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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 13G**

(Amendment No. 2)

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**\*

Aspen Technology, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

### Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

## 045327103

(CUSIP Number)

### December 31, 2009

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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<sup>\*</sup>The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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This Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G (this "Amendment No. 2") is being filed with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Aspen Technology, Inc., a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Company"), to amend the Schedule 13G filed on March 12, 2008 (as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on January 5, 2009 and this Amendment No. 2, the "Schedule 13G"). This Amendment No. 2 is being filed to report changes in the number of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons and to report that two of the joint filers of this Schedule 13G, the Offshore Master Fund and Advisors II, no longer beneficially own more than 5% of the Common Stock. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meanings ascribed in the Schedule 13G.

#### <u>Item 4</u>: <u>Ownership:</u>

Item 4 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

The beneficial ownership of Common Stock by the Reporting Persons, as of the date hereof, is as follows:

#### A. Third Point LLC

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 5,021,000
- (b) Percent of class: 5.5%. The percentages used herein and in the rest of this Schedule 13G are calculated based upon the 91,773,023 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of February 2, 2010, as reported in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 9, 2010 for the quarterly period ended December 31, 2009.
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 5,021,000
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 5,021,000
  - B. Daniel S. Loeb
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 5,021,000
- (b) Percent of class: 5.5%
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 5,021,000
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 5,021,000
  - C. Third Point Offshore Master Fund, L.P.
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 3,700,900
- (b) Percent of class: 4.0%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 3,700,900
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 3,700,900

### D. Third Point Advisors II L.L.C.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 3,700,900
- (b) Percent of class: 4.0%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 3,700,900
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 3,700,900

## <u>Item 10</u>: <u>Certification</u>:

Each of the Reporting Persons hereby makes the following 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 a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

[Signatures on following page]

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## **SIGNATURE**

By: /s/ William Song

Name: William Song

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complet and correct.	
Dated: February 16, 2010	
THIRD POINT LLC	
By: Daniel S. Loeb, Chief Executive Officer	
By: <u>/s/ William Song</u>	
Name: William Song	
ו	Title: Attorney-in-Fact
THIRD POINT OFFSHORE MASTER FUND, L.P.	
By: Third Point Advisors II L.L.C.,	
its general partner	
By: Daniel S. Loeb, Managing Director	
By: <u>/s/ William Song</u>	
Name: William Song	
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THIRD POINT ADVISORS II L.L.C.	
By: Daniel S. Loeb, Managing Director	
By: <u>/s/ William Song</u>	
Name: William Song	
ו	Title: Attorney-in-Fact
DANIEL S. LOEB	

Title: Attorney-in-Fact

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO SCHEDULE 13G

WITH RESPECT TO ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.]

### EXHIBIT INDEX

**Exhibit 99.1:** Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of February 16, 2010, by and among Third Point LLC, Daniel S. Loeb, Third Point

Offshore Master Fund, L.P. and Third Point Advisors II L.L.C.

Exhibit 99.2: Power of Attorney granted by Daniel S. Loeb in favor of James P. Gallagher, William Song, Joshua L. Targoff and

Bruce Wilson, dated January 5, 2009, was previously filed with the SEC on January 5, 2009 as an exhibit to Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13G filed by Third Point LLC, Third Point Offshore Fund, Ltd., Third Point Offshore Master Fund, L.P., Third Point Advisors II L.L.C. and Daniel S. Loeb with respect to Aspen Technology, Inc. and is

incorporated herein by reference.