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- Overwhelming number of links
- No clear path for eye to follow
- Every department has their share of space so they are politically "satisfied"
- No clear sense of proposition, brand or any clear calls to action.

"The opportunity lost by increasing the amount of blank space is gained back with enhanced attention on what remains."

Prof. John Maeda MIT

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Some recommendations for designing effective homepages:

- Show a clear **proposition message:** "What is this site for?"
- Show a clear **Unique Selling Point:** "What makes this site better than the alternatives?"
- **Call to action:** for priority tasks make it clear what the user can do
- Create **clear entrypoints** into the site that consider different user needs (remember four modes of information seeking)
- Actual content: don't provide abstract description of what the site will offer – provide excerpts of the actual content
- **Search box:** if you can provide a high-quality search do so: some users just want to search

Discuss: Review this homepage

Have a look at the next page

- What does this company offer?
- What questions do you have?



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Discuss: Some other examples

- twitter.com
- blogger.com
- facebook.com

Task: Sketch a wireframe

- Think of the *Deliverease* homepage
- How will you explain the proposition of the site?
- What could the structure of the page look like?
- How can users navigate the site?
- Sketch a wireframe of the page
- Annotate with your comments
- Start simple, then progressively layer on more detail