# CCD-Guide 4.3 Manual



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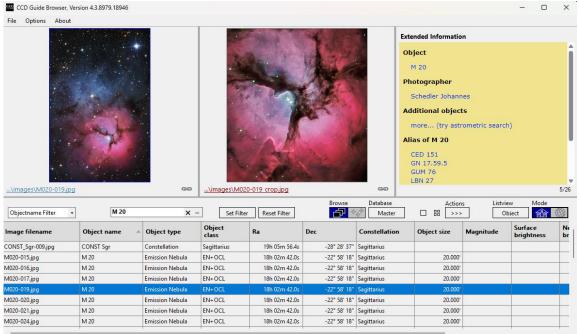
# 1. INTRODUCTION

CCD-Guide is a project of Astronomischer Arbeitskreis Salzkammergut (AAS) – Gahberg Observatory (<u>www.astronomie.at</u>). Since 1997, the CCD team of the Gahberg Observatory has published the best astrophotos of the members together with a software as CCD-Guide every year. The total revenue from the sale of CCD-Guide is used to assist the association and delivers a small financial contribution to the current AAS projects.

## 1.1. Functionality

A summary of the new functions of the current release can be found in the appendix (chapter 18). CCD-Guide assists both, the beginner in astrophotography as well as the advanced astrophotographer with the following key features:

• <u>Image Browser:</u> You can easily browse through more than 5,000 images. At the same time you can see object data, image data and a preview image. Double-click on the preview image to open the image in ObjectViewer. The access to additional images (e.g. image with object identification, inverted image,...) is also provided.



- **Objectname Filter:** If you want to select all images, which show a particular object, simply enter the object name or an alias name of the object name. Proper names or even parts of object names often guide you to the searched images.
- **Quick Filter:** When you enter a search string into the edit field of the QuickFilter, then only those data rows are shown which contain this search string in one of the data fields.

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• <u>Set Filter:</u> You can easily create a subset of images using many different criteria (e.g. coordinates, object type, object size, constellation, catalogue, observer, camera, telescope, date, ...)

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- **<u>Slideshow</u>**: After you have defined a particular subset of images using the set filter feature, you can start a slideshow to browse through all images in full screen mode.
- <u>No software installation necessary:</u> All functions are available immediately after unpacking the zip file in the case of the download version or after copying from the USB stick to the hard disk in the case of the USB stick version.
- ObjectBrowser: CCD-Guide contains a big database of objects including object data. The database contains 30 different catalogues of deep sky objects, which are based on the revised NGCIC catalogue of Wolfgang Steinicke, the nebula database of Eric-Sven Vesting and the NED and Vizier databases. A big advantage of CCD-Guide is that there exists only one data row for one object. Each physical object has a master object name, but you can find this object also with the alias names (entries in other catalogues). With the ObjectBrowser, all object data can be accessed easily and quickly.
- Input your own objects: In case that some special objects are missing (e.g. comets), you can input your own objects including object data.

• Input your own images: You can input your own images including additional images and additional objects.

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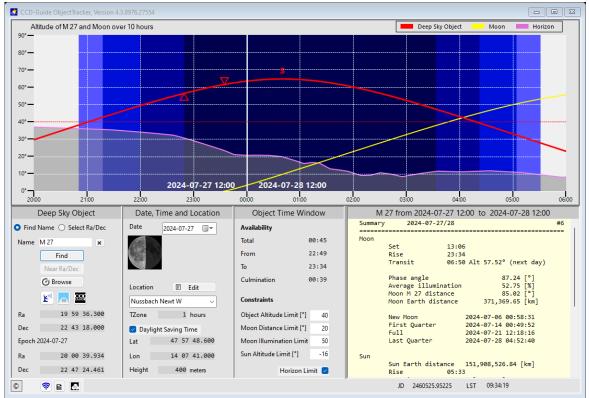
• **Planner:** First, you can create different setups (telescope + camera combination). Then you can use the object database to create your planning list for each setup. A very useful feature of the Planner is the possibility to assign a reference image and a field-of-view image to each planning data set.

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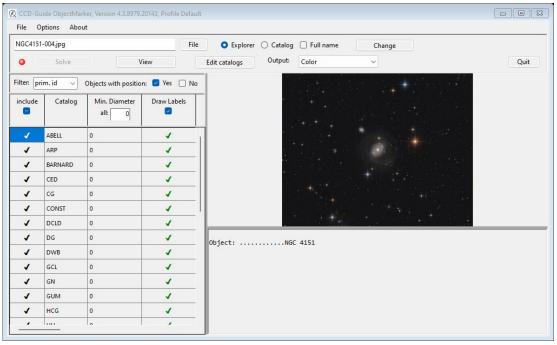
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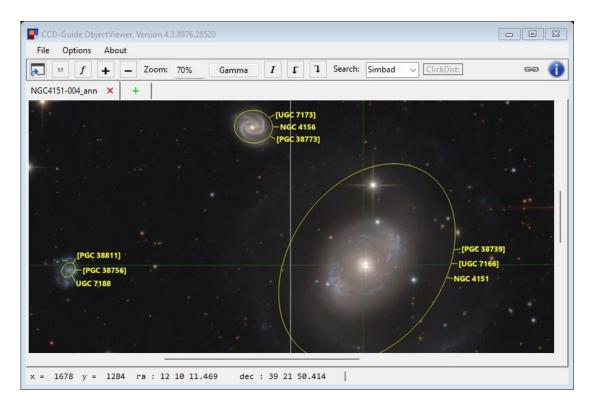
• **ObjectTracker:** ObjectTracker answers quickly and easily the question whether a certain object can be photographed at a selected location in a certain night. The ideal time window for observing is calculated taking into account twilight, moon, object altitude and optional horizon. The altitude progression of the object and of the moon is displayed in an intuitive graphic.



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 ObjectMarker & ObjectViewer: With the ObjectMarker, images can be solved via astrometry.net and then labeled with the objects of the CCD-Guide database as well as with your own texts. With the ObjectViewer the labeled images can be viewed, coordinates can be read out and an internet search can be carried out with SIMBAD, NED or Vizier.





# 1.2. CCD\_Guide.exe

The CCD\_Guide.exe is the central entry point to the CCD-Guide software platform. All programs can be started directly here.

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Object Tracker	Object Marker	Object Viewer					
Utilities							

The two most important programs that can be called from the CCD\_Guide.exe are:

- Browser (Browser.exe): allows access to all images including image data using the ImageBrowser function and easy access to the object database using the ObjectBrowser function.
- Expert (Expert.exe): contains the CCD-Guide functions object planning, input of own objects and input of own images.

Furthermore, the CCD\_Guide.exe is the central point for help and information (Help button) and it allows direct access to the ObjectTools such as ObjectTracker, ObjectMarker, ObjectViewer and many other useful utilities.

The CCD-Guide window can always be kept in the foreground with "Stay on top" (pin button) and with "Autostart" it can be started automatically when the computer is booted.

Clicking on the small square changes the color scheme for all applications (except Expert) between light and dark.

Click on the cogwheel symbol in the top right-hand corner to access the global settings of CCD-Guide.

If a blue info icon appears in the title bar, then a new update is available, which can be downloaded and installed with the Update Utility.



Details on the individual tools of the CCD-Guide software platform can be found in the respective chapters of this manual.

# 2. INSTALLATION AND FIRST STEPS

#### 2.1. System requirements

- Operating system: Windows 10 or higher (Windows 7 probably possible, but not tested)
- CLR (Common Library Runtime) .net 4.5.2 or higher

It is recommended to use CCD-Guide on a computer where all operating system updates have been carried out.

## 2.2. Installation

#### Installation of the software:

The installation of the software is very simple for both the download variant and the USB stick variant:

Unzip the zip-file to the desired directory on the internal or external hard disk: e.g. into the directory c:\ccdguide\ or d:\ccdguide\.

# Attention: Please, do not copy CCD-Guide into the Windows system folders like c:\Program Files, c:\Program Files (x86) or c:\Windows!

#### Images on USB stick:

If you have purchased an USB stick, please copy the folder images from the USB stick into the CCD-Guide directory on the hard disk.

# Attention: If the virus scanner causes problems, please follow the tips in the following pdf document:

https://ccdguide.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/VirusScanner\_EN.pdf

## 2.3. Migration

If CCD-Guide 2024 is installed on the computer, the migration window opens when CCD\_Guide.exe is started for the first time.

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	Continue without migration									
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	End migration and continue with CCD_Guide Cancel									
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If you do not want to migrate data from the previous version, click on the "Continue without migration" button.

If you want to carry out a data migration, check the set source and destination directories and make the desired settings.

You have the option of moving or copying the master images from the CCD-Guide 2024 directory to the new CCD-Guide 2025 directory or not performing any action at all. Copying or moving the master images makes sense for the download version in order to reduce the download time for the new master images that are still missing. For the USB stick version, leave this option set to None.

For the user data, there is also a choice between moving or copying the data or no action. The "Copy files" option is recommended here because the CCD-Guide 2024 version will remain still functional.

If all settings are set correctly, start the data migration with the "Start migration" button. The migration may take several minutes depending on the settings made. Please wait until the migration process is complete and the "End migration and continue with CCD\_Guide" button is available. After clicking this button, CCD\_Guide.exe will start.

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# 2.4. Image Downloader

If you have purchased the download version of CCD-Guide, you will find the complete CCD-Guide software including help documents in the downloaded zip file. However, due to the amount of data, all images are missing.

The Image Downloader allows you to download the images from the CCD-Guide server. When you start CCD\_Guide.exe, the Image Downloader window opens automatically as soon as images are missing.

Alternatively, the Image Downloader can also be started manually at any time in the Global Settings of CCD\_Guide.exe.

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4	ABELL0119-001.jpg	waiting	403 503	2022-04-06 17-44-00			
5	ABELL0194-001.jpg	waiting	417 679	2022-04-06 17-44-00			
6	ABELL0195-001.jpg	waiting	662 395	2022-04-06 17-44-00			
7	ABELL0262-001.jpg	waiting	1 471 923	2022-04-06 17-44-00			
8	ABELL0347-002.jpg	waiting	1 713 398	2022-04-06 17-44-00			
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12	ABELL0426-007.jpg	waiting	1 428 884	2022-04-06 17-44-00			
13	ABELL0426-008.jpg	waiting	1 078 941	2022-04-06 17-44-00			
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The image download starts as soon as you press the Start button. You can pause the download process at any time using the Pause button. If necessary, you can also close the Image Downloader window and continue downloading the images in another session.

If images are still missing, the Image Downloader window opens automatically each time CCD\_Guide.exe is started.

In the Global Settings of CCD\_Guide.exe (cogwheel symbol top right) you will find all the options for downloading images on the Images tab (first tab).

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The three parameters on this tab can also be changed in the event of problems with the image download. As a rule, it is recommended to leave these parameters unchanged.

In addition to downloading the master images via the "Download images" button, it is also possible to download the archive images via the "Download archived images" button. Archive images are images of an older date that have been archived due to their lower quality and are therefore not included in the standard scope of delivery of CCD-Guide. To be able to use archived images in the Browser, a change in the Browser options is also required (see chapter 3.10).

# 2.5. Global Settings and Options

After completing the installation, it is recommended to check some program options and to change them if necessary.

#### Global Settings in CCD\_Guide.exe:

You can access the Global Settings via the cogwheel symbol in CCD\_Guide.exe. In addition to the image download function, you will find further settings here, which are described in detail in the respective applications.

If you have already used the Plate-Solve with Astrometry.net or the ObjectTracker weather function in a previous release, then it makes sense to check or set the respective API keys in the Astrometry or ObjectTracker tab.

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In addition, a look at the System tab is recommended in any case:

The wake-up key can be used to bring CCD\_Guide.exe to the foreground if it has disappeared behind another window. The wake-up key is set to "F2" by default, but can be changed here if required.

With the "Show in task bar" checkbox, the CCD\_Guide.exe can be displayed as a normal application in the task bar if desired.

At this point, it is also recommended to set the manual language so that the desired language always appears immediately when the help button is pressed.

Creating locations, changing the active location or changing the color scheme is not necessary at this point because the location can also be edited and changed in the ObjectTracker and because the color scheme can be changed directly in the main window of CCD\_Guide.exe.

#### **Options in Browser:**

First start the Browser by clicking on the button Browser in the CCD\_Guide.exe. After the Browser window has opened, click on the second menu item "Options".

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	Planetarium	Object Sky
	SearchRadius	10
~	WebServices	
	AladinFov	60
	MaxObjects	100
	SkyMapZoom	8
	VizieR URL	http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/
	WebDatabase	Simbad
	WebViewer	Skymap

Various settings can be made in the Options window, which are explained in different places in this manual. The default settings make sense for most users and in the first step only the planetarium should be set. To do this, use the right scroll bar to get to the section "Planetarium software".

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The default setting of Planetarium is "ObjectSky". You can select one of the following planetariums:

- TheSky6
- TheSkyX
- SkyChart (=Cartes du Ciel)
- Guide9
- ObjectSky
- Stellarium

To use The Sky6 or TheSkyX in CCD-Guide, it is necessary to start The Sky once as administrator.

To use Stellarium in CCD-Guide, the following setting is necessary in Stellarium:

Plugins -> Remote control -> Activate checkbox "Load at startup".

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Pointer Coordinates							
Pulsars							
Quasars							
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Satellites	Ţ						

#### **Options in Expert:**

Please start the Expert by clicking on the Expert button in the CCD\_Guide.exe. After the Expert window has opened, click on the "Options" tab.

Planner   Edit Setup   Edit Object   Edit Picture Options   Help   About	ut
Master Image Path D:\ccd-guide\images	Directory
User Data Path D:\ccd-guide\userdata	Directory
Show Tooltips	
Field separator for csv Export Space 💌	
Save	

Please, check and modify the following paths:

- Master image path: This folder contains all master images. There is no need to change this path.
- User data path: This folder contains all user data including the user database, the archive of user images and the planner images of the user.

Furthermore, you can activate or deactivate the visibility of tooltips in the Expert with the checkbox "Show Tooltips".

The field separator for all csv export functions is defined in the "Field separator for csv Export" dropdown field.

It is necessary to click Save to set any changes in the Options tab.

# 2.6. Continuing to use an existing user.mdb

If you are already a CCD-Guide user and would like to continue using your existing data from the old user.mdb, we recommend using the migration function (see chapter 2.3) The migration function is only available, if the previous release is 4.2 (CCD-Guide 2024) or newer. If the predecessor release is older, proceed as follows depending on the old CCD-Guide release:

#### Release 3.3 or newer:

- Copy the existing "userdata" directory from the old CCD Guide installation directory to the new CCD Guide installation directory (overwriting the existing user.mdb).
- Update the paths in the Options tab as described above.

#### Release 3.2 or older:

- Copy your existing user.mdb from the subfolder "database" of the old CCD-Guide installation into the subfolder "userdata" of the new CCD-Guide installation (Overwrite the existing user.mdb).
- Copy your folder with the user images (user\_images) and the folder with the planner images (planner\_images) from the old CCD-Guide installation into the subfolder "userdata" of the new CCD-Guide installation.
- Update the paths in Options tab.

# 2.7. Further use of existing ObjectTracker locations and horizon files

If you are already using ObjectTracker and you want to continue using the locations and horizons you have already created, then proceed as follows, depending on the old CCD-Guide release you have:

#### Release 4.1 or newer:

• No further action is necessary if you have already copied the "userdata" directory as described above.

#### Release 4.0 or older:

• Please copy the Locations.csv file and the hor directory from the objecttracker directory of the old CCD-Guide installation to the userdata folder of the new CCD-Guide installation. (Overwrite the already existing Locations.csv file).

# 3. BROWSER (IMAGEBROWSER AND OBJECTBROWSER)

### 3.1. Browser - overview

The Browser is the core of the CCD Guide software. At the same time you can see object data, image data and a preview image. A double click on the preview image opens the image with the ObjectViewer.

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You can use the arrow keys of your keyboard or you can simply click on a data row in the main table of the Browser to change the active data row. The active data row is bluely colored. The preview image is always connected with the active data row. Also the contents of the Extended Information table near the right top corner are always connected with the blue active data row.

The horizontal control bar in the middle of the Browser window is the central control point of the Browser and offers a number of functions grouped as follows:

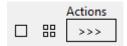
• Filter functions (details in chapter 3.6)

Objectname Filter	•	M 81	<b>x</b> 📼	Set Filter	Reset Filter

• Database access control (details in chapter 3.2)

Browse		Database
ð	${}^{\diamond} {}^{\diamond}$	Master

• Actions (details in chapter 3.7)



• Change Browser display (details in chapter 3.3 and in chapter 3.9)



# 3.2. Database access control

The Browser can be used in two different Browse modes:

1. **ImageBrowser:** You can browse through all images of the CCD-Guide database.



2. **ObjectBrowser:** gives you the possibility to browse through the object data of all objects of the CCD-Guide database. This mode is very useful for planning.



The Database button Master

offers the choice between the following modes:

- <u>Master:</u> is the default setting. Images and object data are only read from the CCD-Guide master database.
- <u>User:</u> Images and object data are read from the user database. This option is only available if you have entered your own images or your own objects in Expert.
- <u>All:</u> Images and object data are read from both the master database and the user database.

## 3.3. Main data table

The ListView button (to the right above the main data table) gives you the possibility to change the appearance of the main data table in ImageBrowser mode:

- Simple: Only the most important data columns are visible.
- Image: Image related data columns are visible.

Listview

- Object: Object related data columns are visible.
- Full: All data columns are visible.
- User: User defined data columns are visible.

Listview Mode	
Simple 👘 🛞	
Simple	
lmage	
Object	
Full	
User	
Select User Columns	
Reset Column widths	
Reset ColumnOrder	

You can modify the user defined data columns (include or remove data fields) by clicking on option "Select User Columns".

Select User Columns	
Selected	Column name
	Image filename
	Object name
	Object type
	Object class
	Ra
	Dec
	Constellation
	Object size
	Magnitude
	Surface brightness
	Nebula brightness
All None	
	OK Cancel

The width of each column can be adjusted and the order of the columns can be changed using "Drag and Drop". With "Reset Column widths" and "Reset ColumnOrder" the original state of the column widths and the original state of the column order can be restored.

Data field	Description
Image filename	Name of the image
Object name	Name of the main object, which is visible in the image
Object type	Object type (e.g. Galaxy, Emission Nebula,)
Object class	Classification of the object (e.g Hubble class of a galaxy; Trumpler class of an open star cluster,)
Ra	Right ascension [h]
Dec	Declination [°]
Constellation	Name of constellation (e.g. Andromeda)
Object size	Object size [arcmin]
Magnitude	Magnitude [mag]
Surface brightness	Surface brightness [mag/arcmin <sup>2</sup> ]
Nebula brightness	Nebula brightness [1 = very bright; 6 = very faint]
Image SeqNr	Picture sequence number (highest image number in database)
Object comment	Comments concerning the object (e.g. discovered in year 1960)
Exposure	Exposure time [free description]
Total exposure	Total exposure time [min]
Camera	Product name of the camera
Resolution	Resolution mode (e.g. Binning)
Observation date	Observation date
Additional obs. date	Additional observation date
Telescope	Product name of the optics (telescope or photo lens)
Aperture	Aperture [inch]
Focal Length	Focal length [mm]
Setup info	Further information concerning setup (telescope + camera + mount)
Location	Location of image acquisition
Level over sea	Level over sea of location [m]
Filter	Used filters (e.g. Ha, OIII,)
Mount	Product name of the mount
Image comment	Further comments (e.g. weather conditions)

The following table describes each data field of the main data table.

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Only the Object-ListView is available in the ObjectBrowser.

With a simple click on the header of a data field (e.g. Total exposure) you can sort the data rows in alphanumeric order (ascending and descending).

lmage filename	Object name	Object type	Exposure	Total exposure	Camera
SH2-064-005.jpg	SH2- 64	Emission Nebula	L 231x10min, R 56x10min, G 56x10min, B 6	5410	Moravian G3-16200
NGC7129-007.jpg	NGC 7129	Open Star Cluster	L(67+63)x10min, RGB2x(18x10)min, Ha (64	4900	Moravian G3-16200
M027-037.jpg	M 27	Planetary Nebula	Ha 2310, OIII 1350, L 260, R 250, G 270, B 29	4730	FLI ML8300
IC5076-005.jpg	IC 5076	Reflection Nebula	L 117x10min, R 50x5min, G 52x5min, B 67x	4640	Moravian G3-16200
PN_PuWe_1-002.jpg	PN PuWe 1	Planetary Nebula	OIII 129x10, Ha 207x10, L 31x10, RGB 30x10	4570	Moravian G2-8300
UNLISTED_3C_58-001.jpg	UNLISTED 3C 58	Supernova Remnant	HaOIIIRGB 1880:2080:180:100:220 min	4460	Apogee Alta U16M
PN_HFG_1-001.jpg	PN HFG 1	Planetary Nebula	OIII 152x10, Ha 165x10, L 43x10, RGB 26x10	4380	Moravian G2-8300

#### Alternative view of the main data table:

The key combination Ctrl + Space can be used to switch between two different views of the main data table:

- Column view (default): As described above
- Compact view: All data fields of the active data record are visible at once.

lmage filename	Object name 🔺		Object details		Coordinates ICRS 🗸	Image details	
ABELL0001-001.jpg	ABELL 1	lľ	Object name	ABELL 1		Image name	ABELL0001-001.jpg
ABELL0001-002.jpg	ABELL 1	Ш	Object type	Galaxy Clust	en	Image file name	D:\ccd-guide\images\ABELL0001-001.jpg
ABELL0119-001.jpg	ABELL 119	Ш	Object class	Count= 51		Observation date	2015-09-09
ABELL1314-001.jpg	ABELL 1314	I	Coordinates	00 07 36.000	16 30 00.000 [ICRS]	Add. obs date	until 2015-11-18
ABELL1314-002.jpg	ABELL 1314	I	Constellation	Pegasus		Exposure	L 90x8min RGB 30x8min each
ABELL1367-002.jpg	ABELL 1367	Ш	Object size A	32.8000'		Exposure total	1440
ABELL1367-003.jpg	ABELL 1367	Ш	Magnitude	17.1		Camera	QSI 660wsg
ABELL1367-004.jpg	ABELL 1367	Ш				Resolution mode	L 1x1 RGB 1x1
ABELL1656-002.jpg	ABELL 1656	Ш				Add. observation time	until 2015-11-18
ABELL1656-006.jpg	ABELL 1656	Ш				Telescope	Newtonian
ABELL1656-008.jpg	ABELL 1656	Ш				Aperture	12
ABELL1656-009.jpg	ABELL 1656	Ш				Focal length	1120
ABELL1656-010.jpg	ABELL 1656	Ш				Setup info	Keller corrector reducer 0.73x
ABELL1656-011.jpg	ABELL 1656	Ш				Location	Nussbach / Austria
ABELL1656-012.jpg	ABELL 1656	Ш				Level over sea	400
ABELL1689-001.jpg	ABELL 1689	Ш				Filter	Astrodon LRGB
ABELL1783-001.jpg	ABELL 1783	1				Mount	ASA DDM85
ABELL1788-001.jpg	ABELL 1788	1				Size	2758 x 2208 pixel
ABELL0194-001.jpg	ABELL 194	1				Image astrometry	
ABELL0195-001.jpg	ABELL 195	1				Coordinates	00 07 36.742 16 28 50.306 [ICRS]

# 3.4. Extended Information

The Extended Information table (in the upper right corner of the Browser window) displays the following additional information, if available:

- Object: The main object of the active image.
- Photographer(s): Photographer(s) of the active image.
- Additional Objects: Listing of the additional objects in the active image (in the following example, the main object is NGC 7129 and the objects LDN 1183 and NGC 7142 are also shown in the image).
- Alias names: Listing of all alternative names (alias) of the main object, which are contained in the database of CCD-Guide.
- Object relation: Listing of all objects contained in the main object.
- Source: master.mdb or user.mdb

## **Extended Information** Object NGC 7129 Photographer Kerschhuber Günter Additional objects LDN 1183 NGC 7142 more... (try astrometric search) Alias of NGC 7129 **CED 196** DG 176 GN 21.41.8.01 IC 5134 LBN 497 NAME NGC 7129 IR CLUSTER **VDB 146 Object relation to NGC 7129** IC 5132 IC 5133 Source master.mdb

For images with wcs-Info the text "more..." is displayed at Additional objects at the end of the object list. A click on "more..." returns all objects that CCD-Guide knows in the image field.

## Extended Information Kerschhuber Günter Additional objects LDN 1183 NGC 7142 added: GN 21.39.6 added: GN 21.51.2 added: LDN 1176 added: LDN 1181 added: UNLISTED PN KeWe 16 added: UNLISTED Variable\_Nebula

As soon as you click on an object name with a blue color in the Extended Information area, filtering is performed on this object name.

As soon as you click on a photographer with a blue color in the Extended Information area, details such as web or e-mail are displayed.

### 3.5. Images in Imagebrowser

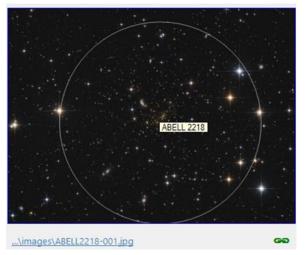
In some data sets, two preview images appear: A main image on the left and an additional image on the right. Double-clicking on one of the preview images always opens the image viewing software ObjectViewer. The additional images provide supplementary information to the main image: e.g. object identification, an inverted display, ...

If more than one additional image exists, arrow keys appear in the right preview image. With these arrow keys you can navigate through the additional images. The following example shows the galaxy cluster Abell 2218, where two additional images are linked to the main image.



If the file name displayed under the preview image is marked blue (as is the case with the image on the left in the example above), this means that the image contains wcs information and that you can start the ObjectMarker directly by clicking on the file name (for details on the ObjectMarker, see Chapter 13).

There is a chain symbol to the right below each preview image. If you click on the symbol, you can activate or deactivate the object link function. Green means active. When active, object names are displayed in the preview image when the mouse pointer is positioned over the object in the image or over the object name in Extended Information.



If you press the right mouse button on a preview image, a context menu with two entries appears:

- Export Image: to export the image
- ObjectMarker: to open the image in ObjectMarker.

## 3.6. Filter

CCD-Guide offers five different possibilities to filter the main data table (reduce number of visible datasets):

- Objectname Filter
- MasterObject Filter
- Circular Search Radius
- Quick Filter
- Set Filter

The **Objectname Filter** is a very useful feature, if you are interested in all images, which show a particular object. First choose the Objectname Filter, then enter the object name (e.g. M 82) in the white edit field to the right and press the return button on your keyboard.

Objectname Filter 👻	<mark>m 82</mark>	× +	Set Filter	Reset Filter
lmage filename	Object name 🔺	Object type	Object class	Ra
ABELL0001-001.jpg	ABELL 1	Galaxy Cluster	Count= 51	00h 07m 36.0s
ABELL0001-002.jpg	ABELL 1	Galaxy Cluster	Count= 51	00h 07m 36.0s
ABELL0119-001.jpg	ABELL 119	Galaxy Cluster	Count= 69	00h 56m 24.0s

Now the text "M 82" is shown in bold letters, which indicates that the Objectname Filter is active. The main data table contains only those images in which the desired object (e.g. M 82) is visible. There are also some images listed with Object name = M 81. This means that these images contain both objects (M 81 and M 82).

Objectname Filter 🔹	M 82	<b>x</b> 🖃	Set Filter	Reset Filter
lmage filename	Object name 🔺	Object type	Object class	Ra
M081-037.jpg	M 81	Galaxy	Sb	09h 55m 33.5s
M081-039.jpg	M 81	Galaxy	Sb	09h 55m 33.5s
M081-040.jpg	M 81	Galaxy	Sb	09h 55m 33.5s
M081-043.jpg	M 81	Galaxy	Sb	09h 55m 33.5s
M082-009.jpg	M 82	Galaxy	Sd	09h 55m 54.0s
M082-011.jpg	M 82	Galaxy	Sd	09h 55m 54.0s
M082-012.jpg	M 82	Galaxy	Sd	09h 55m 54.0s

With the Reset Filter button you can reset the filter and all images are visible in the main data table. If you want to learn more about the nomenclature of objects in the database of CCD-Guide and if you want to use the powerful wildcard search then please have a look at chapter 4.

<u>Tip:</u> Using the keyboard keys "Page up" / "Page down", you can easily switch between the previously set Objectname filters.

The <u>MasterObject Filter</u> is used to list all datasets in which the object you are looking for appears exclusively as the main object. If, for example, we enter the object M 82 in the MasterObject Filter, the main table will show significantly fewer data rows, because only those data rows are displayed in which Object name = M 82.

MasterObject Filter 🔹	M 82	<b>X</b> 🛏	Set Filter	Reset Filter
lmage filename	Object name 🔺	Object type	Object class	Ra
M082-009.jpg	M 82	Galaxy	Sd	09h 55m 54.0s
M082-011.jpg	M 82	Galaxy	Sd	09h 55m 54.0s
M082-012.jpg	M 82	Galaxy	Sd	09h 55m 54.0s
M082-013.jpg	M 82	Galaxy	Sd	09h 55m 54.0s
M082-015.jpg	M 82	Galaxy	Sd	09h 55m 54.0s
M082-016.jpg	M 82	Galaxy	Sd	09h 55m 54.0s
M082-017.jpg	M 82	Galaxy	Sd	09h 55m 54.0s
M082-018.jpg	M 82	Galaxy	Sd	09h 55m 54.0s

The <u>**Circular Search Radius</u>** filters all objects that are within the radius of a specific reference object. In the following example, all objects are searched that are located within a radius of 300 arc minutes around M 94.</u>

Circular Search Radius	→ 300 M 94	×	Set F	ilter Reset Filter
lmage filename	Object name	Object type	Object class	Ra
M094-004.jpg	M 94	Galaxy	Sab	12h 50m 53.1s
M094-006.jpg	M 94	Galaxy	Sab	12h 50m 53.1s
M094-009.jpg	M 94	Galaxy	Sab	12h 50m 53.1s
M094-010.jpg	M 94	Galaxy	Sab	12h 50m 53.1s
M094-011.jpg	M 94	Galaxy	Sab	12h 50m 53.1s
M094-012.jpg	M 94	Galaxy	Sab	12h 50m 53.1s
M094-013.jpg	M 94	Galaxy	Sab	12h 50m 53.1s
M094-014.jpg	M 94	Galaxy	Sab	12h 50m 53.1s

The Circular Search Radius Filter can also be used in combination with the planetarium. If one of the planetariums The Sky6/X or SkyChart is set in the options and this planetarium is open, then the position set in the planetarium can be transferred to the Browser by pressing the key combination Ctrl+P and a Circular Search Radius search is started automatically.

The **Quick Filter** is a very fast and efficient way to reduce the number of data rows in a main data table. When you enter a search string into the edit field of the QuickFilter, then only those data rows are shown which contain this search string in one of the data fields. In the following example all data rows are shown which contain the text "Namibia" in one of the data fields. The search text is shown in bold letters, which indicates that the Quick Filter is active.

Quick Filter 🔹	namibia	<b>X</b> =	]
lmage filename	Object name 🔺	Object type	Ob cla
ABELL3574-002.jpg	ABELL 3574	Galaxy Cluster	Со
ARP244-001.jpg	ARP 244	Galaxy Group	GPa
BARNARD100-001.jpg	BARNARD 100	Dark Nebula	Орі
BARNARD142-004.jpg	BARNARD 142	Dark Nebula	Орі

You can also search for several keywords at the same time by linking the search texts with the "|" sign (logical OR) or with the "&" sign (logical AND).

The following example searches all data rows which contain the text "Namibia" or the text "Chile".

Quick Filter 🔹	namibia chile	<b>x</b> 🖃
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The following example shows an AND search. With an AND search, the number of records found is significantly reduced.

Quick Filter	•	namibia&chile	<b>X</b> 🖃
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The **Set Filter** button opens the Set Filter window, a very powerful tool to filter your data rows using many different criteria (e.g. coordinates, object type, object size, constellation, catalogue, observer, camera, telescope, date). Bold characters of the Set Filter button indicate an activated filter. Set Filter is explained in detail in chapter 5.

There are two integrated quick filters in the Objectname Filter, which provide functions from the Set Filter:

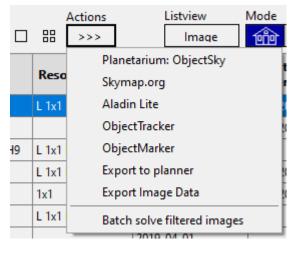
• Constellation quick filter: As soon as the abbreviation of the constellation (per, ori, ...) is entered in the input field, all objects of the constellation are filtered. This is the same functionality as when filtering on the constellation in the Set Filter.

Objectname Filter 🔹	per	<b>X</b> ⇒	Set Filter	Reset Filter
lmage filename	Object name 🔺	Object type	Constellation	Total exposure
ABELL0426-006.jpg	ABELL 426	Galaxy Cluster	Perseus	920
ABELL0426-007.jpg	ABELL 426	Galaxy Cluster	Perseus	380
ABELL0426-008.jpg	ABELL 426	Galaxy Cluster	Perseus	435
BARNARD001-001.jpg	BARNARD 1	Dark Nebula	Perseus	402
BARNARD003-001.jpg	BARNARD 3	Dark Nebula	Perseus	2004
CONST_Per-001.jpg	CONST Per	Constellation	Perseus	5
IC0348-003.jpg	IC 348	Open Star Cluster	Perseus	2080

• Observer quick filter: As soon as the hash sign "#" is entered in the input field, all images of the observer selected in the Global Settings of CCD\_Guide.exe are displayed in the ImageBrowser.

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	Observe	er				
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			e observer. Simply se ash symbol (#) in the			
			vser must run as imag			
			ОК			
				-		

## 3.7. Actions



The Slide Show button creates a slide show of all visible images in the main data table. For example, if M 82 has been filtered, a click on Slide Show starts a slide show with all images of M 82 in full screen mode.

The Preview Panel function provides a thumbnail overview of all images in the main table in full screen mode.

The button ">>>" contains functions which are related to the active (blue coloured) data set:

- **Planetarium:** The Planetarium button opens your preferred planetarium software centred on the active object. Use Options to define your preferred planetarium software (chapter 2).
- <u>Sky-map.org</u>: When you are connected to the internet then you can use the Sky-map.org button to open sky-map.org centred on the active object.
- <u>Aladin Lite:</u> If there is an internet connection, then the Aladin Lite button can be used to open Aladin Lite centred on the active object.
- **ObjectTracker:** The ObjectTracker button starts ObjectTracker with the active object. ObjectTracker answers the question whether and when the selected object can be photographed well. Details on how to use ObjectTracker can be found in chapter 11.
- **ObjectMarker**: The ObjectMarker button copies the currently selected image to the output\markerimages directory and starts the ObjectMarker. With the ObjectMarker the image can be solved if necessary. Then a labelled version of the image can be created in the ObjectMarker. Details on how to use the ObjectMarker can be found in chapter 13.
- **Export to Planner:** Use the Export to Planner button to export the active object to the Planner tab of CCD-Guide Expert. The Planner tab is described in detail in chapter 6.
- **Export Image Data:** The active data record or the entire table can be exported.

The function "Batch Solve filtered images" is the only function of the button ">>>" that does not refer to the active data set but includes all filtered data sets. As soon as you click on this button, the BatchSolver opens with all images of all filtered data sets. A description of the BatchSolver can be found in chapter 16.

## 3.8. ObjectBrowser

If you are already familiar with the ImageBrowser, then the usage of the ObjectBrowser is very easy. The only difference is that now all objects of the database are listed in the main data table regardless of whether images of these objects exist or not exist. If an excellent image of an object is available in the CCD-Guide database, then this image is shown in the preview image. The ObjectBrowser shows always only one image of an object even if more images of this object exist.

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File Options About										
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# 3.9. Web-Mode

The area of the two preview images is used by default to display images associated with the active data set. This standard mode (also called Local-Mode) was described in the previous chapters. The Local-Mode is represented by a blue house symbol.



As soon as you click on the mode switch button, the Browser switches to Web-Mode (symbolised by a blue globe).



In Web-Mode, the area of the two preview images is used to display information on the selected object from web services such as sky-map.org, Aladin, SIMBAD or NED.

The WebViewer (sky-map.org or Aladin) is displayed in the left-hand area and the WebDatabase (SIMBAD or NED) is displayed in the right-hand area.

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The WebViewer displays the field around the object of the active data set. The WebViewer including the zoom level can be selected in the Options. It is easy to pan and zoom.

The WebDatabase lists all objects found within one arc minute around the object of the active data set. The search radius can be changed at any time and a new search can be started. The WebDatabase can be selected in the Options.

Attention: A change of the WebViewer from sky-map.org (default) to Aladin or a change of the WebDatabase from SIMBAD (default) to NED requires an installation of Microsoft Edge WebView2.

The Web-Mode is a very useful tool, especially when using the ObjectBrowser, where no images are available for many objects.

## 3.10. Archive images

In order to be able to use the archive images in the Browser, a change in the options is necessary:

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$\sim$	Database	tabase		
	Archive	Exclude_Archive		
	Browser	Image		
	Database	Master		
	RelaxedSearch	False		

The Database section contains the Archive parameter, which can have three different settings:

- Exclude\_Archive (default): Archived data sets are not displayed.
- Only\_Archive: Only archived datasets are displayed in the ImageBrowser.
- Include\_Archive: All datasets are displayed (both archived and non-archived datasets).

# 3.11. ShortCut key combinations

There are a number of short-cut key combinations in the Browser. To be able to look up the key combinations quickly, there is a keyboard symbol to the right above the Extended Information area. As soon as you move the mouse pointer over this keyboard symbol, you will see an overview of all the keyboard shortcuts available in the Browser.

#### Shortcuts

Ctrl + F	Clear search text
Ctrl + P	Get position from planetarium
Ctrl + Space	Change data view style
Down	Scroll to next row
Up	Scroll to previous row
Left	Set previous filter
Right	Set next filter
Esc	Interrupt loading from long object list
Quick search:	
# + Enter	Load favourite's images
Const + Enter	Load all objects of a particular constellation, i.e.: and + Enter searches Andromeda

# 3.12. Working parallel with Expert and Browser

If you have opened the Expert and the Browser and you save changes in the Expert, the data in the Browser is deliberately not updated automatically so that the filter statuses and the active data record in the Browser are always retained.

After a change to the user.mdb, a red refresh button appears in the Browser to the right of the Actions button.



The red button indicates that the database in the Browser is not up to date. As soon as the red button is clicked, the database is updated and the red button disappears.

# 4. OBJECT NAMES IN THE DATABASE

## 4.1. Catalogues in the object database

CCD-Guide contains a big database of objects including object data. The database contains 30 different catalogues of deep sky objects, which are based on the revised NGCIC catalogue of Wolfgang Steinicke, the nebula database of Eric-Sven Vesting and the NED and Vizier databases. A big advantage of CCD-Guide is that there exists only one data row for one object. Each physical object has a master object name, but you can find this object also with the alias names (entries in other catalogues).

The following table summarizes the standard catalogues of deep sky objects. You can find one example for an object name in the last column (The catalogue name is always followed by a blank character).

Catalogue	Description	Example
ABELL	Rich Clusters of Galaxies	ABELL 426
ARP	Arp's Peculiar Galaxies	ARP 268
BARNARD	Barnard's Dark Nebulae	BARNARD 72
CED	Cederblad Catalogue of Bright Diffuse Galactic Nebulae	CED 106n
CG	Cometary Globules	CG 4
CONST	Constellation	CONST And
DCLD	Catalogue of Southern Dark Clouds (Hartley+ 1986)	DCLD 247.5-12.3
DG	Dorschner+Gurtler Reflection Nebulae	DG 21
DWB	Dickel, Wendker and Bieritz HII Regions	DWB 111
GN	Atlas of Galactic Nebulae	GN 07.12.8
GUM	Gum's catalogue of southern H-Alpha nebulae	GUM 12
HCG	Hickson Compact Groups of Galaxies	HCG 45
HH	Herbig-Haro Catalogue	HH 46
IC	Index Catalogue	IC 430
LBN	Lynd's Catalogue of Bright Nebulae	LBN 999
LDN	Lynd's Dark Nebulae	LDN 123
Μ	Messier	M 17
NGC	New General Catalogue	NGC 78A
PGC	Principal Galaxies Catalogue (LEDA)	PGC 10001
PK	Perek and Kohoutek's Planetary Nebulae	PK 130-10.1
RCW	Rodgers, Campbell and Whiteoak southern HII regions	RCW 102
RNO	Red and Nebulous Objects in Dark Clouds (Cohen)	RNO 40
SANDQVIST	Sandqvist + Sandqvist-Lindroos Southern Dark Clouds	SANDQVIST 161
SH2-	Sharpless Catalogue of HII Regions	SH2- 87
UGC	Uppsala General Catalogue of Galaxies	UGC 6514
VDB	Van den Bergh's Reflection Nebulae	VDB 23
VDBH	Van den Bergh + Herbst Reflection Nebulae	VDBH 80

The following table summarizes special catalogues of deep sky objects.

Catalogue	Description	Example
GCL	Globular Star Clusters - Collection of Catalogues	GCL Terzan 9
OCL	Open Star Clusters - Collection of Catalogues	OCL Stock 23
PN	Planetary Nebulae - Collection of Catalogues	PN Abell 4
NAME	Common or historical name	NAME Barnard's Galaxy
UNLISTED	UNLISTED objects are not included in the standard catalogues of CCD-Guide	UNLISTED LMC

The catalogues GCL, OCL and PN are collections of catalogues. GCL is based on the 'Catalog of parameters for Milky Way globular clusters' by William E. Harris and contains for example the globular clusters of the Palomar and Terzan catalogues. OCL is based on 'Optically visible open clusters and Candidates' by Dias+ and contains for example the open star clusters of the Stock, Berkeley and Trumpler catalogues. PN is based on the 'Strasbourg-ESO Catalogue of Galactic Planetary Nebulae' by Acker+ and contains for example the planetary nebulae of the Abell catalogue.

The NAME catalogue is a collection of common or historical names of deep sky objects. The UNLISTED catalogue is a possibility to enter further objects which are not included in the standard catalogues of the CCD-Guide database.

The following table summarizes catalogues of solar system objects.

Catalogue	Description	Example
COMET	Comets	COMET C/2009 P1
SOLAR	Solar system objects except comets	SOLAR Jupiter

#### 4.2. Objectname function

The object name function is used to find and to select a specific object with the help of an object name. This function can be found, for example, in the Objectname Filter.

If a correct CCD-Guide designation of the object is known (e.g. VDB 33), then it is sufficient to enter this name in the Objectname field and then to press the return key (ENTER) on the keyboard.

Objectname Filter	-	vdb	33 <b>X</b>	•	
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If the objectname is unique and CCD-Guide finds exactly one object that matches the search query, then this object is immediately set in the Objectname field in the Browser. In the example below, only one object was found. VDB 33 is an alias for the object NGC 1788, a reflection nebula in the constellation Orion, and therefore was filtered to the object NGC 1788.

Objectname Filter    NGC 1788	(	-						
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## 4.3. Alias names for catalogues

You can search for an object using the 'official' catalogue name or using an alternate name for the catalogue. E.g: The 'official' catalogue name in the CCD-Guide database for Barnard's Dark Nebulae Catalogue is 'BARNARD'. So the object with number 99 in Barnard's Catalogue is named 'BARNARD 99'. The catalogue name 'B' is an alternative catalogue name for 'BARNARD' in the CCD-Guide database. So, you can use the short form 'B 99' instead of 'BARNARD 99' to find this object.

The following table lists all alias names for catalogues in the first column (Name) and the official catalogue name in the second column (CatType).

Name	CatType
MESSIER	М
ACO	ABELL
Ν	NGC
1	IC
APG	ARP
HICKSON	HCG
SHARPLESS	SH2-
S	SH2-
CEDERBLAD	CED
COHEN	RNO
В	BARNARD
LEDA	PGC

#### Examples:

Input the short form 'N 778' for the object name to find 'NGC 778'.

'S 101' is an alternative to the official name 'SH2- 101'.

'B 99' = 'BARNARD 99'.

#### 4.4. Objectname search with wildcard search

The wildcard search is very powerful and helps you to find an object, when you do not know a correct name of the object in the database of CCD-Guide. If you include one or more \* characters in the Find Object text field, then the \* character is interpreted as a wildcard character. CCD-Guide substitutes this \* wildcard character by any subset of possible characters, when you enter RETURN.

Below you can find some examples for the usage of the wildcard search.

#### Object search with common names:

Only a common name of the object is known (e.g. Perseus galaxy cluster, Horse head nebula, Comet Holmes, Holmberg IX). The best way is to put an important part of the common name between two \* characters. E.g. input \*perseus\* in the Objectname text field and enter return.

Objectname Filter - \*perseus\* × •

A new window appears which shows you all objects which contain the string 'perseus' in their object name or in their alias object names.

Three objects are listed:

- OCL Melotte 20 = open star cluster Alpha Perseus
- ABELL 426 = Perseus galaxy cluster
- NGC 1275 = galaxy Perseus A

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Object alias	Object name	Object type	Object class	Ra	Dec	Constellation	Object size	Magnitude			
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So, the third entry in the list is our searched object. Click on the data row of ABELL 426 and then push the Browser select button to select ABELL 426.

To find Comet Holmes input \*holmes\* and you will get the searched comet 17P (Holmes).

To find Holmberg IX input \*holmberg\* and you will get a list of the nine Holmberg galaxies.

#### Object search with unknown catalogue name:

You know the object name, but you are not sure about the catalogue name in CCD-Guide (e.g. you are searching for the open star cluster Stock 23 or the planetary nebula Abell 4).

To find Stock 23 input \*stock 23 in the Objectname text field and enter return. You will get one object (OCL Stock 23).

To find the planetary nebula Abell 4 input \*abell 4 and you will get two possible objects:

- ABELL 4 = galaxy cluster
- PN Abell 4 = our searched planetary nebula

# 5. SET FILTER

The Set Filter window can be opened by clicking on the Set Filter button in the Browser or in the following tabs of the Expert: Planner, Edit Object and Edit Picture.

Objectname Filter 🔹		All objects	<b>X</b> 🐱	Set Filter	Reset Filter	
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The Set Filter window opens the possibility to set one or more filters on the main data table. The filter criteria are divided in three groups: Object related criteria, image related criteria and planner related criteria. Planning criteria are only available in the Planner of the Expert (see chapter 6). All filters are combined with a logical AND.

The following screenshot shows the Set Filter window opened inside the ImageBrowser. When you open Set Filter inside the ObjectBrowser, then only the object criteria are relevant and so the images criteria are invisible.

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						All None	
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	Camera		•	Focal Length	•	[mm] - [mm	] Reset Criteria
	Telescope		•				
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After you have input your desired filter criteria, you activate the filters by pushing the Set Filter button. To reset all filter criteria click Reset Criteria.

You can use the buttons Save Filter and Delete Filter to save and delete filter settings. This is very useful, if you create many complex and powerful filters.

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The following screenshot shows an example for object criteria. Those images are filtered whose main object fulfils the following criteria:

- Object type is globular star cluster or open star cluster.
- Declination is larger than 20°.
- Object size is larger than 20 arcmin and smaller than 40 arcmin.

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Constellation				•							Milky Way Minor Planet
Catalogue								•	•		Moon
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											All None

The following screenshot shows an example for images criteria. Those images are filtered which fulfil the following criteria:

- Captured with a Newtonian telescope and with a QSI 660 camera.
- The image is captured after 2022-01-01.

Images Criteria							
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Camera	QSI 660wsg	•	Focal Length	•		[mm]	- [mm]
Telescope	Newtonian	•					
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	O Not Exist		◯ Not Exist				
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## 6. EXPERT: PLANNER

### 6.1. Overview

The Planner tab of Expert helps you to maintain your todo list of objects. It can help you to answer the question: Which object should I capture tonight? All entries are saved in the user database (user.mdb).

The concept of the planner is based on the idea that you want to capture a particular object with a certain setup of your equipment. In Expert a setup is a combination of a telescope and a camera using a particular focal length. So, before you can use the planner you have to create your personal setups in the Edit Setup tab of Expert (for details see Chapter 7).

The Planner tab is divided in three sections:

- Edit frame (top frame): The edit frame gives you the possibility to edit all data fields including the two optional planner images (FOV Image and Ref Image) of a particular planner data row. To the right of the edit frame the two optional planner images of a planner data row are shown. A double click into the thumbnail image opens the image in ObjectViewer. The FOV Image shows the field of view and the Ref Image can be used to save a reference image.
- 2. Filter and info button line: Below the edit frame you find to the left all buttons for searching and filtering the planner data rows (Objectname Filter, Quick Filter and Set Filter) and to the right the Slide Show button and the info button ">>>".
- 3. Planner data grid (bottom frame): The planner data grid shows all filtered planner data rows. The active planner data row is blue coloured and this data row can be edited in the edit frame.

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### 6.2. Create a new planner data row

To be able to create a new planning data set, you must first create at least one setup in the "Edit Setup" tab (Details in chapter 7).

First, click New (to the right of the data table). Then all data fields in the edit frame are automatically cleared and you can start with your inputs. All blue coloured fields are must fields, white coloured fields are optional. First choose your desired setup in the dropdown box. After the selection of the setup you can see some details about your setup to the right of the setupname.

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Setupname	Chile_RC20	-	Telescope = Ritchey-Chretien	
	ĺ.		Camera = FLI PL16803	
			Focallength = 4572mm / FOV = 27,7'x27,7'	
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The next step is to set the object. To set an object, first enter the object name in the white field to the right of the Set Object button and then click Set Object or enter return. The Set Object function is described in detail in chapter 4.

Objectname	Set Object ngc 3511
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The state field is the third must field which is necessary to define a planner data row. A planner data row can have seven different default states:



These states can be edited or extended in the Edit Setup tab if required (Details in chapter 7).

Setting a FOV Image (field of view image) or a Ref Image (reference image) is an optional step, but very useful step. When you push the FOV Image button, then the FOV Image window appears.

Center RA	11 [h] 03	[m] 36	[8]			
Center RA2000 (h	] [11,0601					
Center DE	23 [*] 10	['] 05	["]			
Center DE2000 [*]	-23,1682	-				
Field of View [']	27,74					
Rotation [*]	0	-			•	
Height [pixels]	1000				4. 1	
Width [pixels]	1000			• • • • • • • •	• • • ·	
Server	server1	-				
Add FOV Imac	je parameters to P	lanner Comm	nent		*	

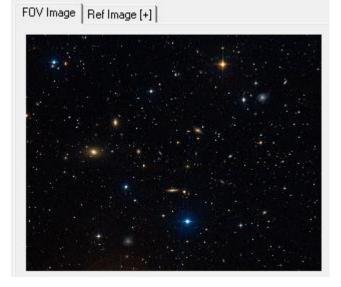
On the left side of this window you can find the FOV Image parameters, which are already filled with useful default values. If necessary, then you can modify the centre coordinates of the image, the field of view, the rotation angle of your camera, the height and the width of the FOV image and the server, which is used for downloading the DSS2 image from sky-map.org. When you push the Update button, then the download process is started. The Reset button resets all FOV image parameters to the default values. A red cross indicates the position of the new image centre. You can move the red cross by clicking the right mouse button or by pushing the arrow keys. After having moved the image centre you have to push the Update button to get the updated image. After pushing the Ok button the window is closed and the FOV Image is set. Please, activate the option "Add FOV Image parameters to Planner Comment", if you like to have the centre coordinates inside the Planner Comment. After having closed the FOV Image window by pushing the Ok button, you can see your FOV image in the FOV Image tab. The red coloured text "Image not saved" indicates that you have to push the Save button to save this FOV image in your Planner Image Path.



If you have an image of the desired object of another astrophotographer, which you want to use as a reference, then you can include this image in the planner data row as a Ref Image. After pushing the Ref Image button a window for selecting the image appears. You can find the path of the selected image in the Image From field. Below the Image From field you can find the imagename field. The selected image is copied into the Planner Image Path and renamed, when you click Save. You can change the Planner Image Path in the Options tab.

Image From	D:\temp\image_xy_from_web.jpg	FOV Image
Imagename	NGC3511_Chile_RC20_REF.jpg	[Ref Image]

As soon as a reference image exists for a data set, the Ref Image tab is marked with a "[+]".



The comment field is helpful for additional information (e.g. filters,..). With a double click into the Comment field you can open a window with a much bigger edit field.

When you are finished with your entries, then click Save to create the data row and to copy the optional FOV Image and the optional Ref Image into the Planner Image Path.

## 6.3. Create new planner data rows with ObjectBrowser

If you want to include many objects with particular criteria in your todo list, then you can use the Export to Planner button inside the ObjectBrowser. First switch to the Browser and select Browse mode ObjectBrowser. Then filter the objects by using the Set Filter function. After you have reduced the number of objects to a manageable number, you can select an object and click the >>> Export to Planner button. The Export to Planner button opens Expert with the Planner tab and sets the desired object. The following example shows the state of the Planner tab after clicking the Export to Planner button inside the ObjectBrowser (object ABELL 1000 was selected in ObjectBrowser).

<u>P</u> lanner Edit <u>S</u> etup	Edit Object Edit Picture Dptions	Help About
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Setupname	<b>•</b>	Telescope =
		Camera =
		Focallength =
Objectname	ABELL 1000	Set Object
State	<b>_</b>	
Image From		FOV Image
Imagename		Ref Image
Planner Comm.		
		Data not saved!

After you have input the missing entries you click save to create the planner data row. Now, you can go back to the ObjectBrowser to export the next object into the Planner.

## 6.4. Edit and Delete planner data rows

If you want to edit a planner data row, then first activate the desired data row by clicking on the data row or by moving the cursor to the row using the arrow keys. The blue colour always indicates the selected data row. As soon as a data field is changed, a red text "Data not saved!" appears. This is a hint for the user not to forget to press the Save button. After finishing the editing operations, the changes must be saved by pressing the Save button.

If you want to delete a planner data row, then first activate the desired data row. Then click on the Delete button to delete the selected planner data row. The optional planner images connected with the planner data row are also deleted.

#### 6.5. Filter the planner data rows

If you have a big todo list of objects including many different setups, then it helps to reduce the list using filters. You can use the Objectname Filter, the Quick Filter or the Set Filter button in the same way as used in the Browser.

When you use the Objectname filter, then all data rows for the selected object are shown. The following screenshot shows the result of an object filter for 'Abell 2151'.

ОЫ	ectname Filter	- ABEL	L 2151	Set Filter Reset Filter		Slide Show	>>> Listvi	ew = Standar	rd
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	NP101_ST2000	1		ABELL 2151	Galaxy Cluster	Count= 87	16h 05m 12.0s	+17* 44' 00''	Hei
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The Set Filter button opens the Set Filter window, where you can set object criteria and planner criteria. The following screenshot shows the planner criteria with two selected setups and a restriction of the state to '0 - Image is missing'.

□ Planner Criter	ia	
Setups	Namibia_Newt10_Trius Namibia_Newt12_piggy Namibia_Newt12_QSI Namibia_Tak130_G2-8300 Namibia_TS130_8300 Newt_QHY5III462 Newt_QSI660 Newt_ST2000 Nik_Z50_Z6 Nik85_EOS6D	
State	O - Image is missing     1 - Excellent image exists     2 - Good image exists     3 - Acceptable image exists     4 - Bad image exists     5 - Very bad image exists     6 - Image not finished	
	All None	
0	Ref Images     FOV Images       Exist     O Exist       Not Exist     O Not Exist       Full     © Full	

If the number of planner data rows is still too big, then you can set object criteria like coordinates or object type additionally to the planner criteria.

The Quick Filter can be very useful, when you use some keywords in the Planner comment field of important data rows. (E.g. "Prio1").

You can also search for several keywords at the same time by linking the search texts with the "|" sign (logical OR) or with the "&" sign (logical AND).

The following example searches all data rows which contain the text "Namibia" or the text "Chile".

Quick Filter	-	namibialchile
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The following example shows an AND search. With an AND search, the number of records found is significantly reduced.

Quick Filter 🗾 🚽 namibia&chile

If you click on the header of a data column, then you can sort the list ascending or descending. It makes sense to sort the list by right ascension.

The Reset Filter button deactivates all active filters.

## 6.6. Slide Show and '>>>'-Button

The Slide Show, Planetarium, sky-map.org, ObjectTracker and ObjectMarker buttons have the same function as in the Browser.

The Planetarium button opens your preferred planetarium software centred on the active object.

When you are connected to the internet then you can use the sky-map.org button to open sky-map.org centred on the active object.

The ObjectTracker button starts ObjectTracker with the active object.

The ObjectMarker button is only available, when a FOV image is assigned to the active planning data record. As soon as you click on the ObjectMarker button, ObjectMarker is opened and the FOV image is set.

## 6.7. ListView

The ListView button offers you to choose between two possible layouts of the main data table: Standard and User defined.

## 6.8. Export csv and Export OT

- You can export the main data table into a csv file by clicking on the button "Export".
- The button "Export OT" exports the objects of the table into the catalog \_CCD\_Planner of the file \userdata\cat\cat.mdb. How to use the catalog \_CCD\_Planner in the ObjectTracker efficiently for planning purposes is described in detail in chapters 11.

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19.0s	-41° 20' 00''	Vela	Export OT
18.0s	-52* 55' 00''	Vela	
51.0s	-58° 13' 48''	Carina	
9.0	-63° 07' 24''	Circinus	

# 7. EXPERT: EDIT SETUP

The Edit Setup tab of CCD-Guide is necessary to create new cameras, new telescopes, new observers and new setups. All entries are saved in the user database (user.mdb).

Planner Edit Setup Edit Object Edit Picture Options Help About

ey	Chemical	Description	Chemical film			Key	TS Apo 130/780mm				
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USER	Chemical	Ch	emical film			USER USER	TS Apo 130/780mm	Ap	ochromatic refractor		
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MASTER	Apogee Alta U16M	Mo	phochromatic CCD camera with Ke	odak chip KAF-16803		MASTER	AOM Astrograph 130/52	0 As	trograph 130mm 8 lense		
MASTER	Apogee Alta U9000	Mo	phochromatic CCD camera with Ke	odak chip KAF-09000	Save	MASTER	APM AP 107/700 ED	Ap	ochromatic refractor	Save	
MASTER	Apogee Aspen CG16M	Mo	nochromatic CCD camera with Ke	odak chip KAF-16803		MASTER	ASA 10N f 3.6	Ne	ewtonian telescope		
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MASTER	astrolumina AL cod 11	Mo	phochromatic CCD camera with Kr	odak chip KAI-11002	New	MASTER	ASA 20N f 3.8	Ne	ewtonian telescope	New	
MASTER	astrolumina AL ccd 5-II	Mo	nochromatic CMOS camera			MASTER	ASA 500CA	AS	A 20" Classical Casseg		
MASTER	astrolumina AL ccd 5L-II	Mo	nochromatic CMOS camera with	Micron chip MT9M03		MASTER	ASA 8H f 2.9	Ne	ewtonian telescope		
MASTER	astrolumina AL ccd 6c	Sir	ngle-shot colour CCD camera with	Sony chip ICX453AQ		MASTER	ASA 8N f 3.6	Ne	ewtonian telescope		
MASTER	astrolumina AL ccd 6c P	ro Sir	ngle-shot colour CCD camera with	Sony chip ICX453AQ		MASTER	ASA EQ1000	Bi	tchey-Chretien telescop		
MASTER	astrolumina AL ccd 8L	Sir	gle-shot colour CCD camera with	Sony chip ICX413AQ		MASTER	Askar ACL200mm F4	Ap	ochromatic refractor		
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MASTER	39 Beer	Dieter	www.starhopper.at	starhopper@starh		Chile_RC14	L R	COS 14.5" f/9	FLI PL1607	1	
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MASTER	35 Breite	Michael	www.astro-koop.de	breite@astro-kooj	00000	Newt_ST2	000 N	ewtonian	SBIG ST-20		
MASTER	53 CEDIC	Team	www.cedic.at	spotlight@cedic.a	New	NP101_ST	2000 T	eleVue NP-101	SBIG ST-20	New	
MASTER	56 Deger	Michael	www.galaxyphoto.de	m.deger@galaxyp		NP101_ST	8300 T	eleVue NP-101	SBIG ST-83		
MASTER	62 Detken	Kai-Oliver	www.detken.net	kai@detken.net		Tokina_EO	S1000D T	okina AT-X124 F	PRO DX Canon EOS		

## 7.1. Cameras, telescopes and observers

If one of your cameras is missing in the master database, then click New (the button to the right of the camera list). Input the name of the camera in the Key field. Please, use the official name of the manufacturer. The input fields Description, ChipSizeX and ChipSizeY are optional. Then click Save.

If one of your telescopes is missing in the master database, then click New (the button to the right of the telescope list). Input the name of the telescope in the Key field. Please, use the official name of the manufacturer. The input field Description is optional. Then click Save.

Use the same procedure to input a new observer. First, click New, then input all fields, and then click Save.

You are only allowed to edit your own data rows (SOURCE = USER) of the tables cameras, telescopes and observers. First, select your data row (indicated by the blue colour), then edit the input fields, and then click Save.

Tip: It makes sense to mark your own data rows (e.g. use the leading character '\_' in your key fields. So, you can easily identify your cameras, telescopes and observers.

elescope			
Key	_My scope1		
Description			
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SOURCE	ID	DESCRIPTION	
► USER	TS Apo 130/780mm	Apochromatic refractor	
MASTER	Alluna RC 20'' f/8	Ritchey-Chretien telescop	
MASTER	AOM Astrograph 130/520	Astrograph 130mm 8 lense	
MASTER	ASA 10N f 3.6	Newtonian telescope Sav	е
MASTER	ASA 12N f 3.6	Newtonian telescope	_
MASTER	ASA 500CA	ASA 20" Classical Casseg	te
MASTER	ASA 8H f 2.9	Newtonian telescope Nev	v
MASTER	ASA 8N f 3.6	Newtonian telescope	_
MASTER	ASA EQ1000	Bitchev-Chretien telesconi	

You can delete the active data row by clicking on the Delete button. Be careful with deleting data rows! All images and planner data rows which are connected with the deleted data row are also deleted.

## 7.2. Setups

Setups are needed for the planner. The concept of the planner is based on the idea that you want to capture a particular object with a certain setup of your equipment. In CCD-Guide a setup is a combination of a telescope and a camera using a particular focal length.

To create a new setup click on the New button (the button to the right of the setups list). Now you can enter a name for your setup. (Tip: Use a self-descriptive short name: e.g. Newt\_QSI660). Then choose the telescope and the camera in the drop down lists. The focal length is an optional input field. After you have input all data, you can save your setup by clicking on the Save button.

If you want to edit a particular setup, click on the desired setup in the setup data table. This data row will be blue coloured, which indicates that this data row is activated. Now, you can edit all input fields. Click the Save button to save your modifications.

If you want to delete a setup, then click the Delete button after you have activated the desired setup data row. Be careful with deleting setups! The todo list of objects (planner data rows), which is connected with the deleted setup, is also deleted.

## 7.3. Edit State

To the right of the Setups area, you find the "Edit State" button. This button can be used to edit or extend the default Planner states. After pressing the "Edit State" button, the following window opens:

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For example, you could create a new state 7 = Prio1 and a new state 8 = Prio2, in order to be able to mark planning data sets with different priorities.

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These new states are then available in the Planner tab for each planning data set in the State field.

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If you only want to see the planning data sets with Prio1 and Prio2, then set the corresponding checkboxes in the State field in the Set Filter window. (Multiple selection possible).

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## 8. EXPERT: EDIT OBJECT

## 8.1. Create new object

The Edit Object tab is the fourth tab of CCD-Guide. With this tab you can create new objects which are missing in the master database. These new objects are saved in the user.mdb.

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First, click the New button. Then select the catalogue. You have three options:

- <u>COMET:</u> the new object is a comet. Please, enter the name using the nomenclature of the Minor Planet Center (e.g. C/2009 P1, 17P) and the Cometname (e.g. Garradd, Holmes). Then click Save.
- **SOLAR:** the new object is a minor planet. Please, enter the name of the minor planet (e.g. Vesta). Then click Save.
- **UNLISTED:** the new object is a deep sky object. Please, enter the name of the object and the object type. All other fields are optional. (Must fields are indicated by the blue colour. Optional fields are white. A detailed explanation for all optional fields can be found in chapter 3.3) Then click Save.

In the UNLISTED catalog, two useful buttons are available in the upper left corner:

• <u>Get Pos:</u> With this button coordinates in SIMBAD format can be fetched from the clipboard. Example: On the SIMBAD page, the coordinates of the object UGCA 342 are first copied into the clipboard. Then these coordinates are set by pressing the "Get Pos" button in the Edit Object tab.

Basic data : UGCA 342 -- Galaxy Distance to the center arcsec: 25.62 Other object types: G (2015ApJS,UGCA,...), Opt (SDSS) ICRS coord. (ep=J2000) : 13 15 07.535 +42 00 11.23 (Optical) [ FK4 coord. (ep=B1950 eq=1950) :13 12 52.953 +42 16 01.44 [ 118 83 90 Gal coord. (ep=J2000) : 106.413081 +74.356771 [ 118 83 90 ]

• <u>Set Const:</u> Pressing this button sets the constellation based on the currently active coordinates.

### 8.2. Edit and delete an existing object

The data table of the Edit Object tab lists all objects of type COMET, SOLAR and UNLISTED which can be found in the master database and the user database. When you are working with the Edit Object tab, then you are automatically in the edit mode of an object data row. The blue colour indicates the active data row. You can change the active data row by clicking with the mouse or by pressing the arrow keys of your keyboard.

You will notice that you cannot edit or delete objects with SOURCE = MASTER. When you activate an object data row with SOURCE = USER, then you can edit the data fields. When you click Save then the modifications of the data fields are saved. When you click Delete, then this data row will be deleted.

#### 8.3. '>>>'-Button

The buttons Planetarium, sky-map.org, ObjectTracker and "Export to Planner" have the same function as in the Browser.

#### 8.4. ListView

The ListView button offers the possibility to choose between two different designs of the object data table: Standard and User-specific.

## 8.5. Export csv and Export OT

- The "Export" button allows to export the main data table to a csv file.
- The "Export OT" button exports the objects of the table to the \_CCD\_User catalog in cat.mdb (\userdata\cat.mdb). The \_CCD\_User catalog can be used in the ObjectTools like ObjectTracker or ObjectMarker (details in chapter 11 and after).

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## 9. EXPERT: EDIT PICTURE

### 9.1. Overview

The Edit Picture tab of CCD-Guide is necessary to create new image data rows. All entries are saved in the user database (user.mdb).

Before the first image can be entered, a new observer must be created in Edit Setup (see Chapter 7 for details).

There are two possibilities to create a new picture:

- New button
- Clone button

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#### 9.2. Create a new picture with New button

First, click New (to the right of the data table). Then all data fields are automatically cleared and you can start with your inputs. All blue coloured fields are must fields, white coloured fields are optional. The best way is to start with the input of the object name. You can see that the Objectname data field (top left corner) is grey, which indicates that direct input is not possible. To set an object, first enter the object name in the white field to the right of the Set Object button and then click Set Object. The Set Object function is described in detail in chapter 4.

E.g.: If you want to enter a picture of NGC 4435, then first click New, then enter 'NGC 4435' in the white Set Object field and push the Set Object button. Now you can see that the object NGC 4435 is selected.

Objectname	NGC 4435	Set Object
Picturename	NGC4435	

Below the Objectname you can find the Picturename. CCD-Guide suggests 'NGC4435' for the picture name. You can rename the picture name. (E.g. 'NGC4435-1' to indicate that this is the first image, which you have captured of NGC 4435).

The next step is to choose the image. Click Load Image (top right corner) to set the 'From path'. After you have selected the image, you can see that the 'To path' is filled. The image will be copied from the 'From path' to the 'To path', when you click Save. But do not click Save now. First, we have to enter the other fields.

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Picturename	NGC4435-1		To:	D:\ccd-	guide\userdata\user_images\NGC4435-1	
					Load Image	
ExpTime		ExpTimeTotal [min]	Observe	ers		<<

You can find a detailed description of the data fields in chapter 3.2. The following screen shot shows an example for input data.

Objectname	NGC 4435	Set Object	
Picturename	NGC4435-1		
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ExpTime		ExpTimeTotal [min]	1072
Camera	QSI 660wsg	ResMode	all 1x1
YYYY/MM/DD	2020 4 20	SetupInfo	Keller corrector reducer 0.73x
Additional Date	until 2020-04-26 (6 nights)		
Telescope	Newtonian		
Aperture ["]	12	Focallength [mm]	1120
Location	Nussbach / Austria	Level over Sea [m]	400
Filter	Astrodon LRGB	Mount	ASA DDM85
Comments			

The last step is to input observers, additional objects and additional pictures.

You have to use the double arrows to the right of the observer table to add or to remove an observer.



With a mouse click on the top double arrow you can add an observer. To remove an observer, first select the observer in the table and then click on the bottom double arrow.

If you want to add an additional object, then first enter the object in the Additional Objects data field, and then press return or click on the top double arrow (to the right of the table).

Additional Objects	ic 3355	
NGC	4438	<< >>>

To remove an additional object, first select the object in the table and then click on the bottom double arrow.

Additional pictures are pictures which show additional information (e.g object identification, inverted image, ...). To add an additional picture, click on the Load Image button and select the desired additional image. After you have selected the image, you will see that the 'From path' and the 'To field' are filled.

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To:	NGC4435-1.jpg			
		Load Image		
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Now, you have to modify the 'To name'. You can enter any image name, but it is a good idea to use the suggested image name as base and to add some characters to indicate the type of the additional image.

If you add an additional image, which shows some object identifications then include the string '\_id' in the image name ( e.g. NGC4435-1\_id.jpg).

If you add an additional image, which shows the image in inverted mode, then include the string '\_inv' in the image name (e.g. NGC4435-1\_inv.jpg).

After you have entered the desired name for the additional picture, you should click on the top double arrow to include the additional picture in the table.

Additio	nal Pictures			
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To:	NGC4435-1_id.jpg			
		Load Image	-	
	NGC4435-1_id.jpg			
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You can add as many additional pictures as you like. The additional pictures are copied from the 'from path' to the User image path and renamed with the 'To name', when you click Save.

Now, you can click Save to save the data row and to copy and rename all pictures.

## 9.3. Create a new picture with Clone button

The 'Clone method' is a very fast approach to create a new picture data row. The idea is to select a picture data row which is very similar to the picture data row which you want to create. So, you only have to modify the existing data fields, but you do not have to input all data starting with empty fields.

Use the Objectname Filter, the Quick Filter or the Set Filter button to find an appropriate picture data row for cloning.

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	SOURCE	OBSERVER	PICTURENAME	OBJECT
Þ	USER	Hubl Bernhard	M001-1.jpg	M 1
	MASTER	Schachtner Hannes	M001-001.jpg	M 1
	MASTER	Strauß Harald	M001-002.jpg	M 1
	MASTER	Schmidt Hannes	M001-003.jpg	M 1

Activate a picture data row in the table (indicated by blue colour) and then click Clone. Now, all data fields except object names and the picture names are filled with default data.

The further procedure is very similar to the 'New method':

- Set the object name using the Set Object button
- Edit the picture name
- Select the image using the Load Image button
- Edit all other data fields
- Observers, additional objects and additional pictures are input in the same way as described with the 'New method'.
- Click Save to save the data row and to copy and rename the pictures.

#### 9.4. '>>>'-Button

The buttons Planetarium, sky-map.org, ObjectTracker and ObjectMarker have the same function as in the Browser.

#### 9.5. ListView

The ListView button offers the possibility to choose between two different designs of the picture data table: Standard and User-specific.

#### 9.6. Export csv

The "Export" button allows to export the main data table to a csv file.

## 10. OBJECTTOOLS

#### 10.1. Introduction

The ObjectTools are valuable helpers when planning an observation night (ObjectTracker), when evaluating and labelling astrophotos (ObjectMarker) and when displaying and analyzing astrophotos (ObjectViewer).

The ObjectTools are an integral part of CCD-Guide and can be used in interaction with the Browser or the Expert as well as stand-alone tools. All ObjectTools are located in the CCD-Guide root directory. Besides the three main applications ObjectTracker, ObjectMarker and ObjectViewer there are also a number of additional applications (such as CatEdit, BatchSolver, JPEGCompress, WCSCopy or WCSList). Detailed descriptions of the individual applications can be found in the following chapters:

- ObjectTracker: Chapter 11
- ObjectMarker: Chapter 13
- ObjectViewer: Chapter 14
- Utilities (CatEdit, BatchSolver, JPEGCompress, WCSCopy, WCSList and Update): Chapter 16

All exe files in the CCD-Guide root folder can be started and used at any time by double-clicking, even without the CCD-Guide application open. However, it is much more convenient for starting ObjectTools applications to use the CCD\_Guide.exe.



## 10.2. Overview of the ObjectTools applications

Below you can find the ObjectTools applications listed alphabetically. Applications important for normal use are marked in bold:

- <u>BatchSolver.exe</u>: is a special application for the simultaneous plate solving of a large number of images. BatchSolver.exe is not required for normal CCD-Guide use.
- <u>CatEdit.exe</u>: is a special application for maintaining and editing the ObjectTools catalogs as well as for the download-supported creation of completely new catalogs. For the normal CCD-Guide usage CatEdit.exe is not needed.
- <u>JPEGCompress.exe:</u> is a useful tool for compressing a large number of jpg images.
- <u>Locations.exe</u>: is a component of ObjectTracker for editing the table with the observation locations (Locations.csv). Normally there is no need to start the Locations.exe manually.

- **ObjectMarker.exe:** With the ObjectMarker images can be solved via astrometry.net and then labeled with the objects of the CCD-Guide database as well as with own texts. Furthermore, the ObjectViewer can be started to view and analyse the labelled image.
- **<u>ObjectSky.exe:</u>** ObjectSky is a planetarium that works interactively with ObjectTracker.
- **ObjectTracker.exe:** ObjectTracker answers quickly and easily the question whether a certain object can be photographed at a selected location in a certain night. The ideal time window for observing is calculated taking into account twilight, moon, object altitude and optional horizon. The altitude progression of the object and of the moon is displayed in an intuitive graphic.
- <u>ObjectViewer.exe</u>: With ObjectViewer you can view the images labelled with the ObjectMarker, read coordinates and perform an internet search with SIMBAD, NED or Vizier.
- <u>WCSCopy.exe:</u> is a special application for the transfer of WCS information (World Coordinate System) from a solved image to a not yet solved image with the same dimensions. WCSCopy.exe is not required for normal CCD-Guide use.
- <u>WCSList.exe:</u> is an application with which complete directories can be searched for images and the status of the wcs-info can be displayed in tabular form. In WCSList, wcsinfos of selected images can also be deleted.

#### 10.3. ObjectTools catalogs

All catalogs stored in \userdata\cat\cat.mdb are available in both the ObjectTracker and the ObjectMarker:

• \_CCD\_Planner: This optional catalog is created when the "Export OT" button is pressed in the Planner tab of Expert. All objects filtered in the Planner tab will be exported.

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51.0s	-58° 13' 48''	Carina	
999	-63° 07' 2 <i>4</i> ''	Circipus	

• \_CCD\_User: This optional catalog is created by pressing the "Export OT" button in the Edit Object tab of Expert. All UNLISTED objects created by the user will be exported.

# 11. OBJECTTRACKER

### 11.1. Introduction

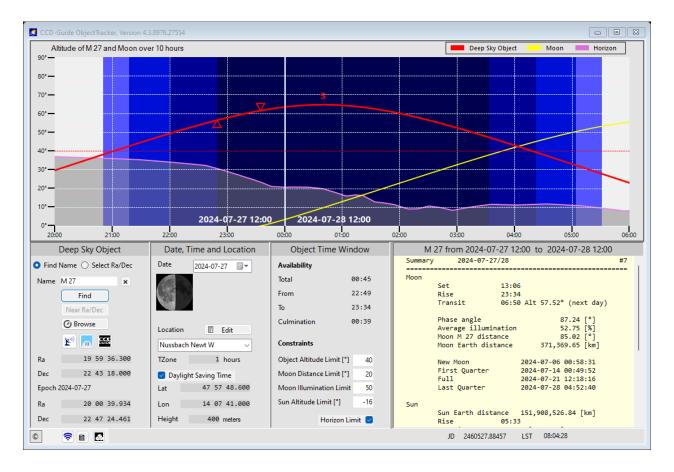
ObjectTracker answers quickly and easily the question whether a certain object at a selected location can be photographed in a certain night. The ideal time window for taking photographs is calculated taking into account twilight, moon, object altitude and optional horizon. The altitude progression of the object and of the moon is displayed in an intuitive graphic.

ObjectTracker can be started from Browser or Expert (via the '>>>' button) or alternatively as a stand-alone tool. To start as a stand-alone tool, double-click on the file ObjectTracker.exe in the CCD-Guide root directory or push the ObjectTracker button in CCD\_Guide.exe.

In the following, the use as a stand-alone tool is described first and afterwards practical use cases in interaction with Browser and Expert are explained.

## 11.2. ObjectTracker main window

After starting ObjectTracker the following main window appears.



The main window is divided into five areas:

• **<u>Graphics area:</u>** The graphics area is located at the top. For a selected night, twilight, the altitude of the object and of the moon and an optional horizon are displayed here. Red triangles indicate the beginning and the end of the object's visibility window.

- <u>Input area:</u> The input area is located at the bottom left and comprises the two areas with the headings "Deep Sky Object" and "Date, Time and Location". Here you can select a specific object and set the desired location and date.
- **Object visibility area:** The object visibility area with the heading "Object Time Window" is located to the right of the input area. Constraints of the visibility window such as object altitude, sun altitude, moon influence or horizon consideration can be set here.
- Info area: The info area is located at the bottom right. Various detailed information is displayed here in a scrollable list.
- <u>Status bar:</u> This bar is at the bottom. Here, buttons for special applications are available and status indicators are displayed.

By changing any input field, all values and graphics are always completely recalculated.

## 11.3. Location input

The first step for using ObjectTracker is to enter the desired location. CCD-Guide is delivered with a single location: Gahberg Observatory. If you are not observing at Gahberg Observatory, you should first enter your observation location. Any number of observation locations can be created so that all users who like to make astro-journeys or have access to remote locations can quickly switch between different locations.

#### Create a new location:

To create a new location, click on the 'Edit' button in the "Date, Time and Location" area of the ObjectTracker main window. A new window opens, in which the locations are administered. In this window only one line with the location "Gahberg Observatory" is visible at the initial start.

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As soon as you click on the "New" button, you can edit the location data fields in the upper left corner. First enter a meaningful name for the location (e.g. "La Palma") in the Location field. The geographic coordinates can be set by directly entering latitude and longitude into the Latitude and Longitude fields. Alternatively, the entry can also be made using a so-called GeoHash code, if this should be known for the new location. By clicking on the "Google" button, the location is opened in Google Maps. Next, the sea level in meters is entered in the LevelOverSea field. It is important to select the correct timezone. For La Palma the timezone "GMT Standard Time" is selected. By this selection the values of TZone, DSTOffset and DaylightName are automatically filled correctly. A horizon filename is not set at first. If you also want to create a horizon for the newly created location, this is done by clicking the Enable horizon edit checkbox. Entering a horizon for a specific location can also be done later. The creation of horizons is described below. To save the new location in the Locations.csv file, click Save. The following screenshot shows the state after creating the new location "La Palma" without using a horizon.

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#### Create a new horizon for a location:

To enter a horizon, first select the location in the table (data set with blue background). By clicking on the checkbox "Enable horizon edit" below the horizon graphic, the horizon can be edited. In the following example, the horizon for the location "La Palma" is created.

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With the pressed left mouse button a horizon can now be "painted". The following example shows an approx. 60° high obstacle on the eastern horizon and an approx. 30° high obstacle on the western horizon.

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With button Save the horizon file can be saved. As an alternative to the graphical horizon editor, a horizon file can also be created manually by entering exact pairs of values for azimuth and elevation in an ASCII file. The corresponding horizon file is located in the \userdata\hor\ folder.

The creation of the locations is usually a one-time process. When using ObjectTracker on a daily basis, it is not necessary to call up the location management.

## 11.4. Selection of location and date

When all required locations have already been created, switching between different locations is a very simple process. In the "Date, Time and Location" area, select the desired location in the Location drop-down field and all values of the location (geographical coordinates and time zone) are immediately set correctly.

Attention: The correct setting of daylight saving time / winter time lies in the responsibility of the user. This means that after changing the location selection, always check whether the "Daylight Saving Time" checkbox is selected correctly. As soon as the check mark is activated, this means that daylight saving time is valid. If the check mark is deactivated, ObjectTracker interprets all times as winter time.

Date,	Time and Location
Date	2022-09-28 🗐 🔻
Location	Edit Locations
Gahberg	Observatory 🗸
Gahberg La Palma	Observatory
Daylig	ht Saving Time
Lat	47 54 46.000
Lon	13 36 30.000
Height	860 meters

When you open ObjectTracker, the date is set to today's date by default. If you want to make the observation planning for another date, then this is done by changing the date field.

## 11.5. Deep sky object area

To select an object, enter the object name (e.g. "M 16") in the Name field. The entry of the object name should either be completed with a return or the Find button should be pressed. This triggers an object search:

- ObjectTracker first searches in the CCD-Guide database and in the local catalogs in the subdirectory \userdata\cat\ for the object. If the object is found in a local catalog, the coordinates Ra and Dec are taken from the local catalog file.
- If the object is not found, another search for the object is performed on the internet, provided an internet connection is available. If the internet search is successful, the coordinates are taken over. If the search is unsuccessful, the message "Object not found" appears.

The following illustration shows the status of the text input of "M16" before pressing the Return key or before clicking the Find button. The yellow background colour indicates that the object search has not yet been performed and therefore all output elements have not yet been updated. As soon as the update is done, the yellow colour disappears.

	Deep Sky Object
Find I	Name 🔘 Select Ra/Dec
Name	m 16 🛛 🗙
	Find
	Near Ra/Dec
	@ Browse
	201
Ra	05 34 31.800
Dec	22 00 51.840
Epoch	
Ra	05 35 53.948
Dec	22 01 41.034

In the Name field, in addition to the objects in the CCD Guide database, you can also search for planets and current comets.

	Deep Sk	y Obje	ct
• Find	Name O	Select Ra	/Dec
Name	Jupiter Find		×
	Deep Sk	y Obje	ct
Find	Name 🔿 :	Select Ra	/Dec
Name	C/2017 K2 Find		×

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If the object you are looking for is not found, then it is also possible to enter Ra and Dec coordinates directly by changing the input mode from "Find Name" to "Select Ra/Dec". As soon as the option "Select Ra/Dec" is selected, the Ra / Dec fields will appear with a white background colour and a direct input of Ra and Dec coordinates is possible.

	Deep Sky Object
C Find I	Name 💿 Select Ra/Dec
Name	User Ra Dec 🛛 🗙
	Find
	Near Ra/Dec
	@ Browse
	<b>201</b>
Ra	18 18 45.0 <b>0</b> 0
Dec	-13 47 54.000
Epoch	
Ra	18 20 02.363
Dec	-13 47 15.477

The contents of all catalogs can be viewed in the browse window, which appears after pressing the "Browse" button.

📱 35984 objects from selected tables 📃 🖾								
select	Catalog	Object	RightAscension	Declination	Size [']			
<b>V</b>	GN	M 110	00 40 22	41 41 07	19.5			
<b>V</b>	GUM	M 12	16 47 14	-01 56 50	16.0			
<b>1</b>	HCG	M 13	16 41 41	36 27 39	20.0			
<b>1</b>	нн	M 14	17 37 36	-03 14 43	11.0			
<b>1</b>	IC	M 15	21 29 58	12 10 03	18.0			
<b>1</b>	LBN	M 16	18 18 45	-13 47 54	35.0			
<b>V</b>	LDN	M 17	18 20 47	-16 10 18	20.0			
<b>V</b>	М	M 18	18 19 58	-17 06 06	7.0			
<b>V</b>	NAME	M 19	17 02 38	-26 16 03	17.0			
<b>V</b>	NGC	M 2	21 33 27	-00 49 22	16.0			
<b>1</b>	OCL	M 20	18 02 42	-22 58 18	20.0			
<b>V</b>	PGC	M 21	18 04 13	-22 30 00	16.0			
<b>1</b>	РК	M 22	18 36 24	-23 54 10	32.0			
		M 23	17 56 56	-19 00 42	25.0			
Sel	ect none	l	Display coo	rdinates of the ep				
361	ect none	Filter		Reportcsv	txt			
Select all Close Auto Show		Criteria Object culr Object culr N&S Altitude Ra	ON OS	Hour angle +/-4 minutes	4	1		
□ Sta	y on Top	Minimum	Maximum					
		40 -	90 ÷	Min. Size	0	]		

In the browse window shown above, the catalogs in the left area can be selected as desired. The table on the right lists the objects stored in the selected catalogs. As soon as you click with the left mouse button on one of the objects, the ObjectTracker main window is updated with the selected object. With the help of various filter options the selection of visible objects can be further limited.

In the following example, only Messier objects that are near culmination in the middle of the night are filtered.

🖥 7 Obje	ects selected r	near	2022-09-29 01:00	)		
select	Catalog		Object	RightAscension	Declination	Size [']
	GN		M 110	00 40 22	41 41 07	19.5
	GUM		M 15	21 29 58	12 10 03	18.0
	HCG		M 2	21 33 27	-00 49 22	16.0
	нн	.[	M 31	00 42 44	41 16 08	189.1
	IC		M 32	00 42 42	40 51 57	8.5
	LBN		M 39	21 31 52	48 25 30	31.0
	LDN		M 52	23 24 48	61 36 00	16.0
<b>V</b>	М					
	NAME	ч				
	NGC					
	OCL					
	PGC					
	РК					
				Display coord	linates of the epocl	n 552
Sel	ect none		Filter		Reportcsv	txt
Select all Close			Criteria Object culm • N&S C	+	lour angle /-120 minutes	120 ÷
Auto Show			Altitude Ran	ige		
□ Sta	iy on Top		Minimum	Maximum	Min. Size 0	

If you click on the report buttons csv or txt, a report in csv or txt format will be created, in which the observation data of all selected objects are displayed in tabular form.

Night imaging repo	ort for selected objects		
-	2022 3 Observatory Le exposure, descending		
Nr.   Object Na	ame   Ra   Dec	Culmination   Start   Stop   Total [	hrs]   East [hrs]   West [hrs]
1   M 110	00 40 22   41 41 07	01:16   20:35   05:18   08:42	04:40   04:01
4   M 31	00 42 44   41 16 08	01:19   20:35   05:18   08:42	04:43   03:59
5   M 32	00 42 42   40 51 57	01:19   20:35   05:18   08:42	04:43   03:59
7   M 52	23 24 48   61 36 00	00:01   20:35   05:18   08:42	03:25   05:17
6   M 39	21 31 52   48 25 30	22:08   20:35   03:22   06:46	01:32   05:14
2   M 15	21 29 58   12 10 03	22:06   20:35   00:55   04:19	01:30   02:48
3   M 2	21 33 27   -00 49 22	22:10   21:16   23:03   01:47	00:53   00:53

In addition to the Deepsky catalogs, the Browse window also contains the "Planets" and "Comets" catalogs. These two catalogs contain the current positions and magnitudes of the planets and the comets.

946 objects from selected tables       —       X         select       Catalog       RightAscensio       Declination       Size       Mag         ABELL       ARP       (22017 K2 (P)       16 02 35       -36 12 33       0.0       8.6         ARP       (22017 K2 (P)       16 02 35       -36 12 33       0.0       8.6         C/2022 P1 (       21 53 55       -41 12 10       0.0       10.4         C/2019 L3 (A       09 38 53       -13 40 45       0.0       11.3         C/2022 E3 (Z)       11 5 51 42       26 32 05       0.0       11.6         C/2020 V2 (       10 52 32       56 07 10       0.0       11.7         B1P/Wild       10 49 30       07 40 15       0.0       12.2         C/2022 R2 (       11 37 53       25 36 45       0.0       12.3								
			Object	RightAscensio	Declination		Mag	1
			C/2017 K2 (P	16 02 35	-36 12 33		8.6	j
	NARD		C/2022 P1 (	21 53 55	-41 12 10	0.0	10.4	
			C/2019 L3 (A	09 38 53	-13 40 45	0.0	11.3	
-			C/2022 E3 (Z	15 51 42	26 32 05	0.0	11.6	
С	omets		C/2020 V2 (	10 52 32	56 07 10	0.0	11.7	
со	NST		81P/Wild	10 49 30	07 40 15	0.0	12.2	
D	CLD		C/2022 R2 (	11 37 53	25 36 45	0.0	12.3	
0	G		C/2021 P4 (	12 50 09	-39 02 49	0.0	12.8	
D١	NB		41P/Tuttle	14 27 58	-09 13 08	0.0	13.0	
G	a		C/2021 E3 (Z	10 13 20	-39 48 17	0.0	13.2	
G	N		C/2019 T4 (	13 41 15	-02 59 13	0.0	13.2	
(	GUM		73P/Schwas	17 54 55	-35 52 49	0.0	13.3	
t	HCG		C/2020 K1 (P	17 19 15	-10 29 40	0.0	13.3	

Let's switch back to the Deep Sky Object area of the ObjectTracker main window. Below the Browse button there are three more buttons, the "AladinLite" button, the "Planetarium" button and the "CCD-Guide Browser" button, which are described in detail below.

## 11.6. Object visibility settings

After the location, the date and the object have been selected, the constraints for the calculation of the visibility time window can optionally be changed.

Constraints	
Object Altitude Limit [°]	40
Moon Distance Limit [°]	30
Moon Illumination Limit	30
Sun Altitude Limit [°]	-18
Horizon Limit 🔽	

The Object Altitude Limit specifies the minimum object altitude required for the object to be photographed. The standard altitude is 40°.

The Moon Distance Limit specifies the minimum distance between moon and object required for a useful observation.

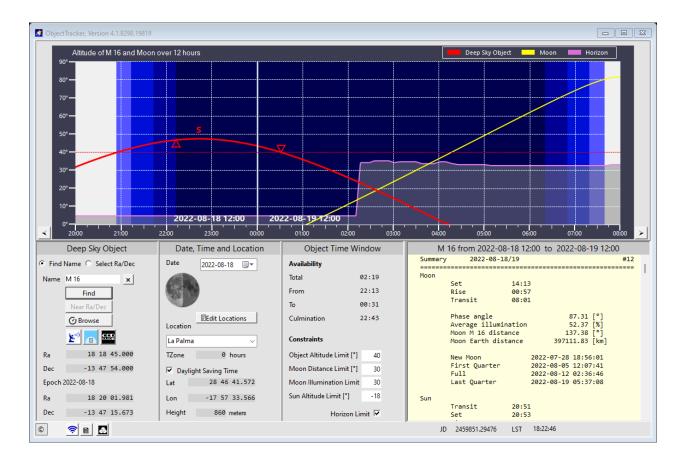
The Moon Illumination Limit indicates the maximum illuminated part of the moon at which an observation of the object is still possible while the moon is above horizon. If the moon is brighter than the moon illumination limit, an observation of the object is only allowed after moonset or before moonrise. The standard value of 30% can be set much higher at a light-polluted location or in narrow-band photography.

The Sun Altitude Limit indicates the altitude below which the sun must fall for the object to be observed. The default value is -18°, which corresponds to the criterion for astronomical twilight. In the case of narrow-band photography or in the case of a light-polluted location, a larger limit (e.g. -16°) can make sense.

The Horizon Limit checkbox indicates whether the horizon should be considered in the calculation of the object visibility window.

## 11.7. Graphic area

After all settings have been made, the resulting graphic can be viewed and interpreted. We will look at the following example.



The object M 16 is to be photographed during the night of August 18 to 19, 2022 in La Palma. A horizon progression has been entered for La Palma and the default limits are used for the constraints.

In the graphic, the time from 20:00 in the evening to 8:00 in the morning is shown on the x-axis and the y-axis shows the altitude in degrees.

Twilight is indicated by the background colour of the graphic. Only in the area of the deep blue background the sun has fallen below the Sun Altitude Limit and it is astronomically dark.

Three altitude curves are shown:

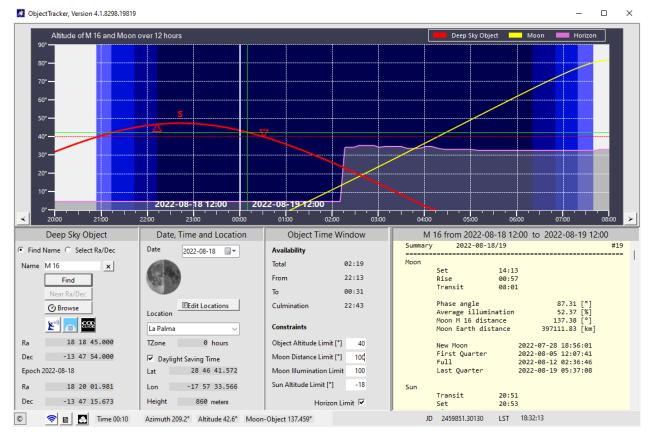
- Object altitude (red)
- Moon altitude (yellow)
- Horizon (turquoise)

The dashed red line, which is drawn horizontally at an altitude of 40°, represents the Object Altitude Limit.

The two red triangles indicate the beginning and the end of the object visibility window. M16 can be photographed starting with end of dusk at 22:13. At 22:43 M16 culminates in the south (letter "S" above the red curve). At 00:31 the visibility window ends, because at this time the object height drops below 40°.

In the above example, the observation window is not affected by the turquoise horizon.

The cursor function is particularly useful. If you move the mouse over the graphic area, a green crosshair appears, which follows the altitude curve of the object. The following information of the current crosshair position is displayed in the bottom line (status bar) of the ObjectTracker window: Time, azimuth, altitude and Moon-object distance.



### 11.8. Info area

The info area contains additional information. Especially useful is for example the distance between moon and object. In the considered example, the Moon M 16 distance is 137°.

M	16 from 2022-08-	18 12	:00 to	2022	2-08-	19 12:00	
Summary	2022-08-18,	/19					#19
Moon							
	Set	14:13	3				
	Rise	00:57	7				
	Transit	08:03	L				
	Phase angle			8	37.31	[°]	
	Average illumina			5	52.37	[%]	
	Moon M 16 dista	nce		13	37.38	[°]	
	Moon Earth dista	ance		39711	11.83	[km]	
	New Moon		2022-0	7-28	18:56	5:01	
	First Quarter		2022-0	8-05	12:07	1:41	
	Full		2022-0	8-12	02:36	5:46	
	Last Quarter		2022-0	8-19	05:37	:08	
Sun							
	Transit	20:53	L				
	Set	20:53	3				

### 11.9. Time Series

In the status bar there is a button with a list symbol (Time Series), with which the observation window for the selected object can be calculated and visually displayed not only for one night, but for a long period of time.



After clicking on the Time Series button the following window appears:

🖳 Time series of object	: M 16 at location La Palma			
Parameters and action	ns			
Starting Year/Month	2022/09 # of months 1	÷ Create	Export	Close
Daylight saving	from 2022-03-27			
Data				
			Culmination East West Comment	
- Graphics				
Hours Day: :	2022-08-18		East:	West:

In the parameter area the start year and the start month as well as the number of months to be calculated can be selected. It can also be set whether the changeover to daylight saving time should be taken into account in the output and if so, in which period of time daylight saving time is active. Click the Create button to start the output.

Now let's look at the example above (M 16 in La Palma with the standard constraints and active horizon). We choose 2022/08 as start date and let the calculation be output for 12 months. After pressing the Create-button the window looks like this:

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Parameters and a	actions —										
tarting Year/Mo	nth 2022/0	# of mont	hs 12 🔹	Cr	eate			Expo	ort		Close
Daylight saving Daylight sa	ng fron to	n 2022-03-2 2022-10-3									
Data MoonName	DateObs	PhaseAngle	Illumination	ObjMoonDist	Total	From	То	Culmination	East	West	CommentStart
Vaxing crescent		132.34	17.09	,	00:00	**:**	**:**	23:50		00:00	Object / Moon distance belo
Vaxing crescent	2022-08-02	120.57	25.46	84.46	00:00	**:**	**:**	23:46	00:00	00:00	Object / Moon distance belc
/axing crescent	2022-08-03	108.55	35.08	71.85	00:00	**:**	**:**	23:42	00:00	00:00	Object / Moon distance belo
/axing crescent	2022-08-04	96.25	45.61	59.00	00:00	**;**	**:**	23:38	00:00	00:00	Object / Moon distance belo
/axing crescent	2022-08-05	83.62	56.62	45.96	00:00	**:**	**:**	23:34	00:00	00:00	Illuminated fraction of the m
irst quarter	2022-08-06	70.64	67.59	32.94	00:00	**:**	**:**	23:30	00:00	00:00	Illuminated fraction of the m
/axing gibbous	2022-08-07	57.30	77.93	20.72	00:00	**;**	**:**	23:26	00:00	00:00	Illuminated fraction of the m
/axing gibbous	2022-08-08	43.61	86.94	13.27	00:00	**:**	**:**	23:22	00:00	00:00	Illuminated fraction of the m
Graphics Iours Da	ay: 2022-08-	01							E	ast:	West:
3	August'22				mber'2	2			0	ctober'2	2
2											

The table at the top of the Time Series window lists the observation window and a number of other useful information like moon data in chronological ascending order. In the lower area of the Time Series window, there is a graphic that shows the course of the visibility window at a glance. The example above shows that M16 can be observed for about two hours on nights without a disturbing moon in August. The visibility window shrinks to one hour in September and from October on the season for M16 on La Palma ends with the constraints set by the user. For all observers who prefer to photograph only in a certain telescope position (west or east), the colour of the bars is an interesting additional information: Blue indicates the proportion of the observation window in the eastern sky and orange the proportion of the observation window in the western sky.

If you scroll to the right in the graphic, then you can immediately see when an observation window opens up again in the following season. The example of M16 shows that an observation is worthwhile again from May 2023. If one clicks on a certain day in the diagram (in the example 2023-05-23 shown below), then this day in the diagram is marked with a red dot and at the same time the table focus on this selected day.

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Parameters and a Starting Year/Mo		# of mont	hs 12 🛨	Cr	eate			Expo	ort		Close
<ul> <li>Daylight savir</li> </ul>	ng fron to	n 2022-03-2 2022-10-3									
Data											
MoonName	DateObs	PhaseAngle	Illumination	ObjMoonDist	Total	From	То	Culmination	East	West	CommentStart
Naning crescent	2023-05-19	175.79	0.22	145.77	02:55	01:53	04:48	03:42	01:48	01:06	Object time beginning, whe
lew moon	2023-05-20	163.89	2.15	156.74	02:58	01:49	04:47	03:38	01:48	01:10	Object time beginning, whe
Vaxing crescent	2023-05-21	152.26	6.01	164.64	03:01	01:45	04:47	03:34	01:48	01:13	Object time beginning, whe
Vaxing crescent	2023-05-22	140.88	11.53	164.60	03:05	01:41	04:46	03:30	01:48	01:16	Object time beginning, whe
Vaxing crescent	2023-05-23	129.73	18.42	157.02	03:08	01:38	04:46	03:26	01:48	01:20	Object time beginning, whe
Vaxing crescent	2023-05-24	118.74	26.37	146.89	03:11	01:34	04:45	03:22	01:48	01:23	Object time beginning, whe
Naxing crescent	2023-05-25	107.85	35.11	136.00	03:15	01:30	04:44	03:18	01:48	01:26	Object time beginning, whe
Vaxing crescent	2023-05-26	96.99	44.37	124.79	02:54	01:50	04:44	03:14	01:25	01:30	Object start limited by moon
Graphics									_		
	y: 2023-05-	23							Ea	ast:	West:
April'23			May	/23				June'23			July'23
2											
1											

Finally, it is also possible to export the complete list to a csv file by clicking the Export button.

### 11.10. OpenWeatherMap

In the status bar you can find a cloud symbol with which you can display the current weather forecast of OpenWeatherMap for the selected location.

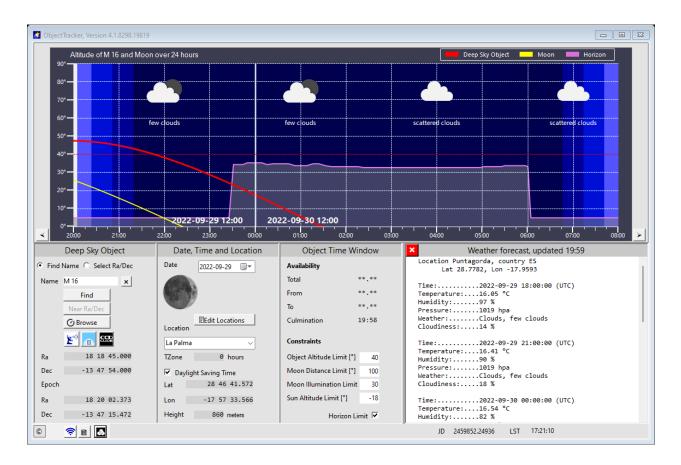


Before you can use OpenWeatherMap, however, it is necessary to obtain an OpenWeatherAPI key and enter it in the Global Settings of CCD\_Guide.exe. To do this, go to the ObjectTracker tab in the CCD-Guide Global Settings and click on the link "Get an API key (APPID)".

🔛 CCD (	Guide Glob	al Settings				×
Images	Browser	Astrometry	Comets	Image compression	ObjectTracker	System
		o	bjectTracke	er Weather API		
	API	Key _				
					Sigr	n up – <u>get an API key (APPID)</u>
				ОК		

This will open the OpenWeatherMap page in your web-browser, where the steps to create an account and generate an API key are described in detail. Once the APIKey is entered in Global Settings, the OpenWeatherMap functionality is permanently available in the ObjectTracker.

To display the weather report in the graphic and in the info area, a single click on the clouds button is sufficient.



With any update of an ObjectTracker input field the weather report disappears again. With a click on the cloud symbol button the weather report can be shown again at any time.

## 11.11. AladinLite

In the Deep Sky Object area there is the AladinLite button (button with the satellite dish symbol), with which you can start AladinLite.

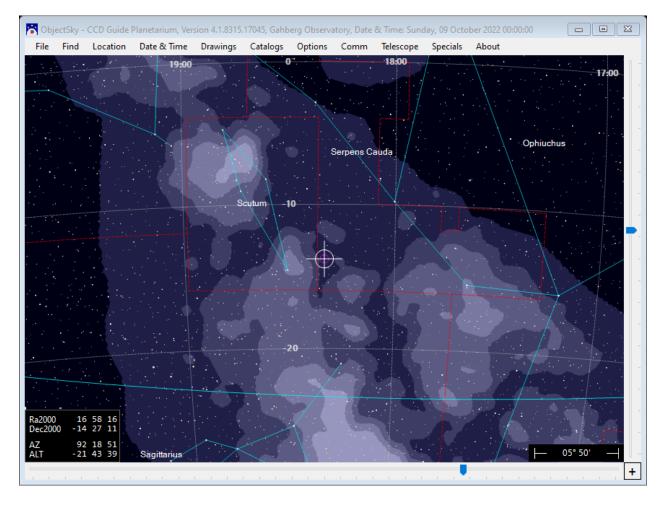
	Deep S	ky C	)bject					
• Find	Name 🔿	Sele	ct Ra/Dec					
Name	Fin Near Ra	/Dec	×					
	O Brow	5e						
Ra	0	5 34	31.800					
Dec	2	2 00	51.840					
Epoch								
Ra	0	5 35	53.948					
Dec	2	2 01	41.034					
M 16			×	+		-		×
$\leftarrow \  \  \rightarrow$	C ŵ	٥	file:///D:/te	mp/ccd	guide2023/files/AladinLite ぢ	2 2 0	) >>>	≡
J2000 🗸	18-18-45.000	13-47	\$4.00					a <sup>r2</sup>
					4 4 7 W W W W W W W W W W W W W	1 S		
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		- Pe						
								- + -
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								+ -

## 11.12. ObjectSky

In the Deep Sky Object area, next to the AladinLite button is the Planetarium button (symbol with domed building).

	Deep Sky Object						
Find Name C Select Ra/Dec							
Name	m 16 📃 🗙						
	Find						
	Near Ra/Dec						
	@ Browse						
	<b>2</b>						
Ra	05 34 31.800						
Dec	22 00 51.840						
Epoch							
Ra	05 35 53.948						
Dec	22 01 41.034						

After pressing the Planetarium Button the ObjectSky window opens:



The object selected in the ObjectTracker is centered in the ObjectSky window and displayed with crosshairs. In the example shown above, the object M 16 is marked. The position can be changed with the help of the two sliders. The position can also be changed using the mouse with the middle mouse button pressed. Zooming is also possible with the middle mouse button by using the mouse wheel. Zooming can alternatively be done by using the key combination "Ctrl" + "+-".

Furthermore, the Object Information window appears, in which the data for the object are displayed. With the center button at the bottom left, the object can be centered again if necessary. With the SIMBAD button the object can be called in SIMBAD.

1

Object Information					
Name: M 16	~				
Data Image					
Name	Value				
Name	M 16				
Catalog	М				
Object	unknown				
Position 2000	Ra: 18 18 45.000 Dec: -13 47 54.000				
Position Now	Ra: 18 20 02.387 Dec: -13 47 15.465				
Horiz. position	Az: 243.460 Alt:16.528				
HourAngle	4.1134				
Transit	19:53:11				
Sidereal time	22h 26m 51s				
Julian date	2459853.458333				
Air mass	1.356				
Object type	EN (Emission Nebula)				
×	Simbad 🖈				

If you switch from the Data tab to the Image tab, you have access to all images in the CCD-Guide database. A double click on the preview image or a click on the View button opens the image in the ImageViewer.

Name:	M 16		~
Data	Image		
		and the second	March 19
			State Contraction
200 A			A CONTRACTOR OF
		Sec. 14	
	e	M016-018.jpg	
mage fil Authors:	e		
	e	Breite Michael	
	e		

By default, when you open the ObjectSky planetarium, the location is set to the location active in the ObjectTracker and the date is set to the date active in the ObjectTracker (time 00:00). The location and date active in ObjectSky are displayed in the ObjectSky title bar.

🔭 ObjectSky - CCD Guide Planetarium, Version 4.1.8315.17045, Gahberg Observatory, Date & Time: Sunday, 09 October 2022 00:00:00

File Find Location Date & Time Drawings Catalogs Options Comm Telescope Specials About

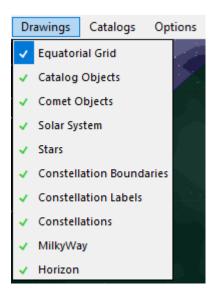
Location, date and time can also be changed in the menu of ObjectSky at any time. By default ObjectTracker is the leading system. When changes are made in ObjectTracker, such as object, date or location, then ObjectSky updates itself automatically. If this interaction between ObjectTracker and ObjectSky is not desired, then this can be set in the Comm menu by unchecking the "Accept objects from other programs" checkbox.

In the menu "Find" you can search for a specific object of the CCD-Guide database, for a planet or for a current comet.

Find Object	
Enter an object name or *	name for stars
m 16	x 🖬 🌒
🖂 Auto center	

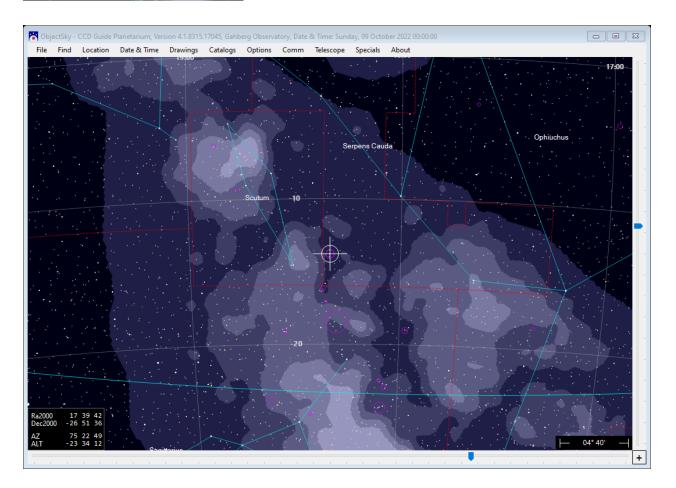
Find Object	
Enter an object name or *name for stars jupiter × •	
Find Object	×
Enter an object name or *name for stars	
🗹 Auto center	

In the menu "Drawings" you can set what should be displayed.



In the "Catalogs" menu, you can set which catalogs are to be displayed. In the following example, the objects of the Messier catalog are always displayed. All other objects are only displayed if the field of view is smaller than 30°.

Catalogs	ObjectTypes
DWB	All
GCL	Comet
GN	🕝 Const
GUM I	🖂 DN
HCG	EN
🗆 нн	GCI
	Gx Gx
LBN	GxCI
LDN	GxGrp
M	GxPrt
	Minor
Select all	Select none
🗹 Show all obj	ects for FOV:
below	30 🔹 degrees
Comets	
List	Remove

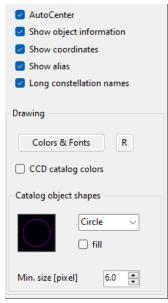


In the Comets section a list of current comets appears after pressing the "List" button. You can select and display a current comet of this list. With the button "Remove" the selected comets are removed again.

Comets List Remove

Name	Brightness 🔺	Perihelion	Perihelion Dist	Eccentricity	Perihel argument	Node	Ind
C/2017 K2 (PANSTARRS)	4.94	2022-12 19.684	1.796896	1.000807	236.1985	88.2351	87.
107P/Wilson-Harrington	9.46	2022-08 24.6614	0.966634	0.631717	95.4419	266.7746	2.7
C/2022 E3 (ZTF)	10.52	2023-01 12.7852	1.112248	1.000296	145.8146	302.5544	109
C/2020 V2 (ZTF)	10.54	2023-05 8.5499	2.227913	1.000931	162.4248	212.3713	131
81P/Wild	10.96	2022-12 15.6289	1.598427	0.537229	41.6343	136.099	3.2
C/2019 U5 (PANSTARRS)	11.14	2023-03 29.9013	3.624066	1.001462	181.508	2.6371	113
C/2020 R7 (ATLAS)	11.30	2022-09 16.239	2.95598	1.000169	347.838	268.2818	114
119P/Parker-Hartley	11.32	2022-08 12.0059	2.327536	0.388309	322.0646	104.5711	7.3
C/2019 L3 (ATLAS)	11.54	2022-01 9.625	3.554418	1.001869	171.6116	290.7864	48.
C/2020 K1 (PANSTARRS)	11.78	2023-05 9.068	3.073341	0.999979	213.9809	94.3549	89.
C/2021 P4 (ATLAS)	11.79	2022-07 30.3668	1.080446	0.996644	175.8183	348.0943	56.
80P/Peters-Hartley	11.82	2022-12 8.8651	1.61532	0.598593	339.247	259.7971	29.
116P/Wild	11.93	2022-07 16.8927	2.197001	0.37051	173.2825	20.9802	3.6
41P/Tuttle-Giacobini-Kresak	12.04	2022-09 13.4093	1.050149	0.659952	62.2101	140.9887	9.2
C/2019 T4 (ATLAS)	12.12	2022-06 9.0702	4.242346	0.99571	351.1906	199.9389	53.
C/2020 Y2 (ATLAS)	12.20	2022-06 17.7012	3.132541	0.996998	266.1066	26.5152	101
157P/Tritton	12.30	2022-09 9.8038	1.571805	0.556681	155.058	287.5473	12.
C/2021 Y1 (ATLAS)	12.33	2023-04 30.6999	2.032571	1.000819	245.809	244.7698	77.
73P-T/Schwassmann-Wachmann	12.39	2022-08 27.2054	0.972817	0.685537	199.4704	69.6127	11.
73P/Schwassmann-Wachmann	12.44	2022-08 25.7898	0.972963	0.685341	199.49	69.6101	11.
29P/Schwassmann-Wachmann	12.57	2019-04 15.9912	5.77496	0.044803	50.6295	312.3915	9.3
C/2021 F3 (7TF)	12 62	2022-06 11 9126	1 777304	1 000904	228 8519	104 4703	112

In the "Options" menu, various settings can be made for the display of the objects.



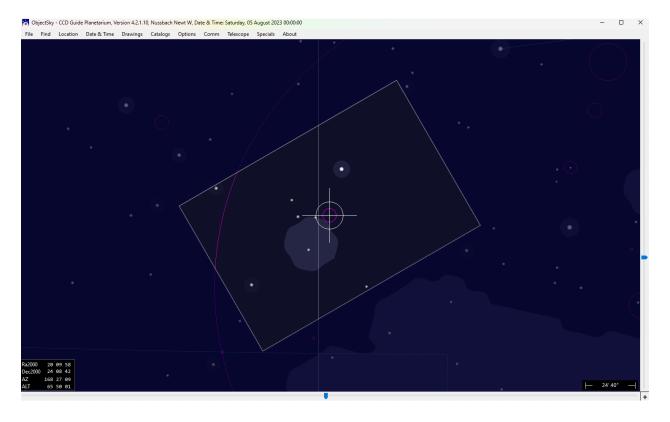
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With the "CCD catalog colors" option, the catalog colors can be adopted from ObjectMarker.

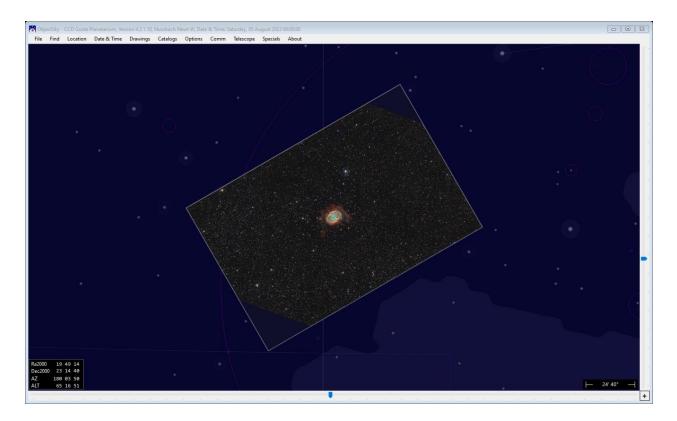
In the "Telescope" menu, the "Show telescope frame" checkbox can be used to specify the display of the image field of a telescope-camera combination.

Telescope Specials Al	bout
Sensor & Telescope	
Select from datab	ase
Sensor width [mm]	36
Sensor height [mm]	24
Focal [mm]	1000.0
Extender   Reducer [ x ]	1
FOV = 123.8' x	82.5'
101 123.0 X	02.5
Frame	02.5
Frame	
Frame Show telescope fram	
Frame Show telescope fram Shadow outside	e
Frame Show telescope fram Shadow outside Rotation [degree]	e
Frame Show telescope fram Shadow outside Rotation [degree]	e

The above setting gives the following result, centered on M 27.



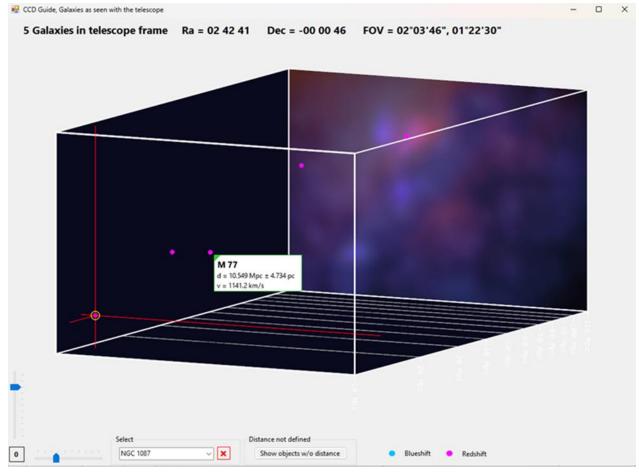
With the selection "Image in front" an astrometric image from the CCD-Guide database can be selected and displayed.



Three functions are available in the "Specials" menu.

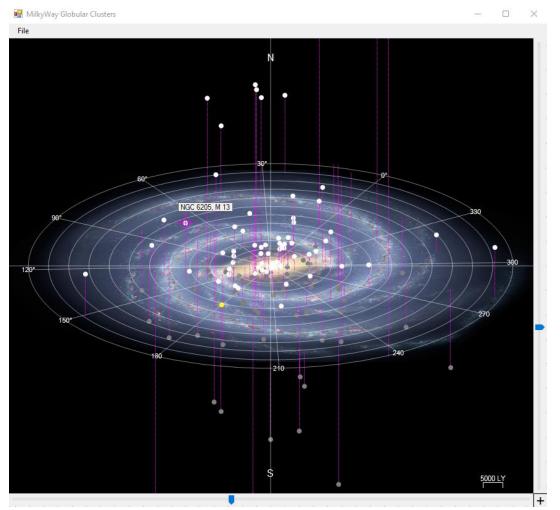
Specials	About	
Gala	xy Space View	
Milk	yWay Globular Clusters in 3D	
Sola	r System	_

Galaxy Space View can be used to analyze galaxies in space as soon as Telescope frame is activated in ObjectSky.



The "Milky Way Globular Clusters in 3D" function offers a 3D view of all globular clusters in the Milky Way.

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The function "Milky Way Globular Clusters in 3D" is also available in the Object information window once a globular cluster is selected.

Object Information	x
Name: NGC 6205	~
Data Image	
Name	Value
Name	NGC 6205
ObjectName	M 13
Catalog	NGC
Globular Cluster	NGC 6205
Name	M 13
Position 2000	Ra: 01 06 46.749 Dec: 36 27 35.500
Position Now	Ra: 01 08 03.227 Dec: 36 34 51.822
Horiz. position	Az: 66.549 Alt:55.714
HourAngle	-2.6868
Transit	2:41:12
Sidereal time	22h 26m 51s
Julian date	2459853.458333
X	View 3-D Simbad 🖈

If you move the mouse over one of the displayed objects, the object name is shown. If you click with the left mouse button on one of the objects, then this object automatically becomes the active object in the ObjectTracker and all calculations are updated.

## 12. OBJECTTRACKER IN BROWSER AND IN EXPERT

## 12.1. ObjectTracker call in Browser

ObjectTracker can be called up in the Browser via the ">>>" button.

	Actions	Listview	Mode
	>>>	Object	ŵ
		etarium: ObjectSky	1
Object s	Skyn	nap.org	
	a Alad	in Lite	
	g Obje	ctTracker	
	۶ Obje	ctMarker	
	10 Expo	ort to planner	
	10 Expo	ort Image Data	[
	16 Batcl	h solve filtered image	s
	100 00011	10.51	

The ObjectTracker object is always set to the object currently active in Browser. This allows you to quickly get an overview of the visibility conditions of the active object.

## 12.2. ObjectTracker in Expert

In the "Planner" tab of the Expert, the ObjectTracker can be called up via the ">>>" button in a similar way as in the Browser.

If the Planner contains a large number of objects, it makes sense to use the "Export OT" function in the Planner tab, because this allows you to transfer not only a single object but a list of objects of any length to ObjectTracker. A realistic use case looks like this:

First, in the "Planner" tab, the list of objects is reduced to a reasonable number with the help of Set Filter. For example, the RA range could be roughly restricted so that the objects are certainly visible at some time point in the selected night. Further criteria such as object type etc. could be set to make the list even smaller.

The filtered object list of the Planner can then be exported to the ObjectTools catalog \_CCD\_Planner by clicking on the "Export OT" button. The \_CCD\_Planner catalog is saved in the file \userdata\cat\cat.mdb. Any existing \_CCD\_Planner catalog will always be overwritten.

Next, switch to the ObjectTracker. With the help of the Browse window you have access to all catalogs in the \cat\ folder.

CCD-Guide automatically makes meaningful settings in the Browse window as soon as Export OT is started. These settings are:

- 1. Select only the catalog \_CCD\_Planner in the ObjectTracker catalog list.
- 2. Deactivate the check mark "Filter". This makes all objects in the \_CCD\_Planner.cat catalog visible in the table on the right. The table now shows the same objects as the filtered table in the planner.

🖶 11 obj	jects from select	ed tables			
select	Catalog	Object	RightAscension	Declination	Size [']
V	_CCD_Plann	BARNARD 7	04 17 25	28 33 00	60.0
	ABELL	GUM 19	08 56 28	-43 05 54	2.0
	ARP	IC 405	05 16 29	34 21 22	30.0
	BARNARD	IC 434	05 40 60	-02 27 12	60.0
	CED	IC 1396	21 38 54	57 29 20	170.0
	CG	IC 2177	07 04 25	-10 27 13	20.0
	CONST	LDN 989	21 21 42	47 32 48	70.9
	DCLD	NGC 2163	06 07 49	18 39 27	3.0
	DG	NGC 2264	06 40 58	09 53 44	200.0
	DWB	NGC 6334	17 20 48	-36 06 12	35.0
	GCL	OCL Melotte	12 25 06	26 06 00	120.0
	GN				
	GUM				
					1
			Display coord	linates of the epocl	h SSR
Sel	ect none	Filter		Report csv	txt
		- Criteria			
Se	elect all	Object culm	inates H	lour angle +/-4	4
	Close	© N&S C		ninutes	<u> </u>
	to Show	Altitude Ran	-		
Sta	iy on Top	Minimum	Maximum		
		0 +	90 ÷	Min. Size 0	

As soon as you click into an object line of the Browse list, this object is set in the ObjectTracker main window. You can now use the arrow keys on the keyboard to quickly move from one object line to the next object line. The ObjectTracker main window is automatically updated with each object change. This allows you to quickly and easily find the most suitable object for observing.

## 13. OBJECTMARKER

### 13.1. Introduction

With the ObjectMarker, images can be solved via astrometry.net and then labeled with the objects of the CCD-Guide database as well as with your own texts. Within the ObjectMarker the ObjectViewer can be started, with which a labelled image can be viewed and with which the coordinates of selected positions can be read and an Internet search can be carried out with SIMBAD, NED or VizieR.

ObjectMarker can be started from Browser or Expert (via the '>>>' button) or alternatively used as a stand-alone tool. The stand-alone mode can be started by double-clicking on the file ObjectMarker.exe, which is located in the CCD-Guide root directory or by clicking on the ObjectMarker button in CCD\_Guide.exe.

In the following, the use as stand-alone tool is described first and later practical applications in interaction with Browser and Expert are explained.

For the use of ObjectMarker an internet connection is required.

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### 13.2. ObjectMarker main window

After starting ObjectMarker the following main window appears.

M081-039	9.jpg		File	O Explorer	O Catalog	Full name	Change	
•	Solve	V	iew	Edit catalogs	Output:	Color	~	Quit
ilter: all	~ .	Objects with position	n: 🗹 Yes 🗌 No				• 20 Million	
include	Catalog	Min. Diameter all: 0	Draw Labels	-				
1	_CCD_Planner	0	~	1				
1	ABELL	0	1					
1	ARP	0	1		1.			
1	BARNARD	0	1					
1	CED	0	1					
1	CG	0	1		Berry The			
1	CONST	0	1			Harris a		
1	DCLD	0	1	Object:	M 8	1		
1	DG	0	4					
1	DWB	0	1					
1	GCL	0	1					
1	GN	0	1					
1	GUM	0	1					
	1100							

The main window is divided into five areas:

- Menu: In the menu, important settings can be made in Options.
- <u>Action area:</u> The action area is at the top. The name of the active file is displayed here, to which actions such as Solve (starting a PlateSolve) or View (generating and displaying a labelled image) can be applied. With the button "File" the file name can be changed.
- <u>Catalog area:</u> The catalog area is located on the left. Here you can select and deselect catalogues for display and change the appearance of catalogues. In addition, the filter dropdown list can be used to specify whether all object names (all), only the master object names (prim.id) or only the alias names (second.id) should be displayed.
- **Image preview:** A preview image of the image set under File is displayed here.
- <u>Output area</u>: In the output area, ObjectMarker displays various status information while an action is being performed.

#### 13.3. First steps

Since ObjectMarker uses the service astrometry.net for the PlateSolving and astrometry.net needs an APIKey, you have to get an APIKey from astrometry.net first. This is a one-time step that is only required when ObjectMarker is started for the first time.

To do this, open the Astrometry tab in the Global Settings of CCD-Guide:

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Images	Browser	Astrometry	Comets	Image compression	ObjectTracker	System	
	Astrom	etry.Net Plate	Solver				
	Serve	er: htt	o://nova.as	trometry.net/	De	fault Test	
	API k	ey:					
			Public ima	ge Get APIKey:	http://nova.as	trometry.net/signin/	
				ОК			

Please click on the link to the right of "Get APIKey:" <a href="http://nova.astrometry.net/signin/">http://nova.astrometry.net/signin/</a>

This opens the login page of astrometry.net in the webbrowser.

ome	Explore	Upload	API	Support		-	-
Cian	in with one	of these acc	ounto:				
Sign	in with one	of these acc	ounts.				
	Flickr OAuth	G Github OAut		G Google OAuth2	¥ Twitter 0	DAuth	
E F				G Google OAuth2	¥ Twitter 0	DAuth	

Please select the method with which you would like to identify yourself at astrometry.net, e.g. via an existing Yahoo account or a Flickr account.

After successful login, select "My Profile" on the dashboard. There you will find a line "my API key: xxxxxx" under Account Info.

Please copy this API key into the field "APIKey" of the Astrometry tab in Global Settings. Then press the Ok button in the Global Settings window and the unique APIKey process is finished. Now you can use the ObjectMarker function.

To test the ObjectMarker, you can now have the first astrophoto labeled.

To do this, you can use any of your own astrophotos or download the image <u>http://www.astrophoton.com/images/N4151-1 full.jpg</u> for example, in order to be able to follow the following steps exactly.

Click on the File button and select the desired image.

Ω cc	D-Guide Ob	jectMarker, Version 4.3.8979.201	143, Profile Default
File	Options	About	
N415	1-1_full.jpg		File

If you select a file using the File button, the following query window may appear:

👰 Image description	23
N4151-1_full.jpg	
ObjectName	NGC 4151
	Find Search internet
RA2000 [hrs]	12 10 32.30
DEC2000 [deg]	39 24 24.00
	Blind Solve
	Sinverted
	Optimize upload
	OK Abbrechen

Enter the object name (in our example: NGC 4151). Then click the Enter key or the Find button so that the RA/DE coordinates are filled automatically. After leaving the window with Ok, the following text is shown in the ObjectMarker output area:

Object: NGC 4151 Center: 12 10 32.160 39 24 24.120

Now you can click on the Solve button. After that you need to be a little patient. The image will be converted to a grayscale image and uploaded to astrometry.net. Information about the process is displayed in a separate solver window, which disappears after a successful solve.

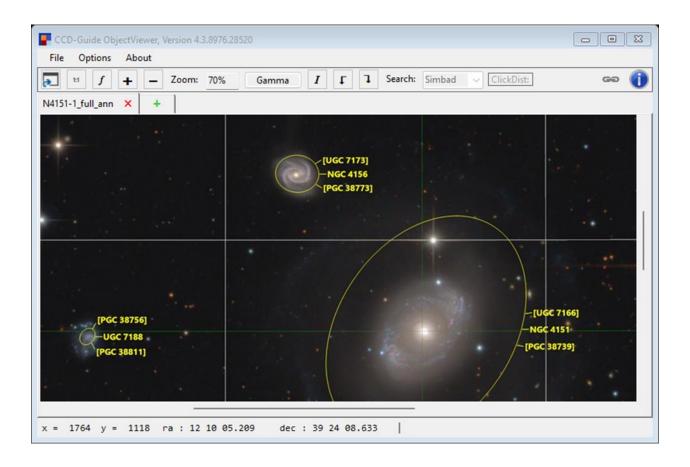
The image should be solved by astrometry.net after approx. one minute. A successful Solve process is displayed in the output window with a green text.

Astrometry completed
FileName:N4151-1_full.jpg
Ra:12 10 32.987
Dec:
Image width:2758
Image height:2208
FoV:
Image scale:0.837 arc seconds
PosAngle:
Rotation:179.959°
WCS stored in:D:\ccd-guide\output\markerimages\N4151-1_full.jpg
SolvedTime:42.59 seconds

Please note that the Solve button is now grayed out (Solve is no longer necessary) and the View button is now active because the image now contains valid WCS (World Coordinate System) information.

File	Options	About		
N4151	1-1_full.jpg			File
•	Sol	ve	View	E

Now we want to label the image by clicking on the View button. A short time later the ObjectViewer opens, which displays the labeled image.



Now you can change the filter from selection "all" to "prim.id" or "second.id" in the filter pane and then click View again to display only the master object names or only the object alias names.

Finally, you can also select or deselect individual catalogs and use the "View" button to update the labels.

You also have the option of generating a labeled black-and-white image instead of a labeled color image by changing the output option.

The labeled image is saved in the folder \output\markerimages with the postfix "\_ann.jpg". In addition to the labelled image, other files can also be created depending on the settings in the options (see below for details).

#### 13.4. ObjectMarker action area

In the action area of the ObjectMarker, the name of the active file is displayed to which all actions such as Solve or View are applied. With the button "File" the file name can be changed and with the button "Change" the Solve parameters can be set.

File Options About				
N4151-1_full.jpg		File O Explorer O	Catalog 🗌 Full name	Change
Solve	View	Edit catalogs	Output: Color	~

ObjectMarker supports the following image formats: jpg, png and tif.

Two options are available for file selection using the File button:

- Explorer: A standard file selection window opens as soon as the File button is clicked. This is the default setting.
- Catalog: If the Catalog option is set, then a window for searching for images related to a specific object will appear.

#### Solve parameters:

If the button "Change parameters" is pressed, then the Solve parameters can be set in the following window.

🐼 Image description	X
N4151-1_full.jpg	
ObjectName	NGC 4151
	Find Search internet
RA2000 [hrs]	12 10 32.30
DEC2000 [deg]	39 24 24.00
	Blind Solve
	☐ Is inverted
	Optimize upload
	OK Abbrechen

The coordinates of the image center can either be entered manually or set automatically using the Find button.

The option "Blind Solve" is intended for images where no information about the approximate center of the image is available.

The "Is inverted" option must be set if an inverted image is present. Automatic detection of inverted images can be activated in the options and this detection almost always works very well, but occasionally inverted images are not detected and in this case a manual change of this option is necessary.

The "Optimize upload" option is not usually needed but can be helpful if there are problems solving an image.

The "Image description" window shown above is also displayed when an image without wcs information is selected with the File button.

The function of the "Solve" and "View" buttons is described in chapter 13.3.

The "Edit catalogs" button starts the CatEdit utility, which is described in chapter 16.2.

### 13.5. ObjectMarker catalog area

ObjectMarker makes all catalogs available which are stored in the CCD-Guide database and in the folder \userdata\cat.

Filter: all Vojects with position: Ves 🗌 No							
include	Catalog	Min. Diameter all: 0	Draw Labels				
<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	_CCD_Planner	0	✓				
-	ABELL	0	✓				
-	ARP	0	✓				
-	BARNARD	0	✓				
-	CED	0	✓				
-	CG	0	✓				
-	CONST	0	✓				
-	DCLD	0	<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>				
1	DG	0	1				

With the two checkboxes in the "Objects with position" section, you can specify whether catalogs with objects without position data should be displayed or not. By default, only Yes is enabled. This means that only catalogs containing objects with position data are shown. Once the No checkbox is activated, objects without position data (comets, planets) will also be displayed. If the No checkbox is active and you click the View button, a UTC time must always be entered first so that the positions of the comets and planets can be calculated.

In the catalog area you will find a number of setting options for each catalog:

include	Catalog	Min. Diameter all: 0	Draw Labels	Obj. Color all:	Obj. Pen Size all: 1	Label Color all:	Label Font Segoe	Line Color all:	Line Pen Size all: 1
<b>√</b>	_CCD_Planner	0	✓	Yellow	1	Yellow	_CCD_Planner	Yellow	1
1	ABELL	0	✓	Yellow	1	Yellow	ABELL	Yellow	1
-	ARP	0	✓	Yellow	1	Yellow	ARP	Yellow	1
1	BARNARD	0	✓	Yellow	1	Yellow	BARNARD	Yellow	1
1	CED	0	1	Yellow	1	Yellow	CED	Yellow	1

In addition to the selection of whether a catalog is to be displayed (green check mark), the following properties can be set:

- Min. Diameter (Default = 0): Minimum diameter of an object in arc minutes so that it is displayed in the labeled image.
- Draw Labels: determines whether the label text is to be displayed.
- Object Color (default = yellow): Color with which the object circle is to be drawn.
- Object Pen Size (Default = 1pix): Line width with which the object circle is to be drawn.
- Label Color (default = yellow): Color of the label text.
- Label Font: Font and font size of the label text.
- Line Color (default = yellow): Color of the line between object circle and label text.

• Line Pen Size (Default = 1pix): Line thickness with which the line between object circle and label text is to be drawn.

All properties can be set individually for each catalog by simply clicking on the relevant field.

If you want to set a certain property (e.g. Object Color) the same for all catalogs, just click on the corresponding column header.

## 13.6. ObjectMarker options

### Grid & Axes tab:

Drofil	e Default
	Default
Grid & Axes Astrometry Output Signature	
Paint equatorial axes	Grid label Segoe UI, 16.0pt, style=Regular
Paint crosshair	Grid label color
Paint grid	Axis label Segoe Ul, 30.0pt, style=Bold
Grid Pen size: 0.5	
Grid angle:	Draw shapes for objects greater: 12 🗭 Pixel
🥑 automatic	
🖾 Axis2 = Axis1	Cross length: 22 - Pixel
Axis RA: 15.0 [arc min] Axis DEC: 15.0 [arc min]	Tick length: 12 Pixel
Date: O Today O J2000 O Day 2019-05-03	
Reset graphics defaults	OK Cancel

In this tab, settings for the coordinate axes and the grid can be made.

#### Astrometry tab:

			P	rofile Default
rid & Axes A	strometry	Output	Signature	
<ul> <li>Solve</li> </ul>	with Astro	metry.net		<ul> <li>Solve with Local Plate Solver (ASPS)</li> <li>ASPS</li> <li>FocalLength [mm]</li> <li>ImageScale [arcsec]</li> <li>PixelSize [µ]</li> <li>prompt before solve</li> </ul>
	lectect inve ize upload	rted ima <u>c</u>	e	Search radius: 5 degrees
Rese	t graphics o	iefaults		OK Cancel

The most important setting for astrometry is the APIKey. This is configured in the Global Settings of CCD\_Guide.exe

If you want to use a local PlateSolving instead of the standard online PlateSolving via astrometry.net, the installation of the program All Sky Plate Solver (ASPS) by Giovanni Benintende is required.

The following three settings are available for both standard PlateSolving and local PlateSolving and can be left at the default setting:

- Auto detect inverted image (default: ON): This setting is useful if inverted images are to be solved occasionally.
- Optimize upload: Increases the probability for a successful solving (default: ON).
- Search radius (default: 5°): is the accuracy with which the coordinates of the image center are transferred to the PlateSolver. The search radius can be increased for wide-field images if necessary.

#### Output tab:

🐼 ObjectMarker - Local parameter settings
Profile Default
Grid & Axes Astrometry Output Signature
Annotated image file resolution (jpg, tiff)
Same as image file Resolution [pix / inch]: 96
Annotation only files
<ul> <li>Save annotation drawings as PNG</li> <li>Black O Transparent</li> </ul>
Save annotation drawings as SVG
Save annotation drawings as TIFF
Save WCS (World Coordinate System)
Save WCS as image filename.wcs
<ul> <li>Write a catalog file with painted objects (*.cat)</li> </ul>
Clear cache
marker generated output will be written to: D:\ccd-guide\output\markerimages
Reset graphics defaults OK Cancel

In the Output tab, you can configure which additional files should be created during the solving or view process and at what resolution they should be created.

In the area "Annotation only files" you can select the file formats in which the entire overlay of the ObjectMarker labelling is to be saved as a vector graphic.

In the "Save WCS (World Coordinate System)" section, you can specify whether the WCS information should be written not only to the image during solving but also saved as a separate WCS file.

The option "Write a catalog file with painted objects" creates a cat file that contains all objects that have been painted in the labelled image.

**Important:** The JPEG quality level of the output files is configured in the "Image Compression" tab in the Global Settings of CCD\_Guide.exe.

🖳 CCD (	Guide Glob	al Settings				[	83			
Images	Browser	Astrometry	Comets	Image compression	ObjectTracker	System				
	JPEG file quality									
	JPEGCompress: 97 🔶 %									
	ObjectMarker: 97 🗘 %									
				ОК						

#### Signature tab:

			e Default	
Axes A	strometry	Output Signature		
Pain	t signature	🕑 Frame	Location: top_left	~
	Use	Text	Font	Color
•				

In the Signature tab free texts can be displayed at a certain position of the image.

### 13.7. Profiles

Profiles can be saved and loaded in the File menu. This allows you, for example, to store all ObjectMarker settings for wide field in a specific profile and all settings for long focal length in another profile. Switching between the two profiles is easy with File -> Load Profile. The active profile can be deleted with "Remove Profile".

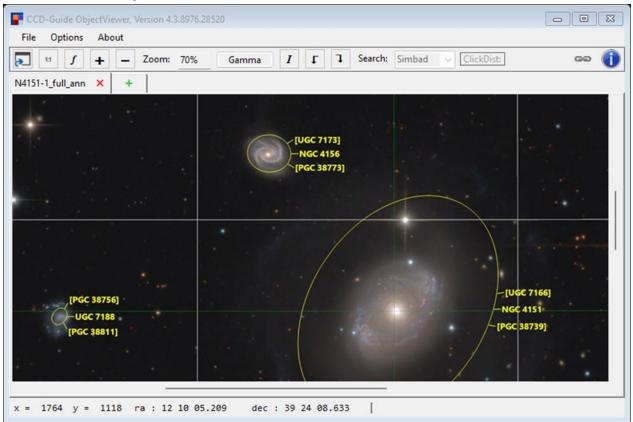
## 14. OBJECTVIEWER

The ObjectViewer can be used to view an image labeled with ObjectMarker. The coordinates for interesting positions in the image can be read out and an internet search can be performed using SIMBAD, NED or VizieR.

ObjectViewer can be started from ObjectMarker or alternatively used as a stand-alone tool by double-clicking on the file ObjectViewer.exe in the CCD-Guide root directory or by pressing the ObjectViewer button in the CCD\_Guide.exe.

#### Changing the image display via the menu band:

In the main window you will find a ribbon below the menu.



The following functions for changing the image display are available in the menu band:



Open image



Show image in original resolution



Fit image to window



Zoom in

-	Zoom	out
Gan	nma	Change Gamma value
Ι	Invert	image
t	Rotate	e image left
٦	Rotate	e image right

#### Mouse button and F11 key:

The zoom can be easily changed with the mouse wheel.

By pressing the middle mouse button you can move the image in the window.

With the function key F11 you can switch to the full screen mode.

If you press the left mouse button, an enlarged section of the image will be displayed. Furthermore, the x/y and RA/DE coordinates of the crosshair position are displayed.

With the option "Permanent magnifier", you can determine whether the magnifier is automatically displayed without a mouse click as soon as the mouse is moved over the image.

The "Show cursor information in status bar" option displays the text from the cursor image in the status bar. This option is enabled by default.

#### **Coordinates and internet search:**

There are three very helpful functions for research questions:

- If the option "Save position on clipboard" is activated, then the coordinates of the click position are saved to the clipboard.
- If the option "Invoke internet search" is activated, then the internet browser is automatically started with the preferred internet object database (NED, SIMBAD or VizieR) after a 1.5 s mouse click. The preferred object database is defined in the menu ribbon:

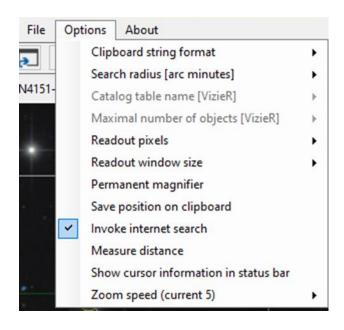
Search:	Simbad	~
---------	--------	---

 If the option "Measure distance" is activated, then the distance between two successive mouse clicks with the right mouse button is displayed in the menu ribbon.
 ClickDist: 00 01 58.177

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#### **Options:**

In the menu you can define useful settings under the menu item Options.



With "Clipboard string format" the output format of the RA/DE coordinates to the clipboard can be defined for a mouse click event.

The "Search radius" specifies the search radius in arc minutes to be used for the internet object database search (NED, SIMBAD or VizieR).

If the VizieR database is used for the object search, then the "Catalog table name [VizieR]" is very useful. If this field is left empty, then all VizieR catalogs will be searched. If you enter a valid VizieR catalog name (e.g. "VII/244A" = DOBASHI Dark Nebula Catalog), only the objects of the selected catalog are displayed.

The parameter "Maximal number of objects [VizieR]" is another parameter that is only relevant for a VizieR database search. The maximum number of objects to be displayed in a VizieR catalog is specified here.

#### **Object Link:**

At the top right, there is an Object Link icon with similar functionality to that in the Browser.

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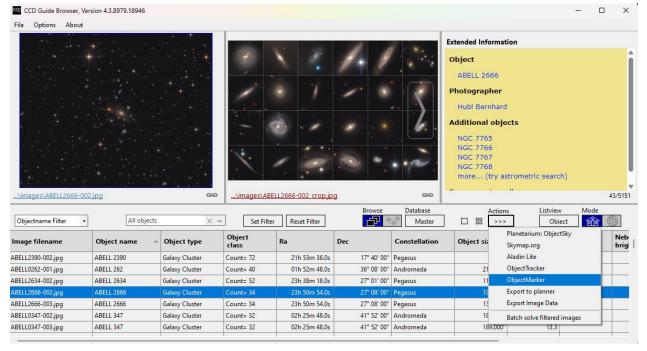
#### Export OT in Planner and in Edit Object of Expert:

The export of objects from the CCD-Guide database to the ObjectTools catalogs \_CCD\_Planner ("Export OT" button in the Planner tab) and \_CCD\_User ("Export OT" button in the Edit Object tab) has already been described in chapter 10.3.

#### ObjectMarker in Browser:

The ObjectMarker can be started very comfortably from the Browser. For this purpose, any image dataset can be set active in the Browser. This means: Click on a line so that this line is highlighted in blue. The image data set can be a data set of the master database as well as a user image data set. Then one clicks on the dropdown-button ">>>" and selects the entry ObjectMarker.

In the following, the procedure is shown as an example for the image ABELL2666-002.jpg.

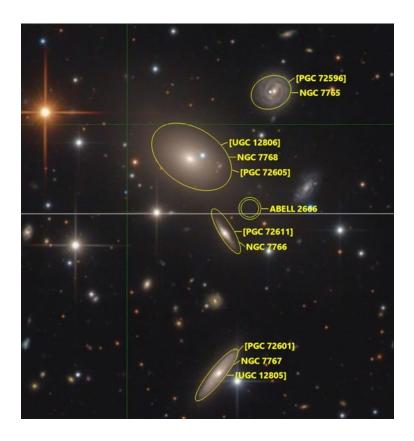


After selecting ObjectMarker, the Browser copies the selected image into the folder \output\markerimages and starts ObjectMarker. If the image does not yet contain any wcs information, click on the Solve button to start the Solve process in the ObjectMarker. After one to two minutes a green text appears in the output area of the ObjectMarker and the View button becomes available.

If the image selected in the Browser already contains wcs information, then ObjectMarker starts immediately in the state with the Solve button grayed out and the View button available.

ABELL266	6-002.jpg		File	O Explorer	⊖ Catalog	Full name	Change	
•	Solve	V	ïew	Edit catalogs	Output:	Color	~	Quit
ilter: all	~ (	Objects with positio	n: 🗹 Yes 🗌 No	1				
include	Catalog	Min. Diameter all: 0	Draw Labels	-				
1	_CCD_Planner	0	¥ 1	1				
1	ABELL	0	1					
1	ARP	0	1					
1	BARNARD	0	<b>v</b>					
1	CED	0	1					
1	CG	0	1					
1	CONST	0	✓	Object:		4151 87 39 24 21.0	oc.	
1	DCLD	0	1	9 objects in:	side image		90	
1	DG	0	1	9 objects dra Annotated ima		s: D:\ccd-guide	e\output\markerimages\N4151-1	_full_ann.jpg
1	DWB	0	1	***Initializa	ation chang	ed***		
1	GCL	0	1	Object:	ABE	LL 2666		
1	GN	0	1					
1	GUM	0	1					
1	HCG	0	1					
1	нн	0	1					
1	IC	0	1					
1	LBN	0	1					

Now the labeled image can be created and displayed by clicking on the View button. The labelled image is saved with the postfix "\_ann.jpg" in the folder \output\markerimages\.



The ObjectMarker can be started in the Browser in two additional ways:

- 1. If a preview image has wcs information, then the file name displayed under the preview image is highlighted in blue (as is the case with the left image in the following example). Clicking on this link starts ObjectMarker.
- 2. If you press the right mouse button on a preview image, a context menu appears which can always be used to start ObjectMarker, regardless of the availability of the wcs information.



#### **ObjectMarker in Planner of Expert:**

The ObjectMarker can be started very comfortably from the Planner, similar to starting ObjectMarker from the Browser. For this purpose, a planning data record have be set active in the Planner. This means: Click on the data row so that the row is highlighted in blue. If the selected planning data record is not currently being edited by the user and a FOV image is assigned to the planning data record, the ObjectMarker is available in the dropdown button ">>>". As soon as you click on the ObjectMarker button, ObjectMarker is opened with the FOV image.

# 16. UTILITIES

## 16.1. BatchSolver

BatchSolver is a special application for the simultaneous plate solving of a large number of images. There are two different ways in which BatchSolver can be used:

- 1. Manual input of images to be solved
- 2. Creating the image list from the Browser

These two types are described in detail below.

#### Options:

The most important setting for the BatchSolver is the APIKey required for astrometry. This is configured in the Global Settings of CCD\_Guide.exe. All other parameters in Options can be left at their default settings.

📕 Setup		X
Output directory:	D:\ccdguide\output\solverima	ges X
Search radius [deg]:	5	
	Use local astrometry	
	Save WCS file	Max. parallel processes: 5
	Optimize upload	Timeout: 900
	Auto open file dialog	OK Abbreche

"Output directory" determines where the solved images should be saved.

The settings "Search radius", "Save WCS file" and "Optimize upload" behave the same as in the ObjectMarker (see Chapter 13).

If the "Auto open file dialog" checkbox is activated, the file dialog for selecting the image to be solved opens automatically as soon as the green Add button is clicked.

The BatchSolver setting "Max. parallel processes" defines the maximum number of solve processes that may run in parallel and Timeout defines the maximum amount of time a solve process may take.

#### Manual input:

After starting the BatchSolver window, an empty table is normally displayed.

CCD	-Guide Bat	chSolver, Version 4									
File	Options	About									
Job	table	+	- 😂	Q.	Solver Logging ON	☐ full names #Jo	bs / processin	ıg / waiting: (	/0/0		<b>&gt;</b>
Filenar	ne	<ul> <li>JobState</li> </ul>	ObjectName	Ra	Dec	Blindsolve	Session	Subid	Jobid	Solving	8 Processes
											idle
											idle

If the table displays unwanted entries (jobs) from a previously executed BatchSolve process, the table can be cleared by selecting all jobs and pressing the red Delete button.

With the green Add button, a new image can be added to the table. After clicking the Add button, the following window appears.

Job				23
Create a new job	or modify existi	ng		
Filename:				
Objectname:		Find		
RAJ2000:				
DECJ2000:				
(	Blind solve			
Set ASPS imag	e scale			
PixelSize [	μ]			
O FocalLeng	th [mm]			
<ul> <li>Image sca</li> </ul>	le ["/pix]			
Auto open f	ile dialog		ОК	Cancel

After selecting the image, the BatchSolver tries to set the correct object name using the image name. The object name can also be entered manually and by pressing the Find button the coordinates are set if the object is found in the CCD-Guide database or in the ObjectTools catalogues. If the object is not found, then the coordinates can also be entered manually. The settings for local astrometry are only available if the All Sky Plate Solver is installed.

Job			8
Create a new j	ob or modify existi	ng	
Filename:	gum19-1_full.jpg		
Objectname:	GUM 19	Find	
RAJ2000:	08 56 28		
DECJ2000:	-43 05 54		
	Blind solve		
-Set ASPS ima	ige scale		
PixelSize	e [µ]		
O FocalLer	igth [mm]		
Image so	cale ["/pix]		
🗌 Auto oper	i file dialog		OK Cancel

With the OK button a new job line is created in the table. All images to be solved can now be entered in this way.

Filename JobState um19-1_full.jpg waiting 1014-2_full.jpg waiting GC05139-1_full.jpg waiting	ObjectName         Ra           GUM 19         08 56 28           M 14         17 37 36	Dec -43 05 54	▲ Blindsolve	Session	Subid Jobid	Solving	8 Processes
1014-2_full.jpg waiting		-43 05 54	0			-	orrocesses
	M 14 17 37 36						
GC05139-1_full.jpg waiting		i -03 14 43					
	UGC 5139 09 40 35	; 71 10 46	0			-	idle
							idle

The active (blue highlighted) job can be edited with the light blue "Edit" button and deleted with the red "Delete" button.

The BatchSolve process is initiated by pressing the dark blue "Solve" button.

CCD-Guide Batch										
File Options	About –		0	Solver Logging ON	full names	#Jobs / processing	g / waiting:	3/1/0		<b>&gt;</b>
Filename	JobState	ObjectName	Ra	Dec	<ul> <li>Blindsolve</li> </ul>	Session	Subid	Jobid	Solving	8 Processes
gum19-1_full.jpg	waitsubmission	GUM 19	08 56 28	-43 05 54		tf718wi9a1q	10361057			
M014-2_full.jpg	solved	M 14	17 37 36	-03 14 43		8vp7yvxh3i3	10361058	11107334		
UGC05139-1_full.jpg	solved	UGC 5139	09 40 35	71 10 46		bk4u1ew93	10361059	11107335		
										idle
										idle

For each job, the current status is shown in the table. After completion of the BatchSolve process, the text "\*\*\*ready" appears.

Job table       Image: Solver Logging ON       full names       #Jobs / processing / waiting: 3 / 0 / 0       Image: Solver Logging ON       full names       #Jobs / processing / waiting: 3 / 0 / 0         Filename       Job State       ObjectName       Ra       Dec       Blindsolve       Session       Subid       Jobid       Solving       8 Processing / waiting: 3 / 0 / 0         gum 19-1 fullipg       failed       GUM 19       08 56 28       -43 05 54       Image: Waiting: 3 / 0 / 0       Jobid       Solving       8 Processing / waiting: 3 / 0 / 0         gum 19-1 fullipg       failed       GUM 19       08 56 28       -43 05 54       Image: Waiting: 3 / 0 / 0       Jobid       Solving       8 Processing / waiting: 3 / 0 / 0         gum 19-1 fullipg       solved       M14       17 37 36       -03 14 43       Image: Waiting: 3 / 0 / 0       Jobid       Solver Logging ON       Image: Waiting: 3 / 0 / 0         UGC05139-1 fullipg       solved       UGC 5139       09 40 35       71 10 46       Image: Waiting: 3 / 0 / 0       Jobid       Jobid       Solver Logging ON       Jobid       Bindlow       Image: Waiting: 3 / 0 / 0       Jobid       Solver Logging ON       Jobid       Bindlow       Solver Logging ON       Jobid       Solver Logging ON       Jobid       Solver Logging ON       Jobid       Solver Loggin											4.3.0.0		CCD-Guide Batch
gum19-1_full.jpg failed GUM 19 08 56 28 43 05 54 tf718wi9a1q 10261057 M014-2_full.jpg solved M 14 17 37 36 -03 14 43 bivp7yxh313 10261058 11107334 UGC05139-1_full.jpg solved UGC 5139 09 40 35 71 10 46 bik4u1ew93 10261059 11107335 idle	→	***ready		/0/0	g / waiting: 3	#Jobs / processin	🗌 full names	Logging ON	Solver	Ø	- 🗭		
M014-2_full.jpg solved M 14 17 37 36 -03 14 43 04p7/ywh313 10361058 11107334 UGC05139-1_full.jpg solved UGC 5139 09 40 35 71 10 46 bk4u1ew93 10361059 11107335 idle	cesses	8 Proc	Solving	Jobid	Subid	Session	▲ Blindsolve	ec	[	Ra	ObjectName	JobState	Filename
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	lle	Ia											
	lle	id											
idle	lle	id											

#### BatchSolver in the Browser:

If you call the function "Batch Solve filtered images" in the button ">>>" in the Browser, the BatchSolver window is opened and a job line is created in the BatchSolver for each of the images without wcs info filtered in the Browser. Jobs are created not only for all main images but also for all additional images. Images to which no object with coordinates is assigned (e.g. comets) are not taken into account.

# 16.2. CatEdit

With CatEdit you can maintain and edit your own ObjectTools catalogs. When opening CatEdit, all existing catalogs of CCD-Guide predecessor releases (cat files in the cat folder) are automatically integrated into the new cat.mdb. The original cat files are moved to the tray directory. All ObjectTools catalogs are stored in the cat.mdb.

New catalogs and new objects can be created comfortably in CatEdit.

A highlight of CatEdit is the automatic download of objects via the functions "Search objects types", "Search LEDA PGC" and "Search Small-Bodies".

After starting CatEdit for the first time, this window usually appears with an empty catalog tree on the left side.

CCD-Guide CatEdit, Version 4.3.0.0		
File About		
External Catalog Services		
Search objects types Sear	ch LEDA PGC Search Small-Bodies	
\\userdata\cat\*.cat	Catalog:	E
🔁 Catalogs	Description:	
	Object name:	٩
	0/0	
To add a new catalog, right click 'Catalogs' and		
click 'Add catalog' To add a new object, right click the catalog name and click 'Add object'		
and click 'Add object' See also context menus for deletions and renaming.		

#### External Catalog Services:

In order to create new catalogs in the catalog tree, the use of the External Catalog Services "Search objects types", "Search LEDA PGC" and "Search Small-Bodies" is certainly the best and most efficient way.

After clicking on the "Search objects types" button this window opens.

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	🖌 Object type se	arch									
ľ	Contraints										
	Field center an	nd dimensions			Select an obje	ct type to search		Magnitude limit	ts		Download
	🗌 All sky				Helper:	Get Otype		Filter:	none	~	Max. count: 100
	Cone				Object type:			Mag from:	0		
	Box						_	Mag to:	15		Download
	Object Type	Object name	Ra	Dec	Morph. Type	Size A [arc min]	Size B [arc min]	PA [degree]	Mag	Dist [arc min]	
l	Rows							Save			
	Count:	Select all	Select no		nove selected		ок	Set catalog	name:		Save catalog
		Select all	Select no	ne Rei	nove selected						
											a

In the "Field center and dimensions" area, you can specify in which area of the sky you want to search for objects. There are three options:

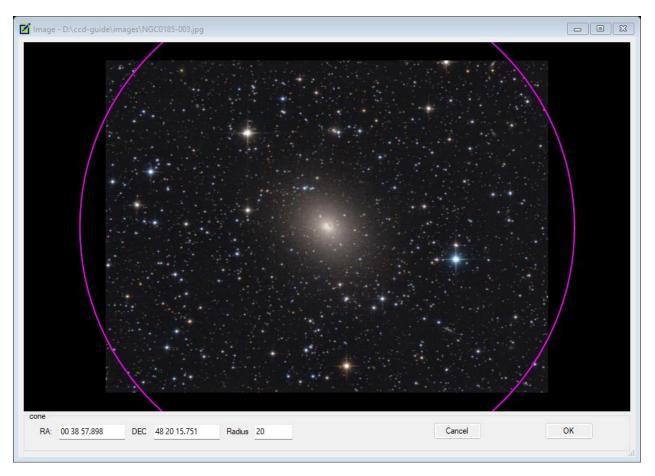
- All sky: The entire sky is searched.
- Cone: Circular search area
- Box: Rectangular search area

Field center and dim	ensions
🗌 All sky	
Cone	
Box	

In the following example, a 20 arcminute cone search area is defined around the galaxy NGC 185.

Cone search - Get position and size											
Cone search are	ound center point										
Object name:	ngc 185		Find								
Image:			Find								
RA:	00 38 57.600	DEC	48 20 14.000								
Radius arc min]: 20.00											
Cancel OK											

Alternatively, an image with wcs information can be used to define the search field. To do this, click on the Find button in the Image line and select an image.



After that, the search range is defined:

Field center and dimensions							
🗌 All sky	Ra = 00 38 57.600 Dec = 48 20 14.000						
Cone	Radius = 20.000'						
Box							

The next step is to specify the object type you are looking for. If known, the object type can be entered directly in the "Object type" field. However, it is more convenient to use the "Get Otype" button.

Select an object type to search							
Helper:	Get Otype						
Object type:							

In the "object type" window, an object type registered in VizieR can be selected. In the following example, the object type "GICI - Globular Cluster" is selected in the "multiple\_object" category.

VizieR registered object types

Choose an object type		
± X	X-ray source	2
🗄 gamma	gamma-ray so	purce
Inexistent	Not an objec	t (error, artefact,)
🗄 Gravitation	Gravitationa	al Source
🗄 Candidates	Candidate ob	ojects
🖻 multiple_object	Composite of	oject
<ul> <li>Region</li> </ul>		Region defined in the sky
• • Void		Underdense region of the Universe
<ul> <li>SuperC1G</li> </ul>		Supercluster of Galaxies
-• C1G		Cluster of Galaxies
• GroupG		Group of Galaxies
• • Compact	_Gr_G	Compact Group of Galaxies
• PairG		Pair of Galaxies
-• • IG		Interacting Galaxies
-• C1*?		Possible (open) star cluster
-• G1C1?		Possible Globular Cluster
-• C1*		Cluster of Stars
- • • G1C1		Globular Cluster
•• • OpCl		Open (galactic) Cluster
<ul> <li>Assoc*</li> </ul>		Association of Stars
• • Stream*		Stellar Stream
• • MouvGro	up	Moving Group
		Double or multiple star
•• • EB*		Eclipsing binary
• • • EB*A	lgol	Eclipsing binarv of Algol type
Object type GIC [Glo	bular Cluster]	

Object type GIC [Globular Cluster]

OK

Select an object type to search					
Helper:	Get Otype				
Object type:	GIC				

Optionally, a restriction to magnitude limits can be made and the number of objects can be limited. We leave these settings at default.

Magnitude limit	s	Download
Filter:	none 🗸	Max. count: 100
Mag from:	0	Download
Mag to:	15	Download

After clicking the download button, six objects will appear.

🗌 All sky			Sele	ct an object type to	search	Magni	tude limits		Download	
Ali sky		00 38 57.60 48 20 14.00		lper: G	et Otype	Filter	none	~	Max. count: 1	100
Cone	Radius = 2			ject type: GIC		Mag	from: 0		Downle	and
Вох						Mag	to: 15		Downie	oau
_ *	Object 🔺	Ra	Dec	Morph. Type	Size A [arc min]	Size B [arc min]	PA [degree]	Mag	Dist [arc min]	
SIC F	JJ NGC 185 I	00 38 42.700	48 18 40.400		0.000	0.000	0.000	99.000	0.049	
SIC F	JJ NGC 185 II	00 38 48.100	48 18 15.000		0.000	0.000	0.000	99.000	0.042	
SIC F	JJ NGC 185 III	00 39 03.800	48 19 57.500		0.000	0.000	0.000	99.000	0.018	
SIC F	JJ NGC 185 IV	00 39 12.200	48 22 48.200		0.000	0.000	0.000	99.000	0.059	
SIC F	JJ NGC 185 V	00 39 13.400	48 23 04.900		0.000	0.000	0.000	99.000	0.065	
SIC F	JJ NGC 185 VII	00 39 18.400	48 23 03.600		0.000	0.000	0.000	99.000	0.074	

To save these six objects in a new catalog, we enter the name "NGC0185\_GCL" in the Set catalog name field and click Save catalog. After that the window can be closed and we see a new catalog in the catalog tree of the CatEdit window.

🗹 CatEdit, Version 4.2.0.0 \_  $\times$ File About External Catalog Services Search objects types Search LEDA PGC ..\\userdata\cat\\*.cat Catalog: NGC0185\_GCL 🖃 🧮 Catalogs Simbad query Description: 🗄 🗖 NGC0185\_GCL reference: ngc185 object type GIC circle 9.740000,48.337222,0.33 ---• FJJ NGC 185 I ---• FJJ NGC 185 II ---- FJJ NGC 185 III ---• FJJ NGC 185 IV Q Object name: ---• FJJ NGC 185 V FJJ NGC 185 VII 0/3

An object of the catalog can be selected and if necessary the data fields on the right can be edited. Changes to the data fields are applied immediately.

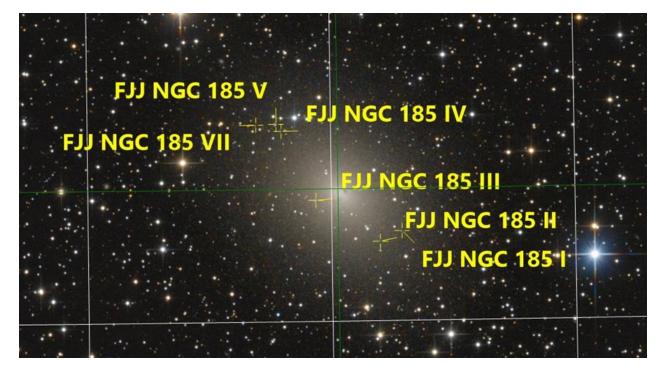
\\userdata\cat\*.cat □-	Catalog: Description:	NGC0185_GCL Simbad query reference: ngc185 object type GIC circle 9.740000,48.337	7222,0.33	E	
<ul> <li>→ FJJ NGC 185 III</li> <li>→ FJJ NGC 185 IV</li> <li>→ FJJ NGC 185 V</li> <li>→ FJJ NGC 185 VII</li> </ul>	Object name: Ra:	FJJ NGC 185 I 1/6 00 38 42.700	Dec:	48 18 40.400	P
	Mag: NB:	99	SB:	99	
	ObjSizeA: PA:	0	ObjSizeB:	0	
	ObjType:	G1C ~ 1	MType: Cons	stType: CAS	

If you click with the right mouse button on an object in the catalog tree, then a context menu appears with which you can rename or delete the object.

If you click with the right mouse button on a catalog, then you have the possibility to add objects manually, to delete the catalog or to rename it.

What can this newly created catalog NGC0185\_GCL be used for?

An obvious application is the labeling of globular clusters in an image with wcs information. To do this, we open an image of NGC 185 in the ObjectMarker and display the globular clusters.



The "Search LEDA PGC" function works very similarly. However, only the box search is available with this function.

Field center and dimensions	PGC Galaxy		Magnitude lim	ts		Download
	Morph. type: * - All Galaxies	Catalog: All	Filter:	none	~	Max. count: unlimited
Cone	PGC from:		Mag from:	0		Download
Box	PGC to:		Mag to:	15		Download

Search Small-Bodies" also works in a similar way and only the box search is available here.

Field center and dimensions	Small body type se	lection			Download
All sky	Asteroids	Magnitude required	🛃 two pass	Help	Max. count:
Cone	Comets	Mag to:	😡 suppress first pas	IS	Download
Box	UTC 2024-	08-06 14:07:54	Location Nussbac	h Newt W	Dominoud

You should first check whether the location has been selected correctly. It is not possible to change the active location directly in CatEdit. The location can be changed either in the ObjectTracker or in the System tab of the Global Settings.

After selecting the box, set the UTC time and select whether asteroids and / or comets should be searched for.

Contraints

Field center and	dimensions	Small body type se	lection		Download ?
All sky	Ra = 16 47 14.500 Dec = -01 56 50.000	Asteroids	Magnitude required	🛃 two pass 🛛 🛛 Hel	p Max. count:
Cone	Width = 30.000' Height = 30.000'	Comets	Mag to:	Suppress first pass	Download
Box		UTC 2024-	08-05 22:07:54	Location Nussbach Newt W	

Please note: The query may take several minutes.

#### Manual creation of catalogs and objects:

In CatEdit it is also possible to create new catalogs and new objects completely manually. A new catalog can be added by right-clicking on "Catalogs" in the catalog tree and selecting the "Add catalog" entry. In the following example, we rename the new catalog to MyCatalog. Again, the context menu of the right mouse button is used for this purpose.

\\userdata\cat\*.cat	
E Catalogs	
MyCatalog	

The context menu of the right mouse button can be used to perform all operations such as adding, renaming or deleting catalogs or objects.

Next we add an object to our catalog and name the object MyObject1. If the object is selected in the tree, then the data fields on the right can be edited. Changes to the input fields are applied immediately.

\\userdata\cat\*.cat	Catalog:	MyCatalog	Ħ
□	Description:		
	Object name:	MyObject1	P
		1/2	
	Ra:	12 55 12.000 Dec: 10 18 17.000	
	Mag:	14	
	NB:	0 SB: 0	
	ObjSizeA:	ObjSizeB:1	
	PA:	50	
	ObjType:	Gx Vir ConstType: Vir	
To add a new catalog, right click 'Catalogs' and click 'Add catalog' To add a new object, right click the catalog name and click 'Add object' See also context menus for deletions and renaming.	Comment:		

<u>Tip:</u> The catalogs in CatEdit can only be used by the ObjectTools (ObjectTracker, ObjectMarker, etc.). If own objects should also be used for the functions of the Expert (Planner, Edit Picture), then the use of the function Edit Object in the Expert is recommended.

#### CCD Planner and CCD User:

If the function "Export OT" is used in Planner or Edit Object in the Expert, then the temporary catalogs \_CCD\_Planner or \_CCD\_User are created. (See Chapters 6.8 and 8.5). These catalogs are also visible in CatEdit and could theoretically also be edited. However, editing these temporary catalogs does not make sense in practice, because these catalogs are overwritten again with the next export OT call.

\\userdata\cat\*.cat
🖃 🧮 Catalogs
🗄 🗖 _CCD_Planner
• M 1
• M 31
● M 99
🗄 🖷 _CCD_User
MyCatalog

# 16.3. JPEGCompress

JPEGCompress is a useful tool for compressing a large number of jpg images. After starting JPEGCompress the following window appears.

🔛 JPEGCompress, Versio	on 4.1.8284.17483						
Read jpg image files and save with other quality							
Destination directory:	D:\temp\ccdguide2023\output\compressedimages	···					
Quality:	92 🛫						
Select	Save	t					

First you define the directory in which the compressed images are to be saved (Destination directory). Then select the desired image quality. Finally, you can select the images to be compressed by clicking on the Select button.

As soon as you click on the Save button, the compressed images are created.

# 16.4. WCSCopy

WCSCopy is a special application for the transfer of WCS (World Coordinate System) information from a solved image to a not yet solved image with the same dimensions.

WCSCopy, Version 4.1.8284.24312	
Copy WCS data into an JPEG image file.	About
WCS-Reference (wcs-file or image-file with wcs imformation stored)	
	File
Copy WCS from reference file into this file	
	File
	110
	ОК

First select the image or the wcs-file containing the wcs-information in the upper input field. Then select the image to which the wcs information is to be transferred in the lower input field.

WCSCopy, Version 4.1.8284.24312	
Copy WCS data into an JPEG image file.	About
WCS-Reference (wcs-file or image-file with wcs imformation stored)	
D:\temp\ABELL2666-002.jpg	File
Copy WCS from reference file into this file	
D:\temp\abell2666-1_id_full.jpg	File
	Write WCS
	ОК

As soon as you click the "Write WCS" button, the wcs information is written to the target image.

# 16.5. WCSList

WCSList is an application to search complete directories for images and to display the status of the wcs-info in tabular form. WCSList also allows to delete wcs-infos of selected images.

N 📲	CSList, Version 4.1.8284.24	407					
File	About						
Dire	Directory: D:\temp Include subdirectories						
	Filename		Ra [J2000]	Dec [J2000]	lmageScale ["/pix]	Rotation [°]	FOVx [']
	WCS remove			Start			Quit
		Summary:					

First select the directory to be searched. It is also possible to include all subdirectories in the search (include subdirectories). Then click on the "Start" button.

l	Filename UGC05139-1_full.jpg	Ra [J2000]	Dec	ImageScale	Potation	5014					
ā	UGC05139-1_full.jpg		[J2000]	["/pix]	[°]	FOVx [']	FOVy [']	Width [px]	Height [px]	WCS	Error
		00h00m00.0s	00°00'00"	0.000	0.000	0.00	0.00	0	0	False	
	abell2666-1_id_full.jpg	00h00m00.0s	00°00'00"	0.000	0.000	0.00	0.00	0	0	False	
9	gum19-1_full.jpg	00h00m00.0s	00°00'00"	0.000	0.000	0.00	0.00	0	0	False	
1	M014-2_full.jpg	00h00m00.0s	00°00'00"	0.000	0.000	0.00	0.00	0	0	False	
	ABELL2666-002.jpg	23h51m03.4s	27°09'25"	0.558	-179.966	38.46	30.79	4137	3312	True	
	WCS remove			Start						Quit	
	Summary:										

All images with wcs-information are marked yellow and the WCS-info is displayed. If you want to remove the WCS information from certain images, mark these images and then press the button "WCS remove".

# 16.6. Update

With Update it can be checked if the CCD-Guide version is up to date.

🖳 CCD-Guide Update - CCD_Guide2025	X
Your version is actual.	
Securely shut down all running <b>CCD-Guide apps</b> before update or refresh. CCD-Guide help documents ( <b>PDF</b> ) must be closed as well. Update will abort/restart running CCD Guide apps.	
Refresh Can	cel

If an update is available, then the update can be performed by pressing the update button.

🖳 CCD-Guide Update	×
Update available	
Securely shut down all running <b>CCD-Guide apps</b> before upd or refresh. CCD-Guide help documents ( <b>PDF</b> ) must be closed well. Update will abort/restart running CCD Guide apps.	
Update	Cancel

After the successful update, a message window appears.

Message		×
Information		
Update completed.		
	ОК	

# 17. APPENDIX A – THE DATA MODEL

CCD-Guide is working with two databases:

- <u>master.mdb:</u> This database can be found in the folder database of the CCD-Guide installation. The master.mdb is write-protected and contains the object data, the setup data and all picture data of pictures of AAS members delivered with CCD-Guide. The master.mdb is updated every year by AAS.
- **user.mdb:** This database can be found in the user data path (default path = subfolder "userdata" of the CCD-Guide installation). The user.mdb contains your own data (object data, setup data, picture data and planner data). It is empty, when you start with your own inputs. CCD-Guide joins the two databases user.mdb and master.mdb with UNION JOIN.

If you want to know more about the data model, then you can open user.mdb with MS Access. Please, do not modify the data using MS Access!

# 18. APPENDIX B – WHAT'S NEW?

## 18.1. What's new in release 4.3

#### • CCD-Guide Global:

- Data migration from previous version: If CCD-Guide 2024 is available on the computer, a migration window appears when CCD-Guide 2025 is started for the first time, in which data from the previous version can be transferred.
- Global Settings: In the CCD\_Guide window, you have access to all global settings for CCD-Guide via a small gear icon in the top right-hand corner.
- New Image Downloader: The improved, significantly faster image downloader has moved from the Browser to the CCD\_Guide main application and can be accessed here via the Global Settings button.

#### • Browser:

- Export Image Data: The active data set or the entire table can be exported in the ImageBrowser.
- Object Link: An object link function can be activated for each preview image for displaying object names in the preview image.
- Alternative table view: With Ctrl+Space, the view of the main table can be changed to a clear display of all fields of the active data record.
- Constellation quick filter: In the Objectname filter there is a new quick filter for all objects of a constellation.
- Observer quick filter: In the Objectname filter there is a new quick filter ("#") for all images of a specific observer.
- Expert update: When changing the user.mdb in the Expert, there is now deliberately no automatic update in the Browser, so that filter states and the active data set are always retained in the Browser. The user can set the time of the update in the Browser themselves.
- ShortCut key combinations: An overview of all keyboard shortcuts available in the Browser is displayed on the right above the Extended Information area.
- Expert:
  - \_\_\_\_\_id in Edit Picture: When entering Additional Images in Edit Picture, the file name is now automatically suggested with the suffix "\_\_id".
  - The field separator for the csv export can now be selected: "Tab" or ";" or "," or "|" or "Space".

#### • ObjectMarker:

- JPEG quality: JPEG quality can be set in CCD\_Guide -> Global Settings -> Image compression.
- Option for DPI output: In the Output tab of the ObjectMarker Options, you can set how the DPI output should take place.
- Button "Edit catalogs": In the ObjectMarker there is a new button "Edit catalogs" to the right of the View button to call CatEdit directly.
- Comets and planets: Objects without position data (comets and planets) can be activated or deactivated via a central checkbox.

#### ObjectViewer:

- Show cursor information in status bar: With this new option, which is activated by default, the cursor texts are moved from the cursor screen to the status bar.
- Object Link: New object link function similar to the function in the Browser
- ObjectSky:
  - Galaxy Space View: Galaxies in space can be analyzed as soon as Telescope frame is activated in ObjectSky.

- Adopt catalog colors from ObjectMarker: Objects can optionally be drawn with the catalog colors from ObjectMarker.
- CatEdit:
  - Search Small Bodies: All comets and asteroids from a specific field can be retrieved from JPL at a specific time and stored in a catalog.

## 18.2. What's new in release 4.2

#### • <u>CCD-Guide Browser:</u>

 Easy switching between previously set filter states using the keyboard keys "Page up" / "Page down".

#### <u>CCD-Guide Expert:</u>

- New Action button (>>>) in the Edit Object tab: The Planetarium, Sky-map.org, ObjectTracker and "Export to Planner" functions are available.
- New Action button (>>>) in the Edit Picture tab: The Planetarium, Sky-map.org, ObjectTracker and ObjectMarker functions are available.
- Edit State function in the Edit Setup tab: The default planner states can be edited or extended. This allows you, for example, to assign priorities to your planning datasets by creating a new state 7 = Prio1 and a new state 8 = Prio2.
- Multiple selection for the state field in the Set Filter window: This function is very useful if you use the new Edit State function, assign different planning priorities (Prio1, Prio2, ...) and want to filter all planning data sets with Prio1 and Prio2.
- SIMBAD coordinate input in Edit Object: Comfortable input of RA / DE coordinates from the clipboard (SIMBAD format).
- Constellation in Edit Object: The constellation can be calculated from the coordinates with the new button "Set Const".
- New filter "FOV image exists" in the Set Filter window of the Planner: This allows you to keep track of the planning data sets for which a FOV image exists and where the FOV image is still missing.

#### • ObjectViewer:

- New gamma value function: For each opened image the gamma value can be changed temporarily.
- ObjectMarker:
  - Advanced file selection: In the file selection dialog, there is now a choice between the "Explorer" and "Catalog" options:
    - Explorer: when clicking on the File button, the previously familiar selection of an image in the file system to be labelled appears.
    - Catalog: If the Catalog option is set, then a new window appears for searching for images related to a specific object.
  - Galaxies as ellipses: Galaxies are drawn as ellipses in the labelled image.
  - Distant planets: The distant planets (Uranus and Neptune) and Pluto are also labelled in the ObjectMarker and displayed in ObjectSky if the corresponding option is set in the ObjectMarker.

#### ObjectSky:

- Comet tail direction: The comet tail now always points in the direction of the ion tail.
- Telescope function: With the menu function "Telescope" the image field of a telescope+camera combination can be displayed. Also a rotation of the field is possible. Optionally, an astrometric image can also be displayed in the image field.
- Galaxies as ellipses: As in ObjectMarker, galaxies are displayed as ellipses in ObjectSky.

#### <u>New Utility CatEdit:</u>

 With the new utility CatEdit you can maintain and edit your own ObjectTools catalogs (cat files that were previously stored in the cat folder). When CatEdit is opened, all existing cat catalogs in the cat folder are automatically integrated into the new cat.mdb. The original cat files are moved to the tray directory. New catalogs and new objects can be created comfortably.  A highlight is the automatic download via the functions "Search objects types" and "Search LEDA PGC". These new functions replace the previous CCD-Guide Browser function ObjectTypes[Vizier].

## 18.3. What's new in release 4.1

- **New folder structure:** The new folder structure is simple and makes it easier to switch to a new release. The most important changes are:
  - All user data are now located in the userdata folder: besides the CCD-Guide Expert data (user.mdb with planner\_images and user\_images), the ObjectTracker data (Locations.csv with horizon files) are now also located here. Furthermore, all cat catalogs created by the user can also be found in the userdata folder. The big advantage for the user is that he only has to copy the userdata folder when switching to a new release.
  - All exe files are now located in the root directory.
  - There is a new output folder: All temporary results are written to the output folder. For example, you can find here images solved and labeled by ObjectMarker, the results of BatchSolver or the images compressed with JPEGCompress. The content of the output folder can be deleted at any time, because it contains only temporary results.

#### <u>CCD Guide:</u>

• Central color scheme switching: With one mouse click the color scheme for all applications can be switched between light and dark.

#### • CCD-Guide Browser:

- Two new connected planetariums:
  - ObjectSky (see below for details)
  - Stellarium
- **ObjectSky:** The newly developed planetarium ObjectSky is an integral part of CCD-Guide and replaces the old Virtual Planetarium of the ObjectTracker. ObjectSky can be started in different ways: either in the ObjectTracker by pressing the Planetarium button or by a click in the Browser or in the Expert. A direct start of ObjectSky.exe in the root directory is also possible. ObjectSky works interactively with ObjectTracker and offers a number of interesting features, such as:
  - Display of all CCD-Guide objects in the planetarium
  - Access to all CCD-Guide images including image data in the planetarium
  - Access to all current comets

#### • <u>CCD-Guide Expert:</u>

- QuickFilter extension: QuickFilter in Planner, Edit Object and Edit Picture with the operators | and &
- ObjectViewer as ImageViewer: In the Expert, a double click on an image now opens the ObjectViewer by default instead of IrfanView
- Error protection during data entry: A red text "Data not saved" appears as soon as a data set is edited. This reminds the user not to forget to press the Save button to complete the saving of the dataset.
- Marking of Planner datasets with Ref-Image.

#### • ObjectTracker:

- New, improved Locations Editor
- Planets and comets available in ObjectTracker
- Report in Browse window: with one mouse click a report in csv or txt format can be created, in which the observation data of all selected objects are tabulated.

#### • ObjectMarker:

- Profiles in ObjectMarker: Profiles can be saved and loaded. For example, you can save all settings for wide field images and create another profile with all settings for long focal length.
- Improved color selection in ObjectMarker

#### ObjectViewer:

- Multiple images: can be opened in parallel in ObjectViewer.
- Distance measurement: Using the right mouse button, distances between two positions can be measured comfortably with the "Measure distance" option.

## 18.4. What's new in release 4.0

- <u>New software structure:</u> The new CCD\_Guide.exe is the central entry point to the CCD-Guide software platform. All programs can be started directly here. The CCD-Guide window can always be kept in the foreground with "Stay on top" and with "Autostart" automatic starting is possible when the computer is booted. In addition, the new software can be used to call up minor updates during the year if required. The two most important programs of the CCD\_Guide.exe are:
  - Browser (CCD\_Guide\_Browser.exe): Complete new development of the entire browser functionality with many improved and new functions.
  - Expert (CCD\_Guide\_Expert.exe): contains the classic CCD-Guide functions Planner, Edit Object and Edit Picture.

#### • <u>CCD-Guide Browser:</u>

- Download function of all images: This allows all images contained in the master database (optionally also all archive images) to be downloaded from the CCD-Guide server.
- Dynamic window size: The size of the table and the images changes automatically when the window size is changed.
- Performance increase in general and especially when switching between ImageBrowser and ObjectBrowser as well as when changing the database modes (Master / User / All).
- Freely selectable ImageViewer: Any image viewing software can be selected in the options. The default ObjectViewer has the great advantage that for images with wcs info, coordinates can be queried with the magnifying glass.
- New preview panel: Thumbnails of the filtered images can be viewed in a preview panel. This is a useful addition or alternative to the classic slide show.
- Quick filter for an additional object: In the table "Extended Information" all additional information about the data set is displayed. If one clicks on one of the listed objects, the object name filter is applied to this object.
- Multiple selection of objects in the object name filter: If several objects are available for selection in the object name filter and the FindObjectData window is therefore displayed, then several objects can also be selected here simultaneously if required.
- New filter type "Circular Search Radius": With this filter, all objects can be selected that are located within the radius of a specific object.
- QuickSearch operator: can be changed from standard OR to AND.
- New >>> function Aladin Lite as alternative to sky.map.org
- New >>> function ObjectTypes [Vizier]: This can be used to perform a search on Vizier, looking for objects of a certain object type around the selected reference object.
- BatchSolve in Browser: This allows all images filtered in the Browser to be passed to BatchSolver.
- New Web-Mode: In the Browser it is possible to switch between the classic Local Mode (behaviour as before) and the new Web-Mode. In Web-Mode, the area of the two preview images is used to display information about the selected object from web services such as sky-map.org, Aladin, SIMBAD or NED. This is a very useful feature, especially in the ObjectBrowser.
- CCD-Guide Expert:
  - Parallel working with CCD-Guide Browser and CCD-Guide Expert is supported.
- ObjectMarker:
  - The wcs information is written into the image (jpg, tif or png) without touching the image information.

- ObjectMarker now also supports the possibility of a blind solve (no coordinate input required).
- ObjectMarker overlay as vector graphic: Optionally, the entire overlay of the ObjectMarker label can additionally be saved as a vector graphic in the formats svg, png or tif.
- ObjectMarker can now also solve inverted images.
- ObjectTracker:
  - Tooltip on red triangles: In the ObjectTracker graphic, a helpful tooltip info is now displayed at the red triangles. This allows you to see the reason why a visibility window is restricted.

#### • Utilities of the ObjectTools:

- WCSList is a new application that can be used to search complete directories for images and to display the status of WCS info in tabular form. In WCSList, wcsinfo of selected images can also be deleted.
- ObjectMarker, ObjectViewer, BatchSolver, WCSList and WCSCopy now uniformly support the formats jpg, tif and png.
- JPEGCompress is a new application that can compress a large number of jpg images very effectively and with very high quality.

# 18.5. What's new in release 3.6

- <u>ObjectTracker extensions</u>: The proven ObjectTracker (= tool to answer the question of when an object at a selected location can best be photographed on a certain night) has been significantly improved in terms of performance and calculation accuracy and has been extended by the following points:
  - With one mouse click, a **weather forecast from OpenWeather** for the coming night can be called up and displayed in the central graphic.
  - **AladinLite** can be started with one mouse click, whereby the current object is displayed centered with the FOV of the current location.
  - The handling of the ObjectTracker has been simplified considerably by omitting the Set button: All output elements are immediately updated whenever the user changes an input.
  - A fully integrated **virtual planetarium** in the ObjectTracker supports the planning of observations.
  - With the new **Export time series** function, the visibility of an object over long periods of time can be assessed both in tabular and graphical form.
- **ObjectMarker extensions:** The proven ObjectMarker (= tool for plate solving of images and subsequent labeling with the objects of the CCD-Guide database) has been extended by the following points:
  - A preview image is displayed.
  - The options for the **appearance of the catalogues** are now accessible in the main window.
  - The **ObjectMarker window is dynamic**, so that the window size and the division of the areas can be adjusted as desired.
  - If the software All Sky Plate Solver by Giovanni Benintende is installed, a local PlateSolving instead of a PlateSolve via astrometry.net is possible.
  - When the View button is pressed a **text file in cat format** is created, which lists all objects, drawn in the annotated image.
  - In the ObjectViewer the image can also be inverted.
- <u>New filters in CCD-Guide:</u> Set Filter offers now also the possibility to filter by focal length. In addition to the ObjectName-Filter and the QuickFilter the new ObjectMaster-Filter was developed, with which it is possible to filter those images in which the searched object appears exclusively as main object.
- <u>Enlarged ExpTime field</u>: The ExpTime field in Edit Picture has been considerably enlarged so that there are no longer any restrictions when documenting complex exposure series.
- <u>4 bugs fixed</u>

## 18.6. What's new in release 3.5

- **ObjectTools:** CCD-Guide is delivered with the new and very powerful ObjectTools, which were developed by Hartmut Bornemann. The ObjectTracker already developed in the release CCD-Guide 3.4 has been extended and is part of the ObjectTools. The new ObjectTools functions like ObjectMarker, ObjectViewer, BatchSolver or WCSCopy are described in detail below. All ObjectTools can also be used as stand-alone tools.
- **ObjectMarker:** With the ObjectMarker, images can be solved via astrometry.net and then labeled with the objects of the CCD-Guide database as well as with your own texts. Furthermore, the ObjectViewer can be started to view and analyze the labeled image.
- **ObjectViewer:** The ObjectViewer can be used to view images labeled with the ObjectMarker, to read out coordinates and to perform an internet search with SIMBAD, NED or VizieR.
- <u>BatchSolver</u>: With the BatchSolver a simultaneous PlateSolve of a large number of images can be performed.
- <u>WCSCopy</u>: is a special application for the transfer of the WCS information (World Coordinate System) from a solved image to a not yet solved image with the same dimensions.
- **ObjectTracker extension:** The proven ObjectTracker (= tool to answer the question when a certain object at a selected location can best be photographed on a certain night) was extended by the consideration of the distance between moon and object. Furthermore it is now possible to select the date comfortably with the help of a DatePicker. Because of the integration of the ObjectTracker into the ObjectTools, the ObjectTracker catalog was renamed from "User.cat" to "\_OT\_User.cat" and is now also available in the ObjectMarker.
- <u>Extended '>>>' functionality:</u> In CCD-Guide 3.5 the '>>>' button was extended by the ObjectMarker function. This means that the ObjectMarker can be started with one click with the currently active image of the Browser. The selected image is automatically solved in the ObjectMarker and can then be labeled with the objects of the CCD-Guide database. The ObjectMarker is also available in the '>>>' menu of the Planner to label FOV images.
- Export OT in Planner: The filtered object list of the Planner can be exported to the ObjectTools catalog file \_CCD\_Planner.cat. This means that not only a single object but a list of objects of any length can be transferred from CCD-Guide to ObjectTracker. This is very useful if you want to select the best object to photograph from a large number of possible objects.
- **Export OT in Edit Object:** With the "Export OT" button in Edit Object all UNLISTED objects created by the user can be exported to the ObjectTools catalog \_CCD\_User.cat.
- 1 Bug fixed

# 18.7. What's new in release 3.4

- **ObjectTracker:** CCD-Guide is delivered with the new and very powerful planning tool ObjectTracker, which was developed by Hartmut Bornemann. ObjectTracker can also be used as a stand-alone tool. It quickly and easily answers the question of whether a particular object can be photographed at a selected location on a particular night. The ideal time window for taking photographs is calculated taking into account twilight, moon, object altitude and optional horizon. The altitude progression of the object and of the moon is displayed in an intuitive graphic.
- Extended '>>>' functionality: In CCD-Guide 3.4 the '>>>' button was extended by the ObjectTracker function. This means that ObjectTracker can be started with one click with the currently active object of the browser or of the planner.
- **Export OT:** The filtered object list of the Planner can be exported to the ObjectTracker catalog file CCD\_Guide.cat. Thus not only a single object can be transferred to ObjectTracker from CCD-Guide but a list of objects of any length. This is very useful when selecting the best object to shoot from a large number of possible objects.

# 18.8. What's new in release 3.3

- <u>1 bug fixed</u>
- Simplified folder structure: The new folder structure is based on a clear separation between master data (= all data and all images which are delivered with CCD-Guide) and user data (= all inputs and all images of the user). This separation simplifies the process of creating a backup of your own data, makes an update to future releases of CCD-Guide easier, and offers a convenient possibility to switch between different user databases.
- **Extended '>>>' functionality:** CCD-Guide 3.3 offers the possibility to use the '>>>' functions (Planetarium, Sky-map.org and Export to Planner) also in cases when you have set an Objectname filter, but no datasets were found.

# 18.9. What's new in release 3.2

- <u>3 bugs fixed</u>
- <u>ListView for Browser improved:</u> The procedure to change the appearance of the main data table in the tab Browser was significantly improved. It is now very easy to make columns visible or invisible, to change the order and the width of columns and to save all settings.
- <u>ListView in tabs Planner, EditObject and EditPicture:</u> The new ListView features for configuring the layout of the main data table are now also available in the Planner tab, in the EditObject tab and in the EditPicture tab.
- **QuickFilter:** Previous releases of CCD-Guide offered two possibilities to filter a main data table: the ObjectnameFilter and the SetFilter. Additional to these two filter types a new type is now introduced, the so called QuickFilter. When you enter a search string into the edit field of the QuickFilter, then only those data rows are shown which contain this search string in one of the data fields. This is a very fast and efficient way to reduce the number of data rows in a main data table. QuickFilter is available in the tabs Browser, Planner, EditObject and EditPicture.
- <u>Improved performance of ObjectBrowser:</u> Switching between ImageBrowser and ObjectBrowser is now much faster than in the previous release.
- Improved performance of SlideShow in Planner
- **Export CSV:** The main data tables of the tabs Planner, EditObject and EditPicture can be exported into a csv-file.
- Simplified button structure in Browser and Planner
- New default name for REF images in Planner

# 18.10. What's new in release 3.1

- <u>10 bugs fixed</u>
- <u>Night vision mode</u>: The Help tab and the About tab were improved to give better results when using a software which enables a night vision mode (e.g. software The Sky).
- **Sorting of tables:** Improved sorting of tables according to object name.
- <u>Edit Picture:</u> Edit Picture is easier to use because of removing the extension jpg in picture name.
- <u>New catalogues:</u> Sandqvist and DCLD.
- <u>Working with an external hard disk:</u> Working with CCD-Guide on two different computers using the same external hard disk is now easier, because the paths are automatically set.

## 18.11. What's new in release 3.0

- <u>Set Filter in all tabs:</u> Advanced filter options are now available in all tabs. This was possible by moving the old Set Filter tab into a new window, which can be called in all tabs of CCD-Guide.
- ObjectBrowser: The ImageBrowser tab was renamed to Browser tab. The Browser tab contains now two different modes: the ImageBrowser mode and the ObjectBrowser mode. The ImageBrowser feature was already available in Release 2.0, but the ObjectBrowser mode is completely new. The ObjectBrowser opens the possibility to browse through the object data of all objects of the CCD-Guide database including the usage of the advanced filter options of the Set Filter window.
- **Planner:** The Planner tab was completely reworked and is now much easier to use. The creation of setups was moved to Edit Setup tab. The free space in Planner tab was used to show a bigger preview image of the planner image. The data grid of the Planner tab can show all planner data rows of all of your setups in one table and you can filter your planner data rows with new filter options.
- <u>New Set Filter features:</u> The Set Filter window has a new type of filter criteria, the so called 'Planner Criteria'. With these criteria you can easily filter your planner data rows. You can save and reload your filter settings. This is very useful, if you create many complex and powerful filters.
- <u>New planetarium programs</u>: In Release 2.1 you could open Cartes du Ciel, centred on an object which was selected in the ImageBrowser. Release 3.0 gives you the possibility to choose between the following planetarium programs: Cartes du Ciel, Guide 8, Guide 9, The Sky6 Pro and The SkyX Pro. The planetarium button is now not only available in the ImageBrowser but also in the ObjectBrowser and in the Planner.
- Link to sky-map.org: When you are connected to the internet then you can use the new sky-map.org button, which opens sky-map.org, centred on the selected object in ImageBrowser, ObjectBrowser or Planner.
- **FOV Image in Planner:** When you are connected to the internet then you can use the new FOV Image button to download an image from sky-map.org with the right image field of your selected setup.
- **Export to Planner:** The active object in ImageBrowser or in ObjectBrowser can be easily exported to the Planner.
- Order of tabs: The order of tabs was changed, so that the most important tabs come first. The new tab sequence is: 1. Browser (ImageBrowser + ObjectBrowser); 2. Planner; 3. Edit Setup; 4. Edit Object; 5. Edit Picture; 6. Options.
- <u>Find Object:</u> Find Object is now easier to use. It is not necessary to enter a blank character between the catalogue name and the catalogue number. (e.g: 'ngc 1' and 'ngc1' are allowed).
- **Sorting in data grids:** By clicking on the head of data columns you can sort the data grid. This feature is now available in all tabs.
- **Import new comets:** When you are connected to the internet, then you can import new comets into your object database from <u>www.minorplanetcenter.net</u>.
- <u>Filter status is indicated:</u> When a filter is active on a data grid, then the active filter is indicated by bold characters of the Set Filter button. When a Find Object filter is active, then this active filter is indicated by bold characters of the Find Object button.