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

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101) INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 7)1

Aspen Technology, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.10

(Title of Class of Securities)

045327103

(CUSIP Number)

Jarlyth H. Gibson, Compliance Officer 617-951-9493

C/o Advent International Corporation, 75 State Street, 29th Floor

Boston, MA 02109

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to

Receive Notices and Communications)

February 15, 2011

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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REPORTING PERSON		7,312,336			
WI	ГН 1 (SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
		None			
11	AGGREG	ATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	7,312,336				
12	CHECK I	F THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE CTIONS)			
	0				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	7.81%				
14	TYPE OF	REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			

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REPORTING PERSON		7,176,833		
WI	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
		None		
11	AGGREGA	ATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
	7,176,833			
12	CHECK IF	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE ΓΙΟΝS)		
	o			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
10	7.67%			
14	TYPE OF 1	REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)		

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REPORTING PERSON		482,620		
WI	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
		None		
11	AGGREGAT	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
	482,620			
12	CHECK IF T	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE IONS)		
	0			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
	0.52%			
14	TYPE OF RI	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)		

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	1	Edgar Filing: ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ - Form SC 13D/A			
REPORTING PERSON		102,366			
WIT	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
		None			
11	AGGREGA'	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	102,366				
12	CHECK IF T	ΓΗΕ AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE IONS)			
	0				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	0.11%				
14	TYPE OF R	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			

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	1	Edgar Filing: ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ - Form SC 13D/A		
REPORTING PERSON		472,659		
WI	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
		None		
11	AGGREGA'	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
	472,659			
12	CHECK IF T	ΓΗΕ AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE IONS)		
	0			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
	0.51%			
14	TYPE OF R	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)		

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	1	Edgar Filing: ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ - Form SC 13D/A		
REPORTING PERSON		234,005		
WI	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
		None		
11	AGGREGA	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
	234,005			
12	CHECK IF	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE IONS)		
	0			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
	0.25%			
14	TYPE OF R	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)		

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	E	Edgar Filing: ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ - Form SC 13D/A			
REPORTING PERSON		58,487			
WIT	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER None			
11	AGGREGAT	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	58,487				
12	CHECK IF T	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE CONS)			
	o				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	0.06%				
14	TYPE OF RI	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			

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	E	Edgar Filing: ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ - Form SC 13D/A			
REPORTING PERSON		935,997			
WIT	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
		None			
11	AGGREGAT	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
11	935,997				
12	CHECK IF T	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE IONS)			
	0				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	1.00%				
14	TYPE OF RI	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			

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REPORTING PERSON		175,490	
WI	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		None	
11	AGGREGA	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	175,490		
12	CHECK IF '	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE IONS)	
	0		
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)		
	0.19%		
14	TYPE OF R	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	

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REPORTING PERSON		117,003		
WI	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
		None		
11	AGGREGA	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
	117,003			
12	CHECK IF INSTRUCT	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE TIONS)		
	0			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
	0.13%			
14	TYPE OF R	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)		

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REPORTING PERSON		1,023,729		
WI	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
		None		
11	AGGREGA	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
	1,023,729			
12	CHECK IF '	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE IONS)		
	0			
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)			
	1.09%			
14	TYPE OF R	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)		

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REPORTING PERSON		3,574,477			
WIT	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
		None			
11	AGGREGA	ATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	3,574,477				
12	CHECK IF	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE TIONS)			
	0				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	3.82%				
14	TYPE OF F	REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			

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REPORTING PERSON		2,603			
WI	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER None			
11	AGGREGAT	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
11	2,603				
12	CHECK IF T	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE CONS)			
	0				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	0.00%				
14	TYPE OF RI	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			

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REPORTING PERSON		27,125			
WI	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
		None			
11	AGGREGAT	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	27,125				
12	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)				
	O				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	0.03%				
14	TYPE OF RI	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			

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	E	Edgar Filing: ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ - Form SC 13D/A			
REPORTING PERSON		8,765			
WITH 10		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER None			
11	AGGREGA	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
11	8,765				
12	CHECK IF T	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE IONS)			
	0				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	0.01%				
14	TYPE OF RI	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			

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REPORTING PERSON		45,242			
WI	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
		None			
11	AGGREGA?	TE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON			
	45,242				
12	CHECK IF T	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE IONS)			
	o				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	0.05%				
14	TYPE OF RI	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			
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	E	Edgar Filing: ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ - Form SC 13D/A			
REPORTING PERSON		51,768			
WI	ГН 10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
		None			
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON				
	51,768				
12	CHECK IF T	THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE IONS)			
	o				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)				
	0.06%				
14	TYPE OF RI	EPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			

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This statement on Amendment No. 7 to Schedule 13D (Amendment No. 7) relates to the Reporting Persons beneficial ownership interest in the Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share, of Aspen Technology, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Corporation). The address of the principal executive office of the Corporation is 200 Wheeler Road, Burlington, MA 01803. This Amendment No. 7 amends the initial statement on Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on August 22, 2003, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto filed with the Commission on June 6, 2006, Amendment No. 2 thereto filed with the Commission on July 26, 2006, Amendment No. 3 thereto filed with the Commission on December 15, 2006, Amendment No. 4 thereto filed with the Commission on December 22, 2006, Amendment No. 5 thereto filed with the Commission on February 14, 2008 and Amendment No. 6 thereto filed with the Commission on September 30, 2010 (as so amended, the Schedule 13D). This Amendment No. 7 is being filed by the Reporting Persons to amend Item 5. Terms defined in the Schedule 13D are used herein as so defined.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended as set forth in the following table which reports the aggregate number and percentage of the Common Stock beneficially owned by each Reporting Person named in Item 2 of the Schedule 13D (based upon 93,593,331 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of February 8, 2011). The table has been amended to reflect sales made on behalf of each Reporting Person since Amendment No. 6 was filed. The table has been amended to reflect sales made on behalf of each Reporting Person. The aggregate number and percentage of the Common Stock beneficially owned by each Reporting Person is calculated in accordance with Rule 13d-3.

			Number	
			of	Number of
	Number of	Percentage	Shares	Shares
		of		
	Shares	Common	Acquired	Disposed of
			during	
	Beneficially	Stock	Past	during Past
	Owned	Outstanding	60 Days	60 Days
Reporting Person Advent International				
Corporation (1),(2)	7,312,336	7.81%	0	1,500,000
Advent International Limited Partnership (1)	7,176,833	7.67%	0	1,472,204
Advent Energy II Limited Partnership (1)	482,620	0.52%	0	99,001
Advent PGGM Global Limited Partnership (1)	102,366	0.11%	0	20,999
Digital Media & Communications III Limited				
Partnership (1)	472,659	0.51%	0	96,958
Digital Media & Communications III-A Limited				
Partnership (1)	234,005	0.25%	0	48,002
Digital Media & Communications III-B Limited				
Partnership (1)	58,487	0.06%	0	11,998
Digital Media & Communications III-C Limited				
Partnership (1)	935,997	1.00%	0	192,003
Digital Media & Communications III-D C.V. (1)	175,490	0.19%	0	35,999
Digital Media & Communications III-E C.V. (1)	117,003	0.13%	0	24,001
Global Private Equity III Limited Partnership (1)	1,023,729	1.09%	0	210,000
Global Private Equity IV Limited Partnership (1)	3,574,477	3.82%	0	733,243
	2,603	0.00%	0	534

Advent Partners (NA) GPE-III Limited Partnership (2)

Advent Partners DMC III Limited Partnership (2) 27,125 0.03% 0 5,564

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Advent Partners	GPE-III Limited Partnership (2)	8,765	0.01%	0		1,798
Advent Partners	GPE-IV Limited Partnership (2)	45,242	0.05%	0		9,281
Advent Partners	II Limited Partnership (2)	51,768	0.06%	0		10,619
Total Group	-	7,312,336	7.81%	0	1,	,500,000

- (1) Advent International Corporation (AIC) is the General Partner of Advent International Limited Partnership (AILP) which in turn is the General Partner of the indicated Reporting Persons. As such, AIC has the sole power to vote and dispose of the securities owned by the indicated Reporting Persons. The beneficial ownership of AIC and AILP derive from such power.
- (2) AIC is the General Partner of the indicated Reporting Person. As such, AIC has the sole power to vote and dispose of the securities owned by the indicated reporting persons. The beneficial ownership of AIC derives from such power.
- (b) Each of the Reporting Persons listed in the table set forth above has sole voting and dispositive power over the Common Stock beneficially owned by it as indicated above.

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 23, 2011

Global Private Equity IV Limited Partnership

Global Private Equity III Limited Partnership

Advent PGGM Global Limited Partnership

Digital Media & Communications III Limited Partnership

Digital Media & Communications III-A Limited Partnership

Digital Media & Communications III-B Limited Partnership

Digital Media & Communications III-C Limited Partnership

Digital Media & Communications III-D C.V.

Digital Media & Communications III-E C.V.

Advent Energy II Limited Partnership

By: Advent International Limited Partnership,

General Partner

By: Advent International Corporation,

General Partner

By: Jarlyth H. Gibson, Compliance Officer*

Advent International Limited Partnership

Advent Partners II Limited Partnership

Advent Partners GPE-IV Limited Partnership

Advent Partners GPE-III Limited Partnership

Advent Partners (NA) GPE-III Limited Partnership

Advent Partners DMC-III Limited Partnership

By: Advent International Corporation,

General Partner

By: Jarlyth H. Gibson, Compliance Officer *

ADVENT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

By: Jarlyth H. Gibson, Compliance Officer *

*For all of the above:

/s/ Jarlyth H. Gibson

Jarlyth H. Gibson, Compliance Officer