FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	OF CH	HANGES	IN BEN	IEFICIAL	OWNER	SHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FUSCO MARK					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ [AZPN								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner						
(Loct)	/_	irot) (Middle		. 1										X	X Officer (give title below)		Oth belo	er (specify
(Last) (First) (Middle) ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 200 WHEELER ROAD					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) President & CEO President & CEO								,						
(Street) BURLIN (City)	IGTON M		01803 Zip)		- 4. If										S. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) 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. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date,		Code	Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, Code (Instr. 5)				4 and Securi Benefi Owned		cially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	. 1	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 12/30/2)/2011	2011		F		6,191	191 ⁽¹⁾ D \$		\$17	'.35	35 519,706		D			
Common Stock 12/31/2				/2011	F 6,889 ⁽¹⁾ D 5		\$17	'.35	512,817		D								
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)	erivative conversion or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) str. 3) Price of Derivative Security Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transa Code (8)		on of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expirati	Exercisable and ion Date Day/Year) Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amount or Numbe of Shares		ount nber	8. Pri Deriv Secu (Instr	ative rity	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy statutory tax withholding requirements on vesting of Restricted Stock Units and distribution of stock.

/s/ F.G. Hammond, Attorney-

01/04/2012

In-Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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