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Product Release Announcement

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DEEP-SKY PLANNER 5 RELEASED

Knightware has released **Deep-Sky Planner 5** (\$70 US). The product operates on Windows 7, Vista and XP. The new version places emphasis on open data exchange features, including import and export of observations in the new OpenAstronomyLog2.0 format.

Version 5 includes an updated and expanded database of over one million deep-sky objects, variable stars, double stars and carbon stars. G2V stars have been added to help astrophotographers color-balance their images.

Deep-Sky Planner 5 also has a fully integrated observing log with extensive enhancements, including complete sky and weather conditions, convenient browsing of online resources, and the ability to link images (sketches or photographs) to observations. 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. An online product community allows licensed users to exchange resources used by the product. For full product description and availability see <http://www.knightware.biz>

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