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Product Release Announcement

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DEEP-SKY PLANNER 4 UPDATE RELEASED

Deep-Sky Planner 4, version 4.3, was released June 14. The product operates on Windows 2000, XP and Vista. The new features include telescope control using ASCOM, interoperability with planetarium software packages **TheSky6**, **Starry Night 4.5** or later, and the freeware product **Cartes du Ciel**. These features allow a user to select an object reported by **Deep-Sky Planner** and slew the telescope to that object, or command the planetarium software to center its display on that object. The product is available on CD directly from Knightware and retails for \$59.95. It is backed by a 30-day money back guarantee when purchased from Knightware.

Deep-Sky Planner allows users to plan observations of sun, moon, planets, comets, asteroids, or over 300,000 cataloged objects - carbon stars, doubles, variables and deep-sky objects - by using searches with customizable filters and sorting options. The reports generated by these searches have options that customize content and an optimization feature that produces a best-fit report layout. Furthermore, these reports can be printed or saved as text or HTML files suitable for publishing on the web.

The product also has an integrated observing log that holds visual or photographic observations. Images can be attached to any observation in the log. Like the deep-sky and stellar database, the log is searchable using customizable filters and sorting options. Reports can be printed or converted to HTML or text files, a feature very useful for reporting observations for awards or for maintaining a personal web site.

Deep-Sky Planner includes an innovative visual observing project manager that allows users to organize observations into one or more projects. Observations and projects can be imported from or exported to any **Deep-Sky Planner 4** user, or any software that recognizes XML files (e.g., Microsoft Excel).

Deep-Sky Planner includes thorough documentation, online product support and online product updates. For full product description and availability see

<http://www.knightware.biz>

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