UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 24, 2019

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-34630

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number) 04-2739697 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

20 Crosby Drive, Bedford, MA

(Address of principal executive offices)

01730

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (781) 221-6400

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 2.02 Events Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 24, 2019, we issued a press release announcing financial results for the third quarter of fiscal year 2019, ended March 31, 2019. The full text of the press release issued in connection with this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit relating to Item 2.02 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued by Aspen Technology, Inc. on April 24, 2019

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Date: April 24, 2019

By: /s/ Karl E. Johnsen

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Aspen Technology Announces Financial Results for the Third Quarter of Fiscal 2019

Bedford, Mass. - April 24, 2019 - Aspen Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: AZPN), the asset optimization software company, today announced financial results for its third quarter of fiscal year 2019 ended March 31, 2019.

"AspenTech's strong third quarter results were highlighted by annual spend growth of 9.7% year-over-year and positive growth contributions from each product suite and geography," said Antonio Pietri, President and Chief Executive Officer of Aspen Technology. "Our performance benefitted from investments in our strategic growth initiatives in recent quarters, an improving macroeconomic outlook for our Engineering & Construction and upstream customers, and strong execution by the AspenTech team."

Pietri continued, "Our APM business had a record annual spend quarter as customers increasingly recognized the value predictive and prescriptive maintenance can have in improving their asset operations. We also saw broadening adoption within the APM suite, including the first site licenses for Aspen ProMV, our multivariate analysis solution. We believe our strong APM performance is indicative of the substantial opportunity for the APM suite and our strengthening competitive position in this market."

Third Quarter Fiscal 2019 and Recent Business Highlights

- Annual spend, which the company defines as the annualized value of all term license and maintenance contracts at the end of the quarter, was approximately \$526 million at the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2019, which increased 9.7% compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2.6% sequentially.
- AspenTech repurchased approximately 800,000 shares of its common stock for \$75 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2019.

Summary of Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Results

AspenTech's total revenue of \$148 million included:

- License revenue, which represents the portion of a term license agreement allocated to the initial license, was \$98.5 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2019, compared to \$79.1 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2018.
- Maintenance revenue, which represents the portion of the term license agreement related to on-going support and the right to future product enhancements, was \$41.9 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2019, compared to \$40.9 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2018.
- Services and other revenue was \$7.6 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2019, compared to \$7.8 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2018.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2019, AspenTech reported income from operations of \$70.8 million, compared to income from operations of \$53.6 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2018.

Net income was \$61.6 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, leading to net income per share of \$0.88, compared to net income per share of \$0.61 in the same period last fiscal year.

Non-GAAP income from operations, which adds back the impact of stock-based compensation expense, amortization of intangibles associated with acquisitions and acquisition related fees, was \$78.3 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2019, compared to non-GAAP income from operations of \$59.9 million in the same period last fiscal year. Non-GAAP net income was \$67.5 million, or \$0.96 per share, for the third quarter of fiscal 2019, compared to non-GAAP net income of \$49.0 million, or \$0.67 per share, in the same period last fiscal year. A reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP results is presented in the financial tables included in this press release.

AspenTech had cash and marketable securities of \$65.6 million and borrowings of \$220 million at March 31, 2019.

During the third quarter, the company generated \$90.0 million in cash flow from operations and \$89.1 million in free cash flow. Free cash flow is calculated as net cash provided by operating activities adjusted for the net impact of: purchases of property, equipment and leasehold improvements; capitalized computer software development costs, and other nonrecurring items, such as acquisition related payments.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release contains "non-GAAP financial measures" under the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Non-GAAP financial measures are not based on a comprehensive set of accounting rules or principles. This non-GAAP information supplements, and is not intended to represent a measure of performance in accordance with, disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. Non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for or superior to, financial measures determined in accordance with GAAP. A reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP results is included in the financial tables included in this press release.

Management considers both GAAP and non-GAAP financial results in managing Aspen Technology's business. As the result of adoption of new licensing models, management believes that a number of Aspen Technology's performance indicators based on GAAP, including revenue, gross profit, operating income and net income, should be viewed in conjunction with certain non-GAAP and other business measures in assessing Aspen Technology's performance, growth and financial condition. Accordingly, management utilizes a number of non-GAAP and other business metrics, including the non-GAAP metrics set forth in this press release, to track Aspen Technology's business performance. None of these non-GAAP metrics should be considered as an alternative to any measure of financial performance calculated in accordance with GAAP.

Conference Call and Webcast

Aspen Technology will host a conference call and webcast today, April 24, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time), to discuss the company's financial results for the third quarter fiscal year 2019 as well as the company's business outlook. The live dial-in number is (833) 713-6081 or (702) 374-0603, conference ID code 4067052. Interested parties may also listen to a live webcast of the call by logging on to the Investor Relations section of Aspen Technology's website, http://ir.aspentech.com/events-and-presentations, and clicking on the "webcast" link. A replay of the call will be archived on Aspen Technology's website and will also be available via telephone at (855) 859-2056 or (404) 537-3406, conference ID code 4067052, through May 24, 2019.

About Aspen Technology

Aspen Technology (AspenTech) is a leading software supplier for optimizing asset performance. Our products thrive in complex, industrial environments where it is critical to optimize the asset design, operation and maintenance lifecycle. AspenTech uniquely combines decades of process modeling expertise with big data machine learning. Our purpose-built software platform automates knowledge work and builds sustainable competitive advantage by delivering high returns over the entire asset lifecycle. As a result, companies in capital-intensive industries can maximize uptime and push the limits of performance, running their assets safer, greener, longer and faster. Visit AspenTech.com to find out more.

Forward-Looking Statements

The third paragraph of this press release contains forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results may vary significantly from Aspen Technology's (AspenTech) expectations based on a number of risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation: AspenTech's failure to increase usage and product adoption of aspenONE offerings or grow the aspenONE APM business, and failure to continue to provide innovative, market-leading solutions; the demand for, or usage of, aspenONE software declines for any reason, including declines due to adverse changes in the process or other capital-intensive industries; unfavorable economic and market conditions or a lessening demand in the market for asset process optimization software; risks of foreign operations or transacting business with customers outside the United States; risks of competition and other risk factors described from time to time in AspenTech's periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. AspenTech cannot guarantee any future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements. AspenTech expressly disclaims any obligation to update forward-looking statements after the date of this press release.

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ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS** (Unaudited in Thousands, Except per Share Data)

	Three Mo Mar			Nine Mor Mar			
	 2019		2018		2019		2018
	 	As	s Adjusted			As	s Adjusted
Revenue:							
License	\$ 98,493	\$	79,073	\$	255,616	\$	214,938
Maintenance	41,878		40,897		125,955		121,890
Services and other	7,613		7,788		21,005		22,947
Total revenue	 147,984		127,758		402,576		359,775
Cost of revenue:							
License	1,658		1,279		5,142		3,743
Maintenance	4,962		4,259		14,241		13,061
Services and other	7,740		7,238		22,943		20,793
Total cost of revenue	 14,360		12,776		42,326		37,597
Gross profit	133,624		114,982		360,250		322,178
Operating expenses:	 						
Selling and marketing	27,410		25,246		80,532		72,690
Research and development	20,520		21,584		61,893		60,863
General and administrative	14,863		14,533		46,246		49,188
Total operating expenses	62,793		61,363		188,671		182,741
Income from operations	 70,831		53,619		171,579		139,437
Interest income	6,835		6,304		21,389		18,849
Interest (expense)	(2,350)		(1,485)		(6,328)		(3,952)
Other (expense), net	(34)		(104)		(485)		(958)
Income before income taxes	 75,282		58,334		186,155		153,376
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	13,695		13,829		27,286		(63,681)
Net income	\$ 61,587	\$	44,505	\$	158,869	\$	217,057
Net income per common share:							
Basic	\$ 0.89	\$	0.62	\$	2.26	\$	3.00
Diluted	\$ 0.88	\$	0.61	\$	2.23	\$	2.97
Weighted average shares outstanding:							
Basic	69,423		71,828		70,286		72,402
Diluted	70,160		72,663		71,142		73,136

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

		March 31, 2019		June 30, 2018
			A	As Adjusted
ASSETS				
Current assets:	*	<i></i>	*	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	65,592	\$	96,165
Accounts receivable, net		45,293		41,810
Current contract assets		314,745		304,378
Contract costs		24,325		20,500
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		11,124		10,509
Prepaid income taxes Total current assets		1,573		2,601
		462,652		475,963
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements, net		7,589		9,806
Computer software development costs, net Goodwill		1,452		646 75 500
		73,534		75,590
Intangible assets, net Non-current contract assets		31,756 358,709		35,310 340,622
Deferred tax assets		-		
Other non-current assets		1,696		11,090
Total assets	¢	1,279	¢	1,297
	\$	938,667	\$	950,324
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	4,023	\$	4,230
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		42,746		39,515
Income taxes payable		35,582		1,698
Borrowings under credit agreement		220,000		170,000
Current deferred revenue		24,415		15,150
Total current liabilities		326,766		230,593
Non-current deferred revenue		19,312		12,354
Deferred income taxes		154,901		214,125
Other non-current liabilities		12,403		17,068
Commitments and contingencies (Note 16)				
Series D redeemable convertible preferred stock, \$0.10 par value— Authorized— 3,636 shares as of March 31, 2019 and June 30, 2018 Issued and outstanding— none as of March 31, 2019 and June 30, 2018		_		
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$0.10 par value— Authorized—210,000,000 shares Issued— 103,478,590 shares at March 31, 2019 and 103,130,300 shares at June 30, 2018				
Outstanding— 69,108,515 shares at March 31, 2019 and 71,186,701 shares at June 30, 2018		10,348		10,313
Additional paid-in capital		730,830		715,475
Retained earnings		1,224,377		1,065,507
Accumulated other comprehensive income		1,229		1,388
Treasury stock, at cost—34,370,075 shares of common stock at March 31, 2019 and 31,943,599 shares at June 30, 2018		(1,541,499)		(1,316,499
Total stockholders' equity		425,285		476,184
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	938,667	\$	950,324

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited i	n Thousands)
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		Three Months Ended March 31,			Nine Mon Marc			
		2019		2018		2019		2018
			As	s Adjusted			As	Adjusted
Cash flows from operating activities:								
Net income	\$	61,587	\$	44,505	\$	158,869	\$	217,057
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:								
Depreciation and amortization		2,014		1,544		6,063		4,902
Net foreign currency (gains) losses		(295)		96		23		1,086
Stock-based compensation		6,254		5,353		21,454		17,222
Deferred income taxes		(2,373)		(32,662)		(49,847)		(123,443)
Provision for (recovery from) bad debts		(353)		1,401		474		1,373
Other non-cash operating activities		124		107		341		314
Changes in assets and liabilities:								
Accounts receivable		12,281		1,762		(4,183)		1,429
Contract assets		14,531		33,160		(27,397)		(7,767)
Contract costs		(1,279)		(592)		(3,825)		(651)
Prepaid expenses, prepaid income taxes, and other assets		(1,543)		3,949		201		4,908
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, income taxes payable and other liabilities		(4,738)		(2,656)		32,980		(4,448)
Deferred revenue		3,829		17,100		17,983		15,847
Net cash provided by operating activities		90,039		73,067		153,136		127,829
Cash flows from investing activities:								
Purchases of property, equipment and leasehold improvements		(26)		(61)		(206)		(217)
Payments for business acquisitions, net of cash		_		(22,900)		_		(33,700)
Payments for capitalized computer software costs		(905)		57		(1,094)		(299)
Net cash used in investing activities		(931)		(22,904)		(1,300)		(34,216)
Cash flows from financing activities:								
Exercises of stock options		1,415		3,854		5,881		7,402
Repurchases of common stock		(76,759)		(49,328)		(224,182)		(154,365)
Payments of tax withholding obligations related to restricted stock		(2,262)		(1,945)		(11,916)		(5,412)
Deferred business acquisition payments		(500)				(1,700)		(2,600)
Proceeds from credit agreement		_		19,000		50,000		30,000
Payments of credit agreement issuance costs		_				_		(351)
Net cash used in financing activities		(78,106)		(28,419)		(181,917)		(125,326)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		162		628		(492)		834
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		11,164		22,372		(30,573)		(30,879)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		54,428		48,703		96,165		101,954
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	65,592	\$	71,075	\$	65,592	\$	71,075
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:								
Income taxes paid, net	\$	21,296	\$	8,920	\$	39,123	\$	38,662
Interest paid	Ŧ	2,187	Ŧ	1,417	Ŧ	5,728	Ŧ	3,456

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Results of Operations and Cash Flows (Unaudited in Thousands, Except per Share Data)

		Three Months Ended March 31,				Ended I,		
		2019		2018		2019		2018
			As	Adjusted			As	Adjusted
<u>Total expenses</u> GAAP total expenses (a)	\$	77,153	\$	74,139	\$	230,997	\$	220,338
Less:	Φ	77,155	φ	/4,15/	φ	230,777	ψ	220,330
Stock-based compensation (b)		(6,254)		(5,353)		(21,454)		(17,222)
Amortization of intangibles		(1,157)		(5,555)		(3,380)		(1,578)
Litigation judgment		(1,157)		(520)		(3,300)		(1,548
Acquisition related fees		(15)		(378)		(8)		(1,546
Acquisition related rees		(13)		(378)		(8)		(700
Non-GAAP total expenses	\$	69,727	\$	67,882	\$	206,155	\$	199,284
Income from enoustions								
Income from operations GAAP income from operations	\$	70,831	\$	53,619	\$	171,579	\$	139,437
Plus:	φ	/0,031	Ф	55,019	Ф	1/1,3/9	φ	139,437
Stock-based compensation (b)		6,254		5 252		21 454		17 222
Amortization of intangibles		1,157		5,353 526		21,454 3,380		17,222
Litigation judgment		1,137		320		3,380		1,578
		15		378		8		1,548 706
Acquisition related fees		15		378		8		/06
Non-GAAP income from operations	\$	78,257	\$	59,876	\$	196,421	\$	160,491
<u>Net income</u>								
GAAP net income	\$	61,587	\$	44,505	\$	158,869	\$	217,057
Plus:								
Stock-based compensation (b)		6,254		5,353		21,454		17,222
Amortization of intangibles		1,157		526		3,380		1,578
Litigation judgment								1,548
Acquisition related fees		15		378		8		706
Less:								
Income tax effect on Non-GAAP items (c)		(1,559)		(1,758)		(5,217)		(5,916
Non-GAAP net income	\$	67,454	\$	49,004	\$	178,494	\$	232,195
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<u>Diluted income per share</u>								
GAAP diluted income per share	\$	0.88	\$	0.61	\$	2.23	\$	2.97
Plus:								
Stock-based compensation (b)		0.08		0.06		0.30		0.23
Amortization of intangibles		0.02		0.01		0.05		0.02
Litigation judgment								0.02
Acquisition related fees				0.01				0.01
Less:								
Income tax effect on Non-GAAP items (c)		(0.02)		(0.02)		(0.07)		(0.08
	\$	0.96	\$					

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Results of Operations and Cash Flows

(Unaudited in Thousands, Except per Share Data)

Shares used in computing Non-GAAP diluted income per				
share	70,160	72,663	71,142	73,136

	Three Months Ended March 31,						onths Ended rch 31,		
		2019	2018		2019			2018	
			As	Adjusted			As	Adjusted	
Free Cash Flow									
GAAP cash flow from operating activities	\$	90,039	\$	73,067	\$	153,136	\$	127,829	
Purchase of property, equipment and leasehold									
improvements		(26)		(61)		(206)		(217)	
Capitalized computer software development costs		(905)		57		(1,094)		(299)	
Non-capitalized acquired technology (d)		_		_				75	
Acquisition related fee payments		16		780		27		868	
Litigation related payments				4,286				4,286	
Free Cash Flow	\$	89,124	\$	78,129	\$	151,863	\$	132,542	

(a) GAAP total expenses

	Three Months Ended March 31,					nths Ended •ch 31,		
	 2019		2018		2019		2018	
		As Adjusted					As Adjusted	
Total costs of revenue	\$ 14,360	\$	12,776	\$	42,326	\$	37,597	
Total operating expenses	62,793		61,363		188,671		182,741	
GAAP total expenses	\$ 77,153	\$	74,139	\$	230,997	\$	220,338	

(b) Stock-based compensation expense was as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,				Nine Months Ended March 31,			
	 2019		2018		2019		2018	
Cost of maintenance	\$ 379	\$		\$	916	\$	_	
Cost of services and other	366		345		1,038		1,119	
Selling and marketing	1,228		979		3,687		2,870	
Research and development	1,518		1,892		5,451		5,679	
General and administrative	2,763		2,137		10,362		7,554	
Total stock-based compensation	\$ 6,254	\$	5,353	\$	21,454	\$	17,222	

(c) The income tax effect on non-GAAP items for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2019 is calculated utilizing the Company's statutory tax rate of 21 percent. The income tax effect on non-GAAP items for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 is calculated utilizing the Company's estimated federal and state tax rate.

(d) In the nine months ended March 31, 2018, the Company has excluded \$0.1 million of final payments related to noncapitalized acquired technology from prior fiscal periods from free cash flow to be consistent with the treatment of other transactions where the acquired assets were capitalized.