

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13G
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(AMENDMENT NO.)*

NAME OF ISSUER: ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC.
TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES: ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC.

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED IS A
COMMON STOCK

CUSIP NO. 045327 10 3

FEE BEING PAID: YES

(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS: J.P. MORGAN & CO. INCORPORATED
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS: 13-2625764

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP: (A)
(B)

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: UNITED STATES

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:

(5) SOLE POWER TO VOTE: 1,081,541 SHARES

(6) SHARED POWER TO VOTE: 0 SHARES

(7) SOLE POWER TO DISPOSE: 1,322,741 SHARES

(8) SHARED POWER TO DISPOSE: 0 SHARES

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:
1,322,741 SHARES

(10) CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9): 5.1%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON: HC

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AMENDMENT NO: DATE FEBRUARY 29, 2000

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ITEM 1 (A) NAME OF ISSUER: ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC.

ITEM 1 (B) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

TEN CANAL PARK
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02141

ITEM 2 (A) NAME OF PERSON FILING: J.P.MORGAN & CO. INCORPORATED

ITEM 2 (B) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE:

60 WALL STREET
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10260

ITEM 2 (C) CITIZENSHIP UNITED STATES

ITEM 2 (D) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC.

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ITEM 2 (E) CUSIP NO: 045357 10 3

ITEM 3 TYPE OF PERSON: (G) IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO
RULE 13D-1 (c)

CHECK THIS BOX (X)

ITEM 4 (A) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: 1,322,741 SHARES,
INCLUDING 607,891 SHARES WHERE THERE IS A RIGHT TO ACQUIRE.

ITEM 4 (B) PERCENT OF CLASS: 5.1

ITEM 4 (C) (I) SOLE POWER TO VOTE: 1,081,541 SHARES

(II) SHARED POWER TO VOTE: 0 SHARES

(III) SOLE POWER TO DISPOSE: 1,322,741 SHARES

(IV) SHARED POWER TO DISPOSE: 0 SHARES

ITEM 5 OWNERSHIP OF 5 PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS: NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 6 OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN 5 PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR ACCOUNTS INVOLVE OUTSIDE PERSONS WHO HAVE THE
RIGHT TO RECEIVE OR DIRECT THE RECEIPT OF DIVIDENDS FROM, OR THE PROCEEDS
FROM THE SALE OF, SECURITIES IN SUCH ACCOUNTS WITH RESPECT TO THE CLASS
OF SECURITIES WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT. HOWEVER, NO SUCH
PERSON'S RIGHTS RELATE TO MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT OF THE CLASS UNLESS
SUCH PERSON IS IDENTIFIED BELOW.

ITEM 7 IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF SUBSIDIARIES:

MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK - 3(B) BANK
J.P. MORGAN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, INC. - 3(E) INVESTMENT ADVISOR
J.P. MORGAN WHITEFRIARS

ITEM 8 IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP
NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 9 NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF THE GROUP: NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 10 CERTIFICATION:

BY SIGNING BELOW I CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND
BELIEF, THE SECURITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE WERE NOT ACQUIRED AND ARE NOT

HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF OR WITH THE EFFECT OF CHANGING OR INFLUENCING THE CONTROL OF THE ISSUER OF THE SECURITIES AND WERE NOT ACQUIRED AND ARE NOT HELD IN CONNECTION WITH OR AS PARTICIPANT IN ANY TRANSACTION HAVING THAT PURPOSE OR EFFECT.

JAMES C.P. BERRY
VICE PRESIDENT