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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 15, 2004

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware0-2478604-2739697(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)(Commission
File Number)(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Ten Canal Park, Cambridge, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (617) 949-1000

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ITEM 5.	OTHER EVENTS.
On July 15, 2004, we issued a press release with respect to recent developments in our proceedings with the Federal Trade Commission. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.	
ITEM 7.	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.
(a)	FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BUSINESSES ACQUIRED
Not applicable.	
(b)	PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Not applicable.	
(c)	EXHIBITS
99.1	Press release issued by Aspen Technology, Inc. on July 15, 2004.
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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Dated: July 15, 2004 By: /s/ Charles F. Kane

Charles F. Kane

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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