

Sullivan Mark P.  
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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 \*  
Sullivan Mark P.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/  
[AZPN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC., 200  
WHEELER ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/24/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP & CFO

BURLINGTON, MA 01803

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

(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	08/24/2012		M			3,094	A	\$ 10.93	148,954	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2012		M			9,375	A	\$ 15.5	158,329	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2012		S			12,469 (3)	D	\$ 23.5069	145,860	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2012		S			8,268 (4)	D	\$ 23.5025	137,592	D	

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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.93	08/24/2012		M	3,094	<u>(1)</u> 08/01/2017	Common Stock	3,094
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.5	08/24/2012		M	9,375	<u>(2)</u> 07/31/2021	Common Stock	9,375

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sullivan Mark P. ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 200 WHEELER ROAD BURLINGTON, MA 01803			EVP & CFO	

## Signatures

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

08/28/2012

\*\*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) The option granted at the exercise price of \$10.93 vests in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter, beginning on September 30, 2010.

(2) The option granted at the exercise price of \$15.50 vests in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last business day of each quarter, beginning on September 30, 2011.

(3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$23.34 to \$23.67, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Aspen Technology, Inc., any security holder of Aspen Technology, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

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