# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### **SCHEDULE 13D**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934** 

(Amendment No. 4)\*

Aspen Technology, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

29109X106

(CUSIP Number)

Michael Tang Emerson Electric Co., 8027 Forsyth Boulevard St. Louis, MO, 63105 314-553-2000

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

01/27/2025

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

#### **SCHEDULE 13D**

**CUSIP No.** 29109X106

4	Name of reporting person
1	EMERSON ELECTRIC CO
	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (See Instructions)
2	(a) (b)
3	SEC use only

	Source of fi	unde (Soo Instructions)		
4	Source of funds (See Instructions) WC, OO			
5		sclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)		
6	Citizenship	or place of organization		
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		Sole Voting Power		
	7	0.00		
Number		Shared Voting Power		
of Shares Beneficial	8	36,307,514.00		
ly Owned by Each	9	Sole Dispositive Power		
Reporting Person With:		0.00		
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	10	36,307,514.00		
		00,007,014.00		
11	Aggregate a	amount beneficially owned by each reporting person		
	36,307,514.0	00		
12	Check if the	aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)		
12				
40	Percent of o	class represented by amount in Row (11)		
13	57.4 %			
	Type of Rep	porting Person (See Instructions)		
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4	Name of reporting person
ı	EMR Holdings, Inc.
	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (See Instructions)
2	□ (a) □ (b)
3	SEC use only
4	Source of funds (See Instructions)
4	WC, 00
_	Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
5	
	Citizenship or place of organization
6	DELAWARE

	_	Sole Voting Power	
	7	0.00	
Number of Shares	8	Shared Voting Power	
Beneficial ly Owned		36,307,514.00	
by Each Reporting	9	Sole Dispositive Power	
Person With:	9	0.00	
	10	Shared Dispositive Power	
	10	36,307,514.00	
Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person		amount beneficially owned by each reporting person	
11	36,307,514.	00	
40	Check if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)		
12			
40	Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)		
13	57.4 %		
44	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)		
14	14 CO		

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1	Name of reporting person
•	EMR Worldwide Inc.
	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (See Instructions)
2	□ (a) □ (b)
3	SEC use only
4	Source of funds (See Instructions)
4	WC, OO
5	Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
3	
6	Citizenship or place of organization
•	DELAWARE

	_	Sole Voting Power	
	7	0.00	
Number of Shares	8	Shared Voting Power	
Beneficial ly Owned		36,307,514.00	
by Each Reporting	9	Sole Dispositive Power	
Person With:	9	0.00	
	10	Shared Dispositive Power	
	10	36,307,514.00	
Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person		amount beneficially owned by each reporting person	
11	36,307,514.	00	
40	Check if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)		
12			
40	Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)		
13	57.4 %		
44	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)		
14	14 CO		

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1	Name of reporting person
1	EMR US Holdings LLC
	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (See Instructions)
2	(a) (b)
3	SEC use only
4	Source of funds (See Instructions)
4	WC, OO
5	Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
3	
6	Citizenship or place of organization
•	DELAWARE

	_	Sole Voting Power	
	7	0.00	
Number of Shares	8	Shared Voting Power	
Beneficial ly Owned	0	36,307,514.00	
by Each Reporting	9	Sole Dispositive Power	
Person With:	9	0.00	
	10	Shared Dispositive Power	
	10	36,307,514.00	
Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person		amount beneficially owned by each reporting person	
11	36,307,514.00		
40	Check if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)		
12			
40	Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)		
13	57.4 %		
44	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)		
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1	Name of reporting person
	Rutherfurd US LLC
2	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (See Instructions)
	(a) (b)
3	SEC use only
4	Source of funds (See Instructions)
4	WC, OO
5	Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
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6	Citizenship or place of organization
•	DELAWARE

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	7	Sole Voting Power	
		36,307,514.00	
Number of Shares	8	Shared Voting Power	
Beneficial ly Owned	0	0.00	
by Each Reporting		Sole Dispositive Power	
Person With:	9	36,307,514.00	
	40	Shared Dispositive Power	
	10	0.00	
	Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person		
11	36,307,514.00		
- 12	Check if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)		
12			
	Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)		
13	57.4 %		
44	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)		
14	00		

#### Item 1. Security and Issuer

(a) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share

(b) Name of Issuer:

Aspen Technology, Inc.

(c) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

20 CROSBY DRIVE, BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS , 01730.

# Item 1 Explanatory Note: Comment:

This Amendment No. 4 (this "Amendment No. 4") amends the Schedule 13D (the "Original Filing") filed with the U.S. Se curities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on May 26, 2022, as amended by Amendment No. 1, filed on O ctober 11, 2023 ("Amendment No. 1"), Amendment No. 2, filed on October 13, 2023 ("Amendment No. 2") and Amend ment No. 3, filed on November 5, 2024 ("Amendment No. 3" and, together with the Original Filing, Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2, the "Schedule 13D"), and is made pursuant to Rule 13d-1(a) of the Act.

The Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented as detailed below, and, except as amended and supplement ed hereby, the Schedule 13D remains in full force and effect. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Schedule 13D.

The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by Emerson has not changed from the Original Filing filed on May 26, 2022.

#### Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) Item 2(a), (c), and (f) to the Schedule 13D are hereby supplemented and amended by replacing Schedules I-V of the Schedule 13D with Schedules I-V of this Amendment No. 4 to update the information of certain executive officers and directors.

#### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following information:

The funds to pay for all shares of Common Stock accepted for payment in the Offer (as defined below) and the consideration in connection with the Merger (as defined below) are expected to come from Emerson's cash on hand and debt financing.

#### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following information:

On January 26, 2025, Emerson entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") among Emerson, the Issue r, and Emersub CXV, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Emerson ("Purchaser").

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, and upon the terms and subject to the conditions thereof, Purchaser will commence a tender offer (the "Offer"), to purchase all of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, other than any shares of Common Stock own ed, at the commencement of the Offer, by the Issuer, Emerson, Purchaser or any of their respective wholly-owned subsidiaries, at a price of \$265 per Share (the "Offer Price"), net to the seller in cash, without interest.

The obligation of Purchaser to consummate the Offer is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of customary conditions, including, amon g others, (i) the non-waivable condition that immediately prior to the expiration of the Offer, there having been validly tendered and n ot validly withdrawn shares of Common Stock (excluding (1) shares of Common Stock tendered in the Offer that have not yet been received by the depository and (2) shares of Common Stock owned by Emerson and its subsidiaries, Emerson's and its subsidiaries' directors and officers, and the Issuer's directors and officers), that represent at least one more Share than 50% of the total number of s hares of Common Stock outstanding at the time of the expiration of the Offer (excluding, for the purposes of calculating the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding under this condition, shares of Common Stock owned by Emerson and its subsidiaries, Emerson's and its subsidiaries' directors and officers, and the Issuer's directors and officers), (ii) the absence of any applicable law prohibiting the consummation of the Merger (as defined below) and (iii) other customary conditions set forth in Annex I to the Merger A greement.

Following the consummation of the Offer and subject to the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement, Purchaser will merge with and into the Issuer in accordance with Section 251(h) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"), wher eupon the Issuer will be the surviving corporation (the "Merger"). At the effective time of the Merger (the "Effective Time"), each Shar e outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (other than (i) shares of Common Stock owned by the Issuer, Emerson, Purcha ser or any of their respective wholly-owned subsidiaries and (ii) shares of Common Stock held by stockholders who have properly ex ercised and perfected their demands for appraisal of such shares of Common Stock in accordance with the DGCL and have neither withdrawn nor lost such rights prior to the Effective Time) will be converted into the right to receive an amount in cash equal to the Off er Price, without interest.

Upon completion of the Merger, the shares of Common Stock currently listed on the Nasdaq will cease to be listed on the Nasdaq and will subsequently be deregistered under the Act.

The above description of the Merger Agreement does not purport to be complete, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Merger Agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The tender offer described in this Schedule 13D has not yet commenced. This communication is for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of the Issuer, nor is it a substitute for any tender offer materials that Emerson, Purchaser or the Issuer will file with the SEC. A solicitation and an offer to buy shares of the Issuer will be made on ly pursuant to an offer to purchase and related materials that Emerson and Purchaser intend to file with the SEC. At the time the tender offer is commenced, Emerson and Purchaser will file a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO and a Schedule 13E-3 with the SEC, and the Issuer will file a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 and a Schedule 13E-3 with the SEC with the spect to the tender offer. THE ISSUER'S STOCKHOLDERS AND OTHER INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE TENDER OFFER MATERIALS (INCLUDING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE, A RELATED LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL AND OTHER TENDER OFFER DOCUMENTS), THE SCHEDULE 13E-3 AND THE SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT BECAUSE THEY WILL C ONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ANY DECISION IS MADE WITH RESPE CT TO THE TENDER OFFER. The Offer to Purchase, the related Letter of Transmittal and other tender offer documents, the Schedule 13E-3s, as well as the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement, will be sent to all stockholders of the Issuer at no expense to the m. The Tender Offer Statement and the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement will be made available for free at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Additional copies may be obtained for free by contacting Emerson or the Issuer. Free copies of these materials and certain other offering documents will be made available for request by mail to Emerson Electric Co., 8027 Forsyth Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63105 attention: Colleen Mettler, by phone at (314) 553-2197, or by directing requests for such materials to the information agent for the offer, which will be named in the Tender O

In addition to the Offer to Purchase, the related Letter of Transmittal and certain other tender offer documents, the Schedule 13E-3s as well as the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement, Emerson and the Issuer file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy state ments and other information with the SEC. Emerson's and the Issuer's filings with the SEC are also available for free to the public from commercial document-retrieval services and at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) The first paragraph in Item 5(a) is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Based on the most recent information available, the aggregate number and percentage of the Common Stock that are beneficially o wned by such Reporting Person is set forth in boxes (11) and (13), respectively, on the cover page to this Schedule 13D for each of the Reporting Persons, and such information is incorporated herein by reference. The percentages reported herein are calculated based upon 63,308,088 issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock as of January 17, 2025 as provided by the Issuer to Emerson in the Merger Agreement.

Except as set forth above, there are no changes to Item 5 of the Schedule 13D.

#### Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer

Item 6 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by incorporating by reference in its entirety the description of the Merger Agreement and the other matters set forth in Item 4 above.

#### Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated January 26, 2025, by and among Emerson Electric Co., Aspen Technology, Inc. and Emersub CXV, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Emerson Electric Co. with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 27, 2025).

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.

### **EMERSON ELECTRIC CO**

Signature: /s/ John A. Sperino

Name/Title: John A. Sperino/Vice President and Assistant Secretary

Date: 01/27/2025

### EMR Holdings, Inc.

Signature: /s/ John A. Sperino

Name/Title: John A. Sperino/Vice President and Secretary

Date: 01/27/2025

### EMR Worldwide Inc.

Signature: /s/ John A. Sperino

Name/Title: John A. Sperino/President and Secretary

Date: 01/27/2025

### **EMR US Holdings LLC**

Signature: /s/ John A. Sperino

Name/Title: John A. Sperino/Authorized Signatory

Date: 01/27/2025

#### Rutherfurd US LLC

Signature: /s/ John A. Sperino

Name/Title: John A. Sperino/Authorized Signatory

Date: 01/27/2025

# DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF EMERSON ELECTRIC CO.

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the directors and executive officers of Emerson Electric Co. The business address of each director and executive officer of Emerson Electric Co. is 8027 Forsyth Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63105.

Present Principal Occupation or **Employment** Citizenship Name James S. Turley (Director) Chair of the Board, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO Mark A. Blinn (Director) Director, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO President and Chief Executive Officer, Business Roundtable Joshua B. Bolten (Director) United States Washington D.C. Calvin G. Butler, Jr. (Director) President and Chief Executive Officer of Exelon United States Chicago, IL Martin S. Craighead (Director) Director, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO William H. Easter III (Director) Director, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO Gloria A. Flach (Director) Director, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO Leticia Gonçalves (Director) President, Global Foods for Archer Daniels United States Midland Company (ADM) Chicago, IL Lori M. Lee (Director) CEO, AT&T Latin America & Global Marketing Officer, AT&T Inc. United States Dallas, TX CEO, Invisibly Inc. United States James M. McKelvey (Director) St. Louis, MO Matthew S. Levatich (Director) Director, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO Surendralal (Lal) L. Karsanbhai (Director, President and Chief President and Chief Executive Officer, Emerson United States Executive Officer) St. Louis, MO Michael J. Baughman Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer, United States Emerson St. Louis, MO Ram R. Krishnan Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO Peter Zornio Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO Michael Tang Senior Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO Vidya Ramnath Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, Emerson Singapore St. Louis, MO Lisa A. Flavin Senior Vice President, Chief Transformation and Chief Compliance Officer, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO Michael H. Train Senior Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO Nicholas J. Piazza Senior Vice President and Chief People Officer, Emerson United States St. Louis, MO

# DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF EMR HOLDINGS, INC.

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the directors and executive officers of EMR Holdings, Inc. The business address of each director and executive officer of EMR Holdings, Inc. is 8027 Forsyth Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63105.

Name	Employment	Citizenship
Christopher J. Cassulo (Director, President)	Director, State & Local Taxes, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States
John A. Sperino (Director, Vice President & Secretary)	Vice President - Governance & Securities and Assistant Secretary, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States
Kirk A. Wippermann (Director)	Vice President International Tax, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States

# DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF EMR WORLDWIDE INC.

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the directors and executive officers of EMR Worldwide Inc. The business address of each director and executive officer of EMR Worldwide Inc. is 8027 Forsyth Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63105.

Name	Employment	Citizenship
John A. Sperino (Director, President & Secretary)	Vice President - Governance & Securities and Assistant Secretary, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States
James H. Thomasson (Director, Treasurer)	Vice President & Treasurer, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States
Kirk A. Wippermann (Director, Vice President & Assistant Treasurer)	Vice President International Tax, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States

# MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF EMR US HOLDINGS LLC

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the managers and executive officers of EMR US Holdings LLC. The business address of each manager and executive officer of EMR US Holdings LLC is 8027 Forsyth Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63105.

Name	Employment	Citizenship
John A. Sperino (Manager, President & Secretary)	Vice President - Governance & Securities and Assistant Secretary, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States
James H. Thomasson (Manager, Vice President & Treasurer)	Vice President & Treasurer, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States
Kirk A. Wippermann (Manager)	Vice President International Tax, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States

# MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF RUTHERFURD US LLC

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the managers and executive officers of Rutherfurd US LLC. The business address of each manager and executive officer of Rutherfurd US LLC is 8027 Forsyth Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63105.

Name	Employment	Citizenship
John A. Sperino (Manager, President & Secretary)	Vice President - Governance & Securities and Assistant Secretary, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States
James H. Thomasson (Manager, Vice President & Treasurer)	Vice President & Treasurer, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States
Kirk A. Wippermann (Manager)	Vice President International Tax, Emerson St. Louis, MO	United States