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The biggest open problem in the area is desingularization in positive characteristic. Even in characteristic zero, there are several important problems (concerning both algebraic varieties and analytic spaces) that seem to be unsolved, though some are stated as theorems in the classical literature. Questions related to equisingularity in characteristic zero bear on recent programs for desingularization in positive characteristic. I will discuss several problems and their significance.