FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Wheeler Blair             |   |  |   |         |        | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/  AZPN |                 |   |             |                                    |        |                   |   |  |  |  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specif |  |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|---------|--------|--|-----------------|---|-------------|------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 200 WHEELER ROAD |   |  |   |         |        |  | f Earlie<br>008 | est Trar  | nsact       | tion (Mc                           | onth/[ | Day/Year)         |   | X Officer (give title Officer (specify below) SVP, Marketing |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |
| (Street) BURLINGTON MA 01803 (City) (State) (Zip)                   |   |  |   |         |        | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                           |                 |   |             |                                    |        |                   |   |  |  | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |   |  |  |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da          |   |  |   |         |        | ar) E  | xecution        | a. Deemed<br>ecution Date,<br>any<br>onth/Day/Year) |             | Code (Instr.                       |        |                   |   |  | Benefic<br>Owned                       | ties<br>cially<br>Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)  |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |  |
|   |   |  |   |         |        | Amount   |                 | (A) or<br>(D)                                       | Price       |                                    |        | Transa            | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)  |  |  | (Instr. 4)   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Common Stock 01/30/3  |   |  |   |         |        | 2008   |                 |   |             | M                                  |        | 750               |   | A  | (1)                                    | 3  | 3,308  |  | D   |  |  |
| Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup> 01/30/2                                 |   |  |   |         |        | /2008  |                 |   |             | F                                  |        | 285               |   | D \$13.0   |  | 02 3   | 3,023  |  | D   |  |  |
|   |   | T  |   |         |        |  |                 |   |             |                                    |        | sed of<br>onverti |   |  |  | / Owned  |  |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                 | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution I<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | Date,   |        | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.  |                 |   |             | Oate Exe<br>Diration I<br>Onth/Day | Date   |                   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Securit<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  |  | Owners<br>Form:<br>Direct (<br>or Indir<br>(I) (Inst | Ownership   | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>ct (Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |  |   |         | Code   | v  | (A)             | (D)   | Date<br>Exe | e<br>ercisable                     |        | opiration         | Title   |  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |  |  |   |  |  |
| Restricted<br>Stock   | (1)   | 01/30/2008                                 |   |         | M      |  |                 | 750   |             | (3)                                |        | (3)               | Com   |  | 750                                    | (1)  | 7,500  |  | D   |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 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.

/s/ F. G. Hammond, Attorneyin-Fact 02/01/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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