

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/  
Form 4  
May 19, 2006

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wheeler Blair

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY,  
INC., 10 CANAL PARK

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/17/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
SVP, Marketing

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

**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	05/17/2006		M		12,500	A	\$ 5.27
Common Stock	05/17/2006		D		2,500	D	\$ 13.0024
Common Stock	05/17/2006		D		2,500	D	\$ 13
Common Stock	05/17/2006		D		2,500	D	\$ 12.9931
Common Stock	05/17/2006		D		2,500	D	\$ 12.9904

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Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.99	0	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	M	52,500	A	\$ 5.73	52,500	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	5,000	D	\$ 12.99	47,500	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.9891	45,000	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.9659	42,500	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.9167	40,000	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.8936	37,500	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.8757	35,000	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.7085	32,500	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.6889	30,000	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	571	D	\$ 12.6872	29,429	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.8345	26,926	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	5,000	D	\$ 12.7	21,929	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.6894	19,429	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	1,929	D	\$ 12.6872	17,500	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.6448	15,000	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.64	12,500	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.6245	10,000	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.6062	7,500	D
Common Stock	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D	\$ 12.553	5,000	D
	05/17/2006	D	2,500	D		2,500	D

Common Stock \$ 12.5523

Common Stock 05/17/2006 D 2,500 D \$ 12.55 0 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option to purchase Common stock	\$ 5.27	05/17/2006		M	12,500	12/31/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/14/2015	Common Stock 12,500
Option to purchase Common Stock	\$ 5.73	05/17/2006		M	52,500	03/21/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/20/2015	Common Stock 52,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Wheeler Blair C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 10 CANAL PARK CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141	SVP, Marketing

## Signatures

/s/ F. G. Hammond,  
Attorney-in-Fact 05/19/2006

\*\*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) This option vests in 16 equal quarterly installments beginning December 31, 2005.
- (2) This option is currently exercisable with for an additional 2,192 shares. The remaining portion of the option vests in 9 equal quarterly installments of 7,812 shares beginning on June 30, 2006.

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