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Let I be a squarefree monomial ideal in  $R = k[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$ . One version of the persistence problem asks: If a prime  $P \in \operatorname{Ass}(R/I^s)$ , under what conditions is  $P \in \operatorname{Ass}(R/I^{s+r})$  for all  $r \ge 0$ ? We will survey progress on this question from the last few years. Work in which I have been involved is joint with Tài Hà and Adam Van Tuyl. (Received February 02, 2014)