OpenSim 0.5.1 is an alpha release not yet intended for general public use. As such, the documentation and source code for OpenSim is undergoing heavy revision, testing, and bug fixing.

During the coming months, a series of releases will be rolled out (0.6, 0.7, 0.8, and 0.9), leading up to a full public release with OpenSim1.0. Until Release 1.0, access to OpenSim source code, libraries, and executables will be restricted to OpenSim project members. As of Release 0.5.1, there are a total of 20 project member from a variety institutions including Stanford University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Texas at Austin, the National Institutes of Health, and the Royal Veterinary College of the University of London. The number of OpenSim project members is expected to grow, and the OpenSim development team will be actively seeking experts in biomechanical simulation to become new members to help test, augment, and refine OpenSim.

While OpenSim source code and downloads are currently restricted to project members, the documentation for OpenSim has been made accessible to the general public. We do this to generate interest in OpenSim, document the growing capabilities of OpenSim, and solicit feedback. Those interested in OpenSim are encouraged to download the documentation and send questions and feedback to the project administrators, Frank C. Anderson and Ayman Habib. The project administrators can be contacted through the OpenSim project on SimTK.org.

If you would like to join the development team, you may direct inquiries also to the project administrators (see above). Keep in mind that, especially during the early releases of OpenSim, the number of members will be kept small in order to make the testing process more manageable. As OpenSim becomes a more hardened and robust framework, the number of project members will be allowed to grow more rapidly.

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http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/bioinformatics.

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