

Hammond F G
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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 *
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
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/23/2012

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

BURLINGTON, MA 01803

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 08/23/2012 | | M | 300 | A \$ 5.27 | 75,450 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/23/2012 | | S | 100 <u>(1)</u> | D \$ 24.05 | 75,350 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/23/2012 | | S | 200 <u>(1)</u> | D \$ 24 | 75,150 | 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. F. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 5.27 | 08/23/2012 | | M | 300 | (2) | 09/14/2015 | Common Stock | 300 |

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
08/24/2012
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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

The option was vested as to 15,000 shares on the grant date, and vested 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 remainder of the option vested in 13 consecutive equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter beginning on December 31, 2005.

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