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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person[*]	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
Griffin William	**ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/** [**AZPN**]	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) **EVP, Field Operations**
(Last) (First) (Middle) 20 CROSBY DRIVE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2017	
(Street) BEDFORD MA 01730	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)		

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	03/31/2017		M		2,257	A	$31.26	50,973	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2017		S[(1)]		2,257	D	$58.76	48,716	D	
Common Stock	03/31/2017		F		1,167[(2)]	D	$58.91	47,549	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)	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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	$31.26	03/31/2017		M			2,257	[(3)]	02/07/2026	Common Stock	2,257	$0	24,831	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan completed and executed by the reporting person on September 1, 2016.

2. Shared withheld by Registrant to satisfy statutory tax withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units and distribution of stock.

3. The option granted at the exercise price of $31.26 per share, representing a right to purchase a total of 36,118 shares, becomes exercisable in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter, beginning March 31, 2016.

/s/ Frederic G. Hammond, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Griffin   04/04/2017

** 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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