

DeepskyLog

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- August 2003: First ideas, astronomylog
- End july 2004 : Official start, first lines of code, project available at murzim (Aalst) website
- September 29, 2004: 4 testers
- October 9, 2004 : First operational version



- November 26, 2004 : DeepskyLog
- December 7, 2004 : DeepskyLog 1.0 at http://www.deepskylog.be/
- Februari 22, 2005 : DeepskyLog 2.0
 - Search on observations
 - pdf files for objects and observations
 - The 'club' concept
 - DeepSkyLive link



- July 2, 2005 : DeepskyLog 2.1
 - Import and export of observations in csv format
 - Easier to add different observations of 1 night
 - Adapted version of SAC database
 - Search on object diameter
- November 9, 2005 : 5000 observations



- 2006 : DeepskyLog 2.2
 - Search on limiting magnitude and seeing
 - Export objects to csv format
 - Sort objects on seen/not seen
 - Search observations
 - with drawings
 - with instruments with a certain diameter
- May 28, 2006: 10000 observations

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- May 31, 2006 : DeepskyLog 3.0
 - Module concept : Comets
 - Cross queries for observations of Deepsky objects
 - More than 25 entries in 'Most active observers' and 'Most seen objects'
 - Search for text in observations
 - IE errors



- October 2006 : 3th developer (David Erzeel)
- November 2006 : cooperation with the 'Fachgruppe ComputerAstronomy'. Common format to import / export observations.



- StarNights 2007 : DeepskyLog 3.1
 - Search observations not done by yourself
 - Overview of nearby objects
 - Sort on Messier, Caldwell, ...
 - Internationalisation: Language field
 - Addition of visibility (Easy → not visible)
 - Local time
 - New instrument types
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- December 16, 2007: 20000 observations
- June 26, 2008 : DeepskyLog 3.2
 - Observing lists
 - Import and export of observing lists
 - Calculation of contrast reserve for objects
 - Addition of filters, eyepieces, lenses



- January 7, 2009 : DeepskyLog 3.3
 - New layout
 - "Last seen" column for objects
 - Compulsary fields are highlighted
 - Extra fields for observations (OAL)
 - Number of objects from list for 'Popular objects'
 - Own notes for objects in list



- April 10, 2009 : 30000 observations
- June 25, 2009 : DeepskyLog 3.4
 - RSS Feed
 - Menu's are collapsible
- October 9, 2009 : DeepskyLog 3.5
 - Star charts
 - <OAL> compatibility





- November 26, 2009 : DeepskyLog 3.6
 - Constellations on the starcharts
 - Observations of Tom Polakis online
 - > 38500 observations (> 7000 in English)
- February 9, 2010 : DeepskyLog 3.7
 - Starchart are printable
 - Stars up to magnitude 16.5
- Ephemerids sun, moon, twilight



- March 14, 2010 : 40000 observations
- March 30, 2010 : DeepskyLog 3.8
 - Calculation of rise, transit and setting of objects
 - Moon phase shown at detail of observation
 - Columns are 'shrinkable' and moveable



- June 5, 2010 : DeepskyLog developer day. 5 developers
- June 7, 2010 : DeepskyLog 3.9
 - Extended PDF reports
 - Remembering query parameter after search
 - Consequent name of objects
 - Possibility to save queries of objects and observations



- October 6, 2010 : DeepskyLog 4.0
 - Extended maps for observing lists (pdf format)
 - Activate / deactivate telescopes, eyepieces, locations
 - ICQ export for comets
 - Yearly ephemerids for objects
 - Menu's at top and left can be hidden



- December 8, 2010 : DeepskyLog 4.1
 - Best period visible for observing lists
 - Messaging system
- April 8, 2011 : 50000 observations
- July 2, 2011 : DeepskyLog 4.2
 - Addition of session concept



- January 19, 2012:
 - HTML 5 forms, menu
 - Google translate
 - OAL 2.1
 - Nicer way to display images
 - Double stars
 - Image catalogs downloadable
 - Observer statistics

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Deep-sky atlas



May 30, 2012 : 60000 observations

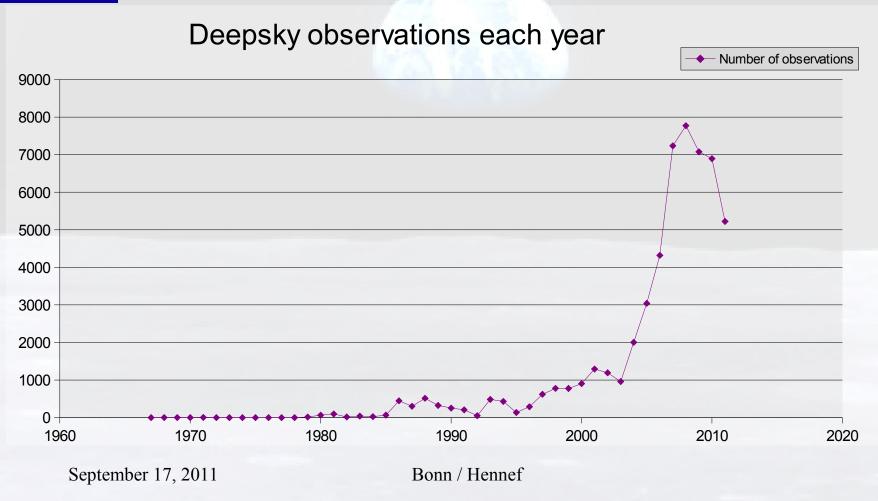


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Different observers	187	70
Different observations	53801	1827
Observations last year	6476	18
Different objects	5742	85
Observations in English	8573	
Observations in Dutch	42158	
Observations in German	2794	

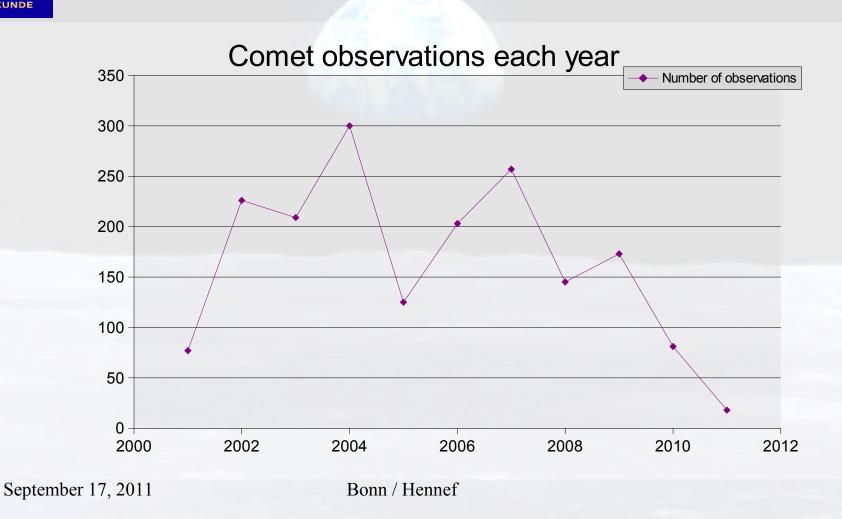


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DeepskyLog development

- Development using subversion
- Mailing lijst : developers@deepskylog.be
- Developers:
 - David Erzeel, Wim De Meester, Jan
 Vanautgaerden, Chris Wauters, Laurens
 Ramandt, Peter Henderickx
- Database : Eric Van der Jeugd



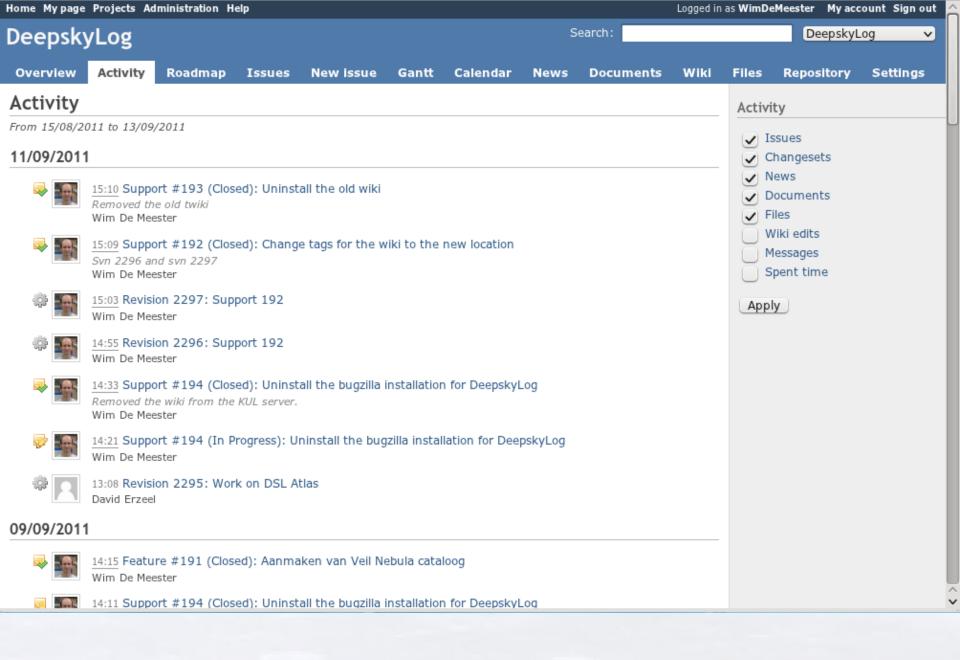
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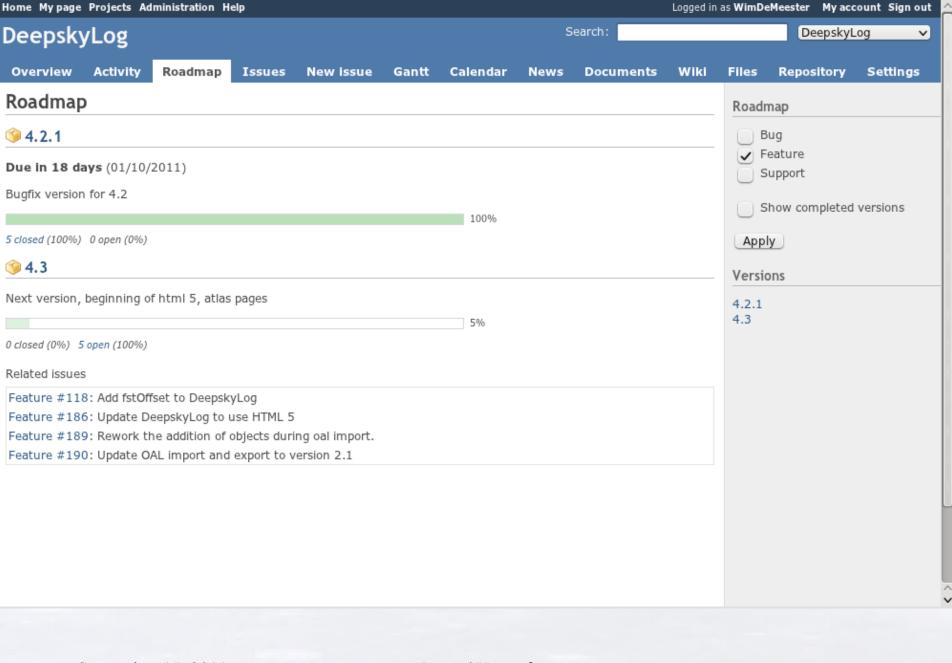
- php5 + mysql using eclipse
- object oriented
- Functionality and GUI separate
- Modules
- Javascript / AJAX
- Transition from XHTML 1.0 strict to HTML5

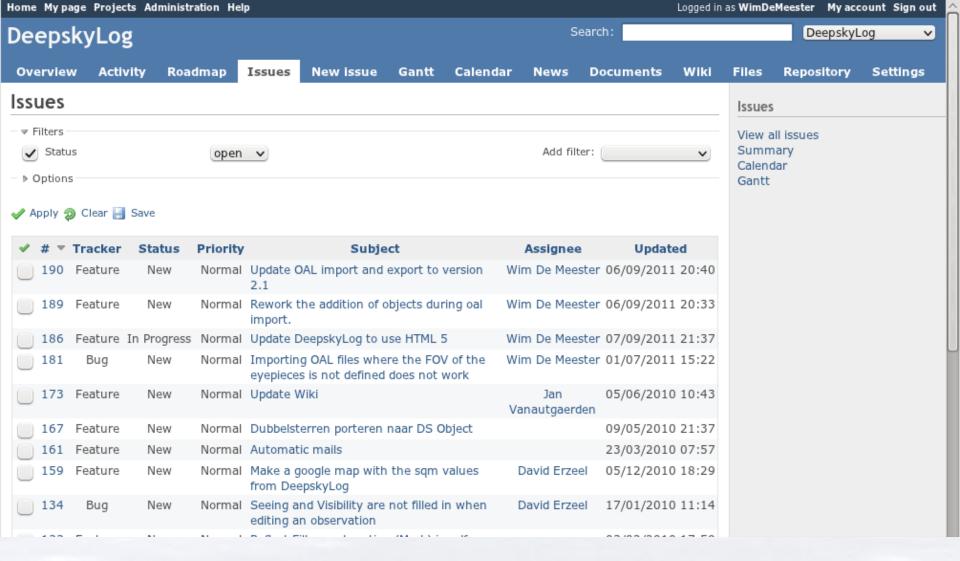


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- Redmine :
 - Issue tracker
 - Overview of subversion
 - Planning tool
 - Integration in Eclipse









Future of DeepskyLog

- OAL
 - Upgrade to version 2.1
 - Rework the addition of objects using OAL
 - Add fstOffset
- Upgrade to HTML5
- Make a google map with the sqm values from DeepskyLog



Future of DeepskyLog

- Bugfixing
- New entry page for DeepskyLog
- Make it possible to receive messages also as mails
- Asteroid module?
- Rework of the comets module
- Usage of google translate



DeepskyLog deployment

- Strongest points of DeepskyLog:
 - -> 50000 observations
 - Possibilities to compare a lot of observations
 - Messaging system to contact other observers
 - Observing lists



DeepskyLog deployment

- DeepskyLog runs on a modern webserver, located in an air-conditioned room (Institute of Astronomy – KUL).
- Downtime < 24h in worst case.
- Move to virtual machine planned this year → maximum downtime < 1h.
- www.deepskylog.org (de and nl) and www.deepskylog.be September 17, 2011



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Problems :

- Mysql port can not be opened, because 'not safe' enough
- Code updates are frequent, both on the development as the 'stable' version.
- Adding a common 'oculum' user for all the observations from the 'German' version is not possible, because we loose the power of DeepskyLog.

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