

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â McKenna David M</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O ADVENT INTERNATIONAL,Â 75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02109</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>09/13/2006</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>ASPEN TECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ [AZPN]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	346	I	see footnote <sup>(1)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Series D-1 Convertible Preferred Stock	08/14/2003	∞ <sup>(2)</sup>	common stock	2,090	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	see footnote <sup>(1)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McKenna David M C/O ADVENT INTERNATIONAL 75 STATE STREET, 29TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02109	∞ X	∞	∞	∞

## Signatures

/s/ Jarlyth H. Gibson,  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/20/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Shares are indirectly beneficially owned as a limited partner of Advent Partners GPE-IV Limited Partnership.
- (2) Shares may be converted into common stock at any time and on a perpetual basis.
- (3) 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).

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