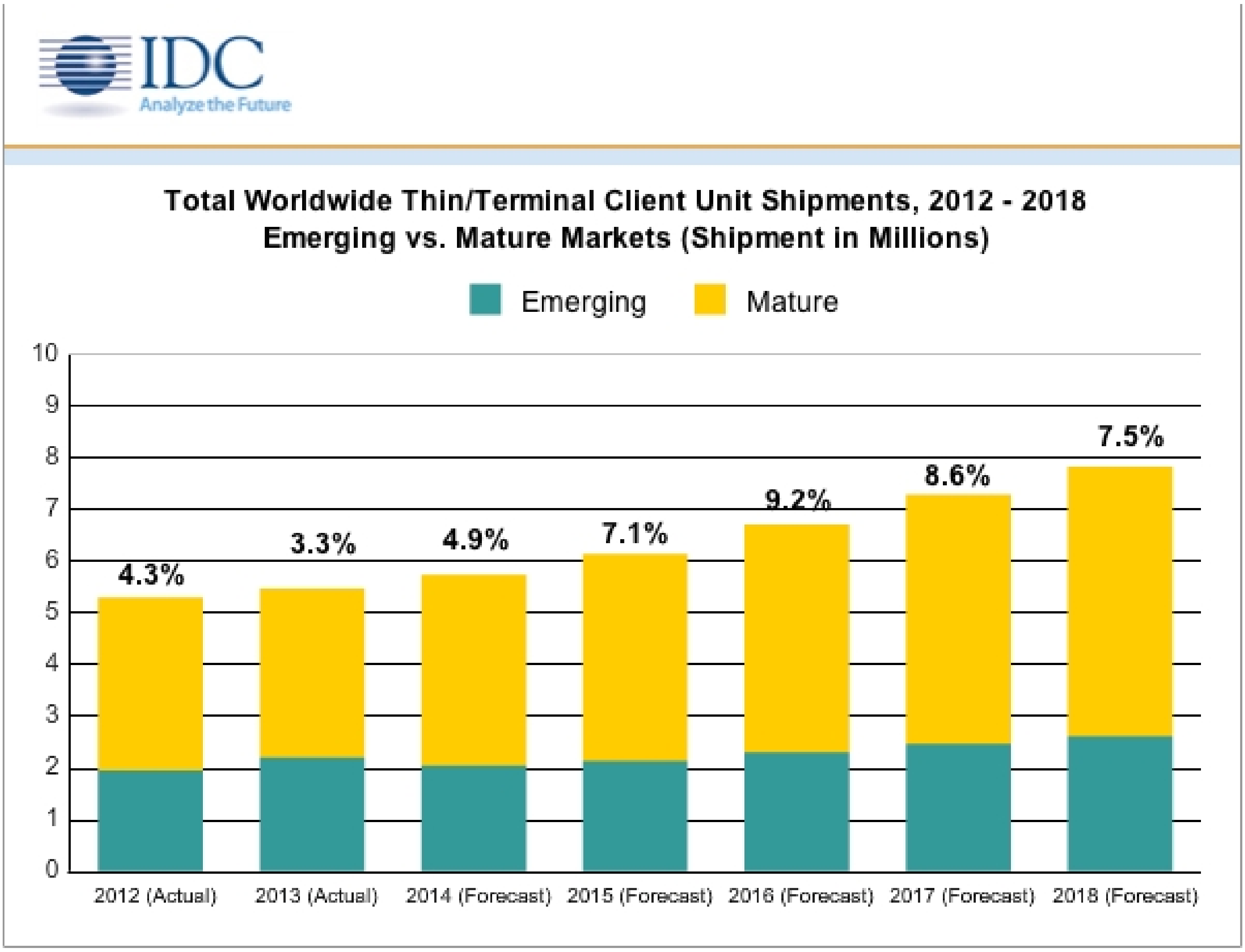
IDC reports global Q1 2014 thin client and terminal client device shipments total 1.28 million units with 7.1% Y-o-Y growth and should reach 5.7m units by end 2014, a 5% increase over the previous year.

The analyst also forecasts global shipments are to reach 7.8m by end 2018.



"After posting 14.5% Y-o-Y growth in Q4 2013, the worldwide enterprise client market continued to show good momentum in Q1. The positive growth in the worldwide shipments was helped by strong performances in 5 out of the 8 regional markets, bringing worldwide shipments in the quarter to nearly 1.3m units," IDC says.

Thin clients make 97.5% of enterprise client devices, and see an 8.9% Y-o-Y shipment increase. Terminal clients also see Y-o-Y growth as shipments reach 25540 units.

The standalone format is the most popular, with 88.9% market share. Thin clients without OS (aka zero clients) hold 24.6% thin client share, while Windows Embedded OS thin clients are the largest at 44.5% share.

In the Q1 2014 vendor rankings HP is on top with 30.6% global share and top ranking in 5 out of 8 regions. Dell follows with 27% share, and NComputing comes 3rd with 8.3% share.

Coming in 4th and 5th place are Igel and Centerm respectively.

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