

Hammond F G
Form 4
February 15, 2018

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/14/2018

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ 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)
__X__ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| Common Stock | 02/13/2018 | | M | 2,357 | A \$ 43.44 | 27,743 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/13/2018 | | S | 3,934 | D \$ 73 | 23,809 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2018 | | M | 2,358 | A \$ 43.44 | 26,167 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2018 | | S | 2,358 | D \$ 74.25 | 23,809 | 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 (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) | \$ 43.44 | 02/13/2018 | | M | 2,357 | <u>(1)</u> 07/31/2024 | Common Stock | 2,357 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 43.44 | 02/14/2018 | | M | 2,358 | <u>(1)</u> 07/31/2024 | Common Stock | 2,358 |

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

02/15/2018

**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 option granted at the exercise price of \$43.44 vests in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of the quarter, beginning on September 30, 2014.

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