

FUSCO MARK  
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 \*  
FUSCO MARK

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)  
President & CEO

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

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

BURLINGTON, MA 01803

4. If Amendment, Date 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/24/2012		M		169,808	A	\$ 5.73	566,799	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2012		S		169,808 (2)	D	\$ 23.4654	396,991	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2012		M		100,000	A	\$ 5.27	496,991	D	
Common Stock	08/27/2012		S		100,000 (4)	D	\$ 23.957	396,991	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)	
					V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.73	08/24/2012		M		169,808	<u>(1)</u>	03/20/2015	Common Stock	169,800
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.27	08/27/2012		M		100,000	<u>(3)</u>	09/14/2015	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FUSCO MARK ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC. 200 WHEELER ROAD BURLINGTON, MA 01803			President & CEO	

## 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 \$5.73 was exercisable at grant with respect to 500,000 shares. The remaining portion of the option vested in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter, beginning on June 30, 2005.

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- 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 \$23.61, 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.
- (2)
- (3) The option granted at the exercise price of \$5.27 vested in 16 equal consecutive quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter, beginning on December 31, 2005.

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$23.94 to \$23.9814, 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.
- (4)

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