

[Mobile pdf] File size: 49.Mb

# The Laws of Simplicity

## THE LAWS OF SIMPLICITY

DESIGN, TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS, LIFE



John Maeda

*"Maeda is the Master of Simplicity."*

—Andrés Ragnetti, BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, ROYAL PHILIPS ELECTRONICS

 [Download](#)

 [Read Online](#)

Par John Maeda  
ebooks | [Download PDF](#) | \*ePub |  
[DOC](#) | audiobook

Dtails sur le produit Rang parmi les ventes : #13108 dans eBooksPubli le: 2006-07-07Sorti le: 2006-07-07Format: Ebook Kindle

[Mobile pdf] The Laws of Simplicity

Par John Maeda : **The Laws of Simplicity** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Laws of Simplicity:

### Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurFinally, we are learning that simplicity equals sanity. We're rebelling against technology that's too complicated, DVD players with too many menus, and software accompanied by 75-megabyte "read me" manuals. The iPod's clean gadgetry has made simplicity hip. But sometimes we find ourselves caught up in the simplicity paradox: we want something that's simple and easy to use, but also does all the complex things we might ever want it to do. In *The Laws of Simplicity*, John Maeda offers ten laws for balancing simplicity and complexity in business, technology, and design -- guidelines for needing less and actually getting more.Maeda -- a professor in MIT's Media Lab and a world-renowned graphic designer -- explores the question of how we can redefine the notion of "improved" so that it doesn't always mean something more, something added on.Maeda's first law of simplicity is "Reduce." It's not necessarily

beneficial to add technology features just because we can. And the features that we do have must be organized (Law 2) in a sensible hierarchy so users aren't distracted by features and functions they don't need. But simplicity is not less just for the sake of less. Skip ahead to Law 9: "Failure: Accept the fact that some things can never be made simple." Maeda's concise guide to simplicity in the digital age shows us how this idea can be a cornerstone of organizations and their products -- how it can drive both business and technology. We can learn to simplify without sacrificing comfort and meaning, and we can achieve the balance described in Law 10. This law, which Maeda calls "The One," tells us: "Simplicity is about subtracting the obvious, and adding the meaningful."