

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 \*  
 McKenna David M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ADVENT  
 INTERNATIONAL, 75 STATE  
 STREET, 29TH FLOOR

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02109

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/22/2007

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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                    | 03/22/2007                           |                                                    | S                              | 6                                                                 | D                                                                                             | \$ 12.7856                                               | 2,409                                                 | I | see footnote (1) |
| Common Stock                    | 03/23/2007                           |                                                    | S                              | 10                                                                | D                                                                                             | \$ 12.9958                                               | 2,399                                                 | I | see footnote (1) |
| Common Stock                    | 03/26/2007                           |                                                    | S                              | 11                                                                | D                                                                                             | \$ 12.9622                                               | 2,388                                                 | I | see footnote (1) |

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                 | Relationships |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| McKenna David M<br>C/O ADVENT INTERNATIONAL<br>75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR<br>BOSTON, MA 02109 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jarlyth H. Gibson,  
attorney-in-fact

03/26/2007

\_\_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) Shares are indirectly beneficially owned as a limited partner of Advent Partners GPE-IV Limited Partnership.

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