

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/  
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 \*  
DIGITAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS III LTD PARTNERSHIP

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ADVENT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION, 75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02109

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Member of group > 10%

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/20/2006		C	V	1,747,200	A	\$ 3.33
					2,036,076	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)**

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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	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
Series D-1 Convertible Preferred Stock	\$ 3.33 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/20/2006		C	17,472	<sup>(2)</sup> / <sup>(2)</sup>	common stock	1,747,200

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director     10% Owner     Officer     Other

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 BOSTON, MA 02109

Member of group > 10%

## Signatures

/s/ Jarlyth H. Gibson, Assistant Compliance Officer

12/20/2006

         \*\*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) Each of the Series D-1 shares is convertible into a number of shares of common stock equal to its stated value of \$333.00 per share (subject to adjustment) divided by the conversion price of \$3.33 per share (subject to adjustment).
- (2) Shares may be converted into common stock at any time and on a perpetual basis.

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