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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KOTZABASAKIS MANOLIS E				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/</u> [ AZPN ]		ationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer k all applicable) Director 10% Owner			
	(l. aat)	(First)		. 1	X	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		
(Last)(First)(Middle)C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.200 WHEELER ROAD			( )	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/29/2009		SVP, Sales & Business Dev.			
	(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	vidual or Joint/Group Filin	g (Check Applicable		
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	(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)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1150.4)	
Common Stock	07/29/2009		М		750	A	(1)	7,991	D		
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	07/29/2009		F		239	D	\$ <mark>9.</mark> 7	7,752	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. Transa Code ( 8)		Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D	vative nities nired r osed ) r. 3, 4	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		ate Amount of		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				
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	07/29/2009		М			750	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	750	(1)	3,000	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.

<u>/s/ F. G. Hammond, Attorney-</u>	07/31/2009		
<u>in-Fact</u>	0//31/2009		
** 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).

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