# Project Success
# Quick Reference Card

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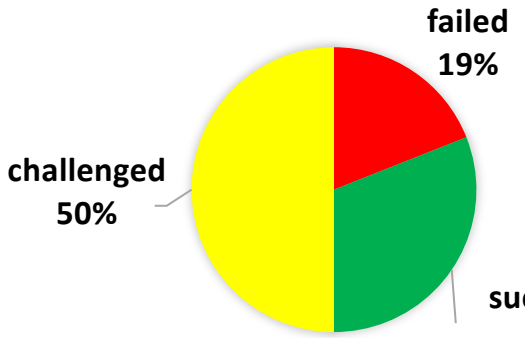


Modern measurement
(software projects)

Good Sponsor, Good Team, and Good Place are the only things we need to improve and build on to improve project performance.

**The Good Place** is where the sponsor and team work to create the product. It's made up of the people who support both sponsor and team. These people can be helpful or destructive. It's imperative that the organization work to improve their skills if a project is to succeed. This area is the hardest to mitigate, since each project is touched by so many people. Principles for a Good Place are:

- The Decision Latency Principle
- The Emotional Maturity Principle
- The Communication Principle
- The User Involvement Principle
- The Five Deadly Sins Principle
- The Negotiation Principle
- The Competency Principle
- The Optimization Principle
- The Rapid Execution Principle
- The Enterprise Architecture Principle

Successful project Resolution by Good Place Maturity Level:

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|---|---|
| highly mature | 50% |
| mature | 34% |
| moderately mature | 23% |
| not mature | 23% |

**The Good Team** is the project's workhorse. They do the heavy lifting. The sponsor breathes life into the project, but the team takes that breath and uses it to create a viable product that the organization can use and from which it derives value. Since we recommend small teams, this is the second easiest area to improve. Principles for a Good Team are:

- The Influential Principle
- The Mindfulness Principle
- The Five Deadly Sins Principle
- The Problem-Solver Principle
- The Communication Principle
- The Acceptance Principle
- The Respectfulness Principle
- The Confrontationist Principle
- The Civility Principle
- The Driven Principle

Successful project Resolution by Good Team Maturity Level:

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|---|---|
| highly mature | 66% |
| mature | 46% |
| moderately mature | 21% |
| not mature | 1% |

**The Good Sponsor** is the soul of the project. The sponsor breathes life into a project, and without the sponsor there is no project. Improving the skills of the project sponsor is the number-one factor of success – and also the easiest to improve upon, since each project has only one.
Principles for a Good Sponsor are:

- The Decision Latency principle
- The Vision Principle
- The Work Smart Principle
- The Daydream Principle
- The Influence Principle
- The Passionate Principle
- The People Principle
- The Tension Principle
- The Torque Principle
- The Progress Principle

Successful project Resolution by Good Sponsor Maturity Level:

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|---|---|
| highly mature | 67% |
| mature | 33% |
| moderately mature | 21% |
| not mature | 18% |