

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/06/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior VP & General Counsel

C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 20 CROSBY DRIVE

(Street)

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

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

BEDFORD, MA 01730

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	09/06/2016		M			977	A	\$ 15.5	48,885	D	
Common Stock	09/06/2016		M			5,827	A	\$ 23.38	54,712	D	
Common Stock	09/06/2016		M			4,940	A	\$ 32.54	59,652	D	
Common Stock	09/07/2016		S			18,542	D	\$ 45.9074	41,110	D	
								<u>(1)</u>			

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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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.5	09/06/2016		M	977	<u>(2)</u> 07/31/2021	Common Stock	977
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.38	09/06/2016		M	5,827	<u>(3)</u> 07/31/2022	Common Stock	5,827
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.54	09/06/2016		M	4,940	<u>(4)</u> 07/31/2023	Common Stock	4,940

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hammond F G C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 20 CROSBY DRIVE BEDFORD, MA 01730			Senior VP & General Counsel	

## Signatures

/s/ F. G.  
Hammond

09/07/2016

    Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in several transactions at prices ranging from \$45.90 to \$45.97, 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.
- (2) The option granted at the exercise price of \$15.50, became exercisable in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter, beginning on September 30, 2011.
- (3) The option granted at an exercise price of \$23.38, becomes exercisable in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter, beginning on September 28, 2012.
- (4) The option granted at the exercise price of \$32.54 becomes exercisable in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter, beginning on September 30, 2013.

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