

Hammond F G
Form 4
September 14, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Hammond F G

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/
[AZPN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 200
WHEELER ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/12/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
SVP & General Counsel

(Street)
BURLINGTON, MA 01803

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	09/12/2012		M		100	A	\$ 5.27	60,050	D
Common Stock	09/12/2012		S		100 ⁽²⁾	D	\$ 25	59,950	D
Common Stock	09/13/2012		M		8,733	A	\$ 5.27	68,683	D
Common Stock	09/13/2012		S		8,733 ⁽³⁾ ⁽²⁾	D	\$ 25.4582	59,950	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.27	09/12/2012		M		100		<u>(1)</u>	09/14/2015	Common Stock	100
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.27	09/13/2012		M		8,733		<u>(1)</u>	09/14/2015	Common Stock	8,733

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hammond F G ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 200 WHEELER ROAD BURLINGTON, MA 01803			SVP & General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ F.G.
Hammond

09/14/2012

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The option granted at the exercise price of \$5.27, representing a right to purchase 100,000 shares, was vested at grant with respect to 15,000 shares, and became exercisable with respect to an additional 5,000 shares on October 1, 2005, and as to an additional 15,000 shares on November 9, 2005. The remaining portion of the option became exercisable in 13 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter, beginning on December 31, 2005.

(2) This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 11, 2012.

(3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$25.00 to \$25.85, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Aspen Technology, Inc., any security holder of Aspen Technology, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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