#### KOTZABASAKIS MANOLIS E

Form 4

February 16, 2011

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KOTZABASAKIS MANOLIS E |          |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/<br>[AZPN] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)                          |  |  |
|--|----------|----------|---|---|--|--|
| (Last)  ASPEN TECH WHEELER R                                     | · ·      | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2011                           | Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below)   |  |  |
|  | (Street) |          | 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 |  |  |
| BURLINGTON, MA 01803   |          |          |   | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tabl  | le I - Non-I                            | Derivative                      | Secui                        | rities Acqu  | ired, Disposed of  | , or Beneficiall   | y Owned   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose<br>4 and<br>(A)<br>or | d of (D)     | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 02/15/2011                              |   | M                                       | 1,137                           | A                            | \$ 2.85      | 108,181  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 02/15/2011                              |   | M                                       | 263                             | A                            | \$ 2.85      | 108,444  | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 02/15/2011                              |   | S                                       | 1,400<br>(2)                    | D                            | \$<br>15.402 | 107,044  | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |         | 6. Date Exercisab<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year |                    | 7. Title and L<br>Underlying S<br>(Instr. 3 and | Securities                            |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------|---|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V  | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amoun<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 2.85   | 02/15/2011                              |   | M   | 1,137   | 09/30/2007(1)   | 08/17/2013         | Common<br>Stock                                 | 1,137                                 |
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)    | \$ 2.85   | 02/15/2011                              |   | M   | 263     | 08/18/2003  | 08/17/2013         | Common<br>Stock                                 | 263                                   |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |              |       |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer      | Other |  |  |  |  |
| KOTZABASAKIS MANOLIS E         |               |           |              |       |  |  |  |  |
| ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.         |               |           | EVP, Sales   |       |  |  |  |  |
| 200 WHEELER ROAD               |               |           | and Strategy |       |  |  |  |  |
| BURLINGTON, MA 01803           |               |           |              |       |  |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

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

\*\*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, representing a right to purchase a total of 1,137 shares, became exercisable in two installments of 568 shares and 569 shares, respectively, on June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2007.

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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 \$15.40 to \$15.4075, 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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