

A Systematic Review of API Evolution Literature - Appendix A

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1 RESEARCHERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Table 1. Top Co-authors on the subject of API Evolution

Name	Affiliation	Country	Publications
Nguyen, Tien N.	University of Texas at Dallas	U.S.A	22
Robillard, Martin P.	McGill University	Canada	17
Valente, Marco Tulio	Federal University of Minas Gerais	Brazil	13
Dig, Danny	Oregon State University and University of Illinois	U.S.A	12
Nguyen, Hoan Anh	Iowa State University	U.S.A	12
Robbes, Romain	Free University of Bozen-Bolzano	Italy	12

Table 1 presents the top five researchers by publications related to API Evolution (including ties). The authors considered in Table 1 are either primary authors or co-authors of papers in our sample of 369 papers. Tien N. Nguyen is the most frequent contributor to API evolution research followed by Martin P. Robillard. The top co-authors of API Evolution research are for the most part affiliated with universities in the U.S.A., with the notable exceptions of M. Robillard, M. Valente, and R. Robbes. We therefore discern that leading researchers in the field of API evolution are globally distributed, with a particular concentration in the U.S.A.

2 GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS

To determine the geographical location of publications, we considered the country of the institution affiliated with the first author of each work. As shown in table 2, we can see that the USA, with 33.3% of publications, is the country with the primary number of works in the field of API Evolution, followed by Canada and China with 15.2% and 10.6% of publications respectively.

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Table 2. Geographical distribution of papers

No.	Country or Region	Papers
1	USA	123
2	Canada	56
3	China	39
4	Germany	24
5	Brazil	18
6	Australia	13
7	Netherlands	12
8	Switzerland	10
9	Belgium	7
10	Czech Republic	7
11	France	7
12	Italy	6
13	South Korea	5
14	Spain	5
15	Sweden	4
16	United Kingdom	4
17	Chile	3
18	Greece	3
19	Finland	3
20	New Zealand	3
21	Japan	2
22	Denmark	2
23	Austria	1
24	Ethiopia	1
25	Hong Kong	1
26	Hungary	1
27	India	1
28	Luxembourg	1
29	Norway	1
30	Poland	1
31	Portugal	1
32	Russia	1
33	Singapore	1
34	United Arab Emirates	1
35	Uganda	1