The Visible Human Project® arose from need to use computers to teach medicine with a virtual cadaver that could be reused and restored. It is one of the most used digital data resources concerning human anatomy, and its application is the broadest within medical education.

The data sets were created in the beginning of the 1990s through the National Library of Medicine (NLM), in the USA, by the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

Victor M. Spitzer PhD, Professor and Director, University of Colorado Center for Human Simulation, confirms that the at the time set state and local regulations and requirements were respected.

The Visible Human Male data set was subsequently publicly released in 1994. This is the model available in the VH Dissector and consists of MRI, CT, and anatomical images, obtained in intervals of 4mm. Specifically, the Visible Human Project® provides a public-domain library of cross-sectional cryosection, CT, and MRI images obtained from one male body.

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