

Wheeler Blair  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Wheeler Blair

2. Issuer Name and 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 below)  Other (specify below)  
SVP, Marketing

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 200 WHEELER ROAD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/09/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BURLINGTON, MA 01803

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 11/09/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 52,000  | A  | \$ 0 <sub>(2)</sub>               |
| Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>     | 11/09/2009                           |  | F                              |   | 5,558   | D  | \$ 9.55                           |

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Common Stock (Right to Buy)                | \$ 9.55  | 11/09/2009                           |  | A                              | 9,600   | <sup>(4)</sup> 11/08/2019                                | Common Stock  | 9,600                         |
| Common Stock (Right to Buy)                | \$ 9.55  | 11/09/2009                           |  | A                              | 5,760   | <sup>(5)</sup> 11/08/2019                                | Common Stock  | 5,760                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Wheeler Blair<br>C/O ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.<br>200 WHEELER ROAD<br>BURLINGTON, MA 01803 |               |           | SVP,<br>Marketing |       |

## Signatures

/s/ F. G. Hammond,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/12/2009

        Signature of Reporting Person

        Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Aspen Technology, Inc. common stock.
- (2) Restricted stock units do not have an exercise price.
- (3) Shares withheld by Registrant to satisfy statutory tax withholding requirements on vesting of restricted stock units and distribution of stock.
- (4) The option granted at the exercise price of \$9.55 was fully vested on the date of grant.

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(5) The option was granted at the exercise price of \$9.55 and will vest in 6 equal quarterly installments beginning in the first quarter of 2010.

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