Good vs. Well

Which is the right one?
Good

• Good is an adjective that means satisfactory or proper:
  
  • It is good that he is here; She has good experience

• It can also mean valid or sound:
  
  • The foundations of the house are good; His financial standing is good

• Many arguments can and have been made that good is just too vague, and is not optimal for regular conversation
Well

• Well is an adverb that can mean:
  
  • In a satisfactory manner: *The project is going well; All is well with the project*

  • Having knowledge about something or someone: *You know me well enough; I know this place well*

• This word has brought some confusion, as it can be either an adverb or an adjective:

  • To be sound in mind or body, in good health; *I am well; He may not be well*
The debate

• There is confusion over the use of these words. For example, which if these is right? "I am well," Or "I am good,"?

• The answer is both. Some may say that "I am good," is not correct grammar. However, they are wrong. 'Good' is an adjective that describes YOU, while 'Well' in this sense is ALSO an adjective describing you. However, there are incorrect uses of both.
Correct/Incorrect Uses

- 'She runs good', or 'He swims good' are incorrect uses of the word.

- 'The book is good', and 'The building is good' are correct uses.

- The word 'Good' is an adjective. Adjectives describe nouns, so the book and the building can both be described as good.

- Good is not an adverb, so saying that his swimming is good or that her running is good would be incorrect. That's where 'Well' comes in.
Correct/Incorrect Uses

• 'The building looks well', or 'The park looks well' are incorrect uses of the word.

• 'The construction is going well' and 'The patient is doing well' are correct uses.

• Well is an adverb. Adverbs describe verbs, so in the sentences 'Well' describes how the patient is doing, or how the construction is going.
Some Confusing Stuff

- However, 'Well' is not your average adverb. In some senses, 'Well' can be used as an adjective. For example:
  - In terms of good health or bad health: 'The patient does not look well; The patient must get well soon.'
  - This is why saying 'I am well,' is also correct, as you are describing either your health or mental state, which are nouns.
Conclusion

• From this information, we can deduce that this presentation is **good**. Not well.

• You're really better off using descriptive adjectives instead of good, anyway. Let's say that this presentation is **fantastic** and leave it at that.