CS491B Software Design Lab
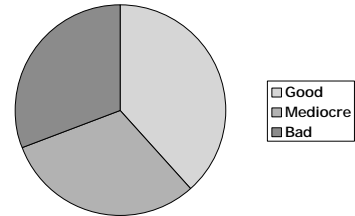Some Observations on Past CS491 Projects

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- Good
- Mediocre
- Bad

Successful Projects

- ◈ Motivated individual
  - ▪ target real application or business needs
  - ▪ enjoy what they do
- ◈ Well defined and managed project
  - ▪ clear requirements and goals
  - ▪ realistic schedule and plan

Mediocre Projects

- ◈ Reasonable idea but not enough effort in implementation
- ◈ Bad idea but the results/presentations look decent

Bad Projects

- ◈ Project ideas are problematic
  - ▪ too ambitious
  - ▪ too trivial
  - ▪ no direction or wrong direction
- ◈ Lack of efforts in both design and implementation

What We're Going To Do This Time

- ◈ Re-evaluate projects
  - ▪ Idea?
  - ▪ Goal?
  - ▪ Background knowledge?
  - ▪ Schedule?
- ◈ Demo every two weeks

Good Projects Can Be Very Rewarding

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◆Fun and sense of achievement
◆Portfolio and experience
◆Showcase at Industry Advisory Meeting (IAB)