

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/
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FORM 4

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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 *
Wheeler Blair

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 200 WHEELER ROAD

(Street)

BURLINGTON, MA 01803

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/29/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 10/29/2008 | | M | 750 A | 4,749 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽²⁾ | 10/29/2008 | | F | 239 D | \$ 4,510 | 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 10/29/2008 | | M | 750 | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 750 (1) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wheeler Blair C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 200 WHEELER ROAD BURLINGTON, MA 01803 | | | SVP, Marketing | |

Signatures

/s/ F. G. Hammond,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 10/31/2008

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Aspen Technology, Inc. common stock.
- (2) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy statutory tax withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units and distribution of stock.
- (3) The restricted stock unit vested as to 25% on achievement of specified performance goals in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 and the balance vests in 12 equal quarterly installments thereafter.

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