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Prankster Creates Invite for Fake Apple Event

"Lorenzo, a 14-year-old video editor from Italy, says he created the bogus invite in about 10 minutes out of boredom when he was sick. Then he sent the image to a known leaker — and watched as the fake document whipped up a frenzy in the Apple rumor mill.

"I feel like leaks can be boring sometimes so I want to spice it up," he told Cult of Mac in a direct message. "Maybe by putting more effort into making a good concept next time."

After news publications picked up Majin Bu's post, the fake iPhone 16 invite quickly made the rounds of the Apple leakosphere. The amount of attention generated by his quickly produced mockup shocked Lorenzo.

"I was quite surprised," he told Cult of Mac. "I thought my invite looked fake enough."
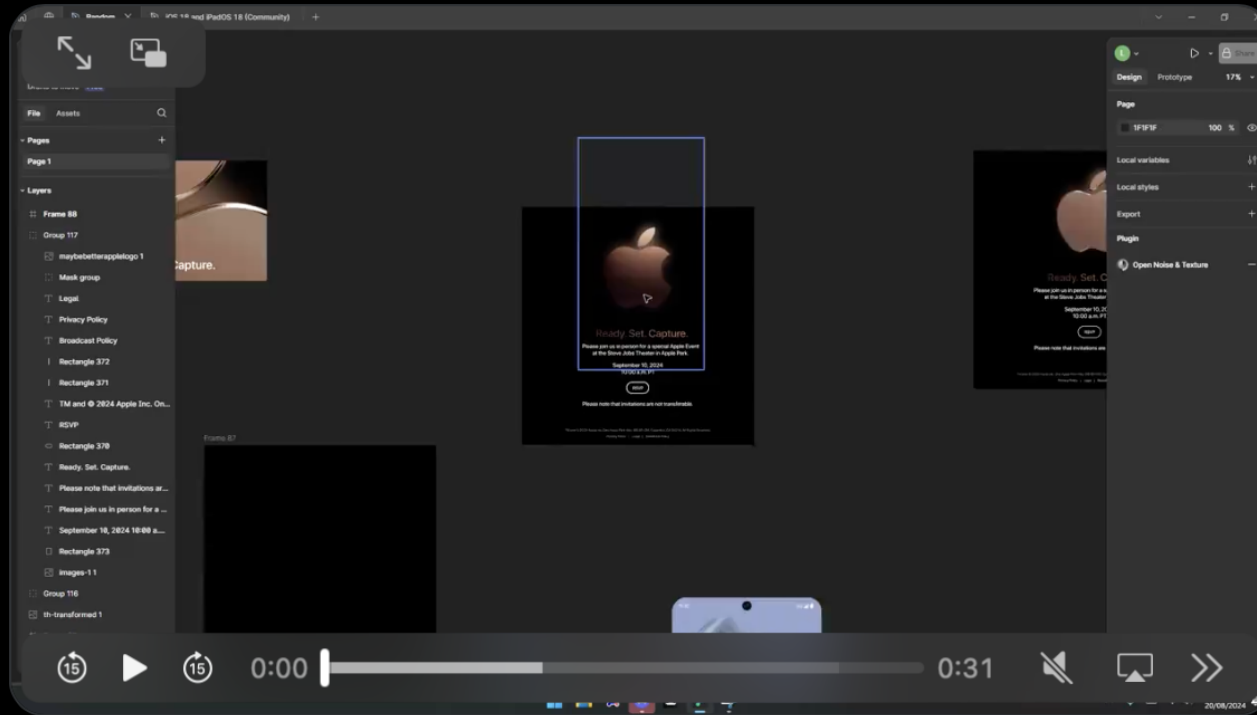
Lorenzo said he's been into tech, and especially into Apple products, since he was pretty young. He keeps up on Apple rumors by scrolling through X and reading articles that show up on his timeline."
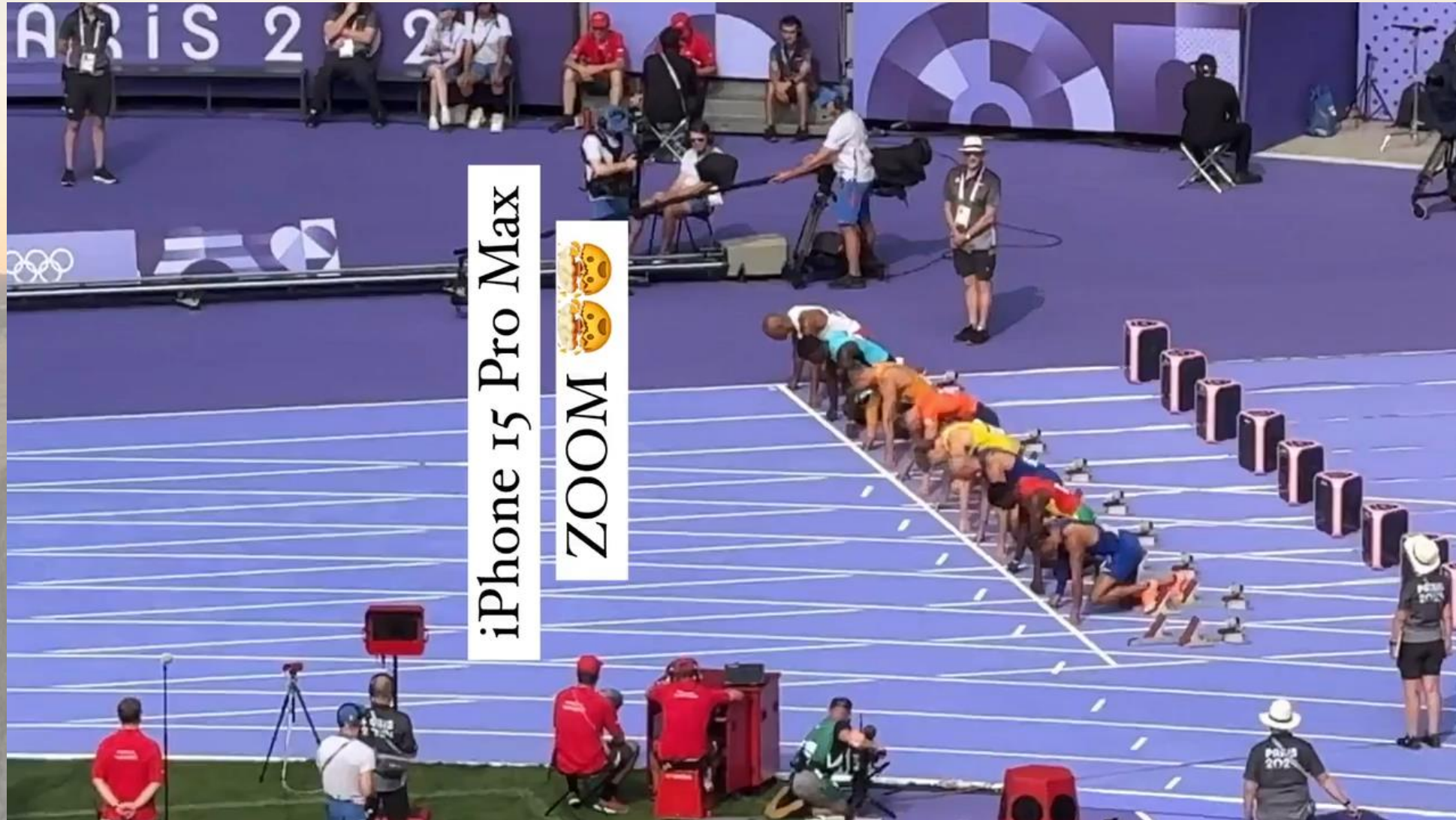
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iPhone 15 Pro Max Zoom

X user Science girl @gunsnrosesgirl3, posted this video showing how good the zoom is on the iPhone 15 Pro Max. She took this video at the summer Olympics last month.

HDMI Cables Can Be Used To Spy on Computer Screen

"In a surprising development that may concern Apple users, computer security researchers from Uruguay have discovered a method to reconstruct screen content by intercepting electromagnetic emissions from HDMI cables. The bad news is this HDMI cable security threat could potentially impact all devices using HDMI, including Apple gear. The "good" news is that it's not easy to do, so individual users aren't likely to be targets. But companies and governments might be.

The study, conducted by a team at Universidad de la República Montevideo, demonstrates that it's possible to eavesdrop on HDMI cables and reproduce text displayed on a computer screen.

Using artificial intelligence, the researchers were able to decipher the complex signals transmitted through HDMI cables with up to 70% accuracy. This level of accuracy is sufficient to comprehend most text on a screen, potentially exposing sensitive information like passwords or confidential data.

For Apple users, who often handle sensitive personal and professional information on their devices, the discovery raises important security questions. Many Apple products, including MacBooks, iMacs, Mac Studio and Mac minis, use HDMI ports for external displays, potentially making them vulnerable to this type of attack.

However, the researchers emphasize that executing such an attack requires significant technical expertise and specialized equipment. They suggest average users probably won't be targeted. The greater risk lies with high-profile individuals or organizations, like big companies or governments."

Former Apple Employee Warns About Updating to iOS 18 If You Have an Older iPhone

"Tyler Morgan, a former Apple sales specialist who now helps other iPhone users and people interested in Apple products, has shared his thoughts about Apple's upcoming software update.

While everyone is waiting for iOS 18, as it's one of the biggest software updates we've had in years, Morgan warns people that iOS 18 might not be the right option for your iPhone.

iOS 18 might end up slowing down your iPhone. The reason is that iOS 18 was not made for your iPhone.

Morgan goes on to explain that while iOS 18 is designed for a lot of iPhones, the upcoming software update is meant to perform at its best with an iPhone 16 and even the iPhone 15 Pro.

On the other hand, if you have an iPhone 11, iPhone 12, or an iPhone 13, iOS 18 might not work as optimally.

Morgan then says that iOS 18 will definitely not work properly on an iPhone X or any molder older than that.

Morgan explains that while you can still install iOS 18, the software update will be too demanding for older iPhones. This will result in your iPhone consuming more battery life and, over time, permanently damaging the battery.

And once your iPhone's battery starts to deteriorate, your iPhone will start to lag, and its performance will deplete for no apparent reason."

5 Secret AirPods Features

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Camo MacOS App

The Camo app was originally developed to allow iPhone and Android users to pair the superior cameras on their phone with a Mac or PC to get better video for video conferencing. This isn't as important these days with that functionality built into iOS. In the last couple of years versions of the app were developed to work with any connected cameras, including the built-in cameras in the Mac. The Mac app is for making the video better on the built-in camera and gives you more controls of the video to make it better.
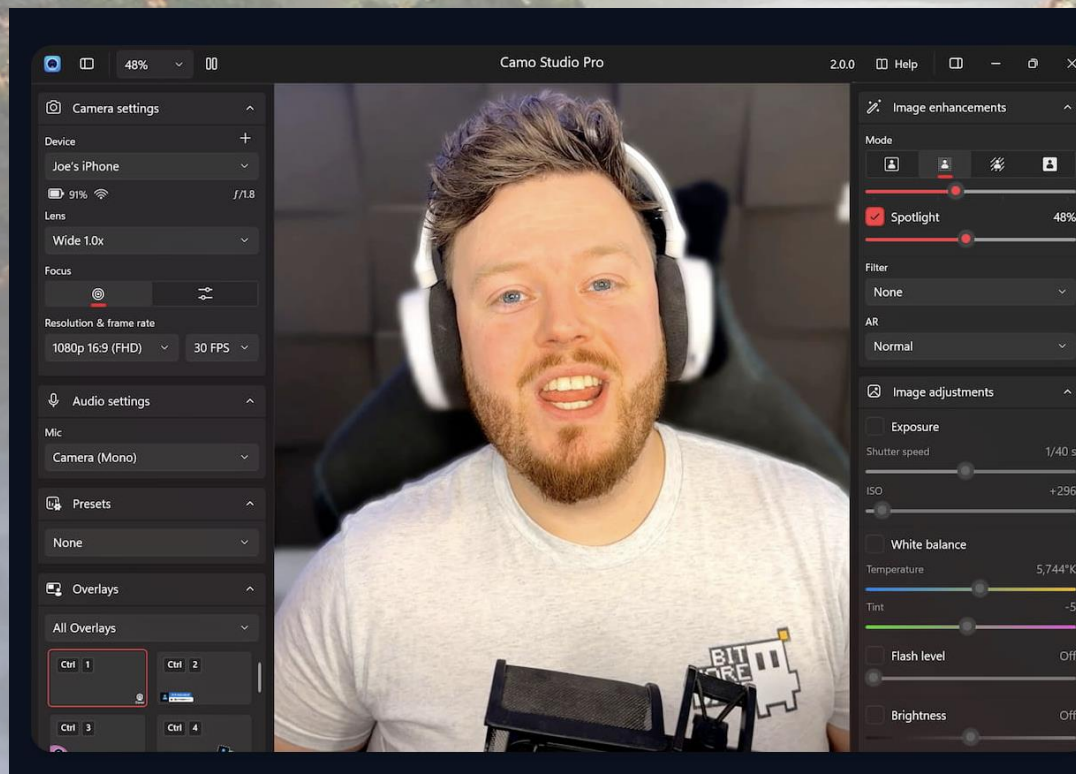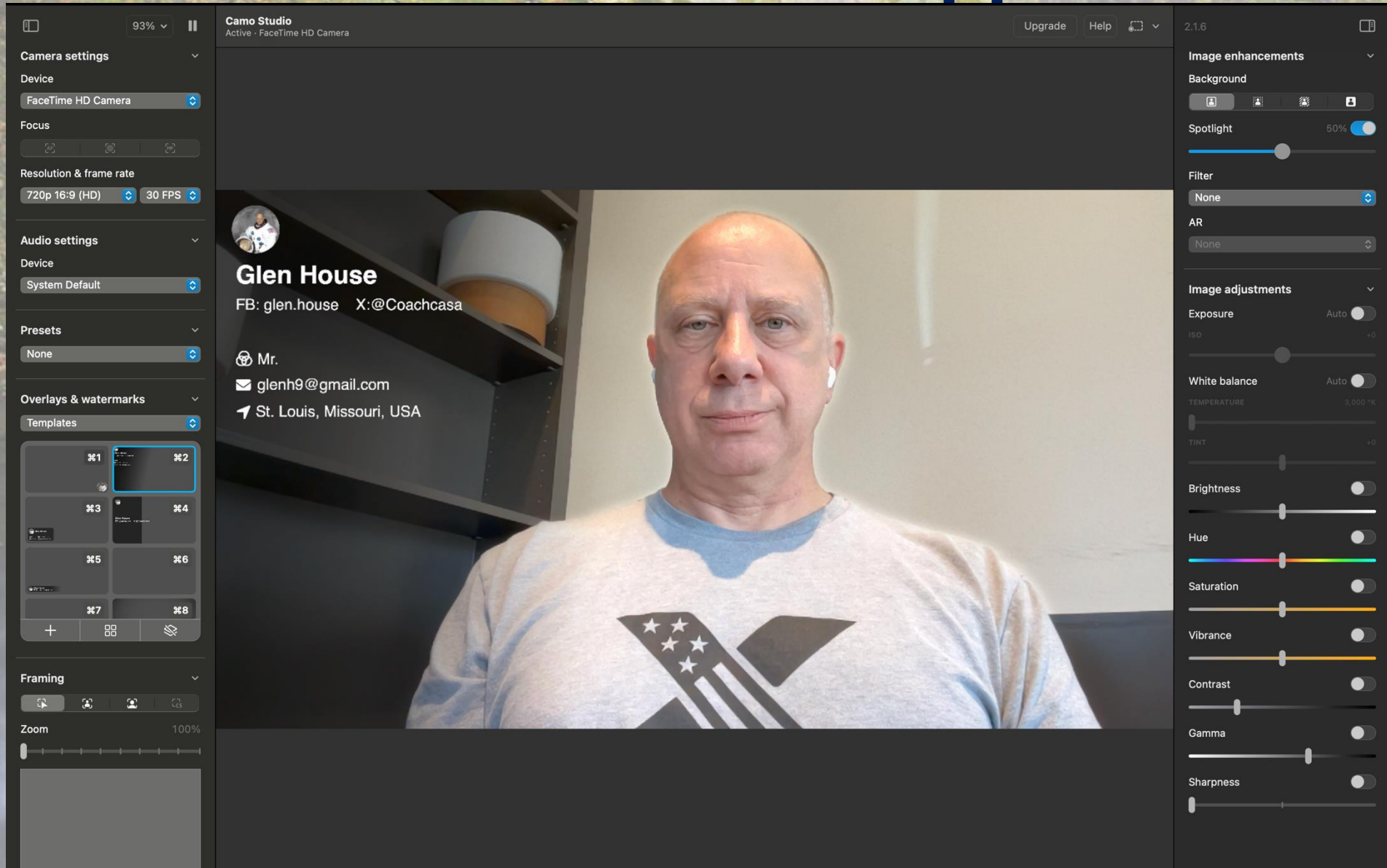

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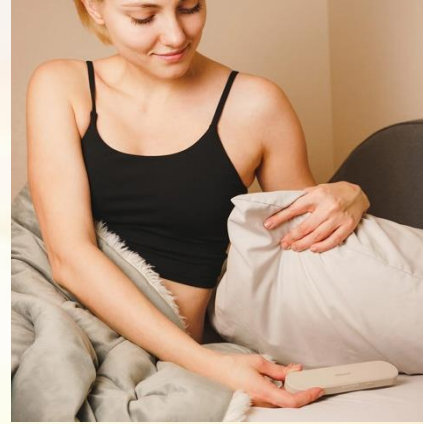
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Jony Ive Still Alive and Redesigning

For those of you that wondered what ever happened to former Apple head of design Jony Ive, he's still in the product design game and he's still reinventing products. He started his own design firm, LoveFrom and his latest magic has been to redesign the coat button.

His firm helped design a modular jacket with Italian outdoor luxury brand Moncler. Ive worked with Moncler for 18 months designing a magnetic button to attach the base layer jacket to the outer layer poncho.

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Jony Ive Still Alive and Reinventing

""LoveFrom, Moncler," a three-in-one shell jacket that goes on sale September 24 following four years of collaborative development. At the heart of the system is the Moncore, a down-filled vest. Atop this warm base, you can swap a field jacket, parka, or hooded poncho.""

Instead of using zippers and Velcro, like most modular jackets, Ive designed buttons that are magnets. "The innovative "duo button" is made up of two metal pieces — kind of like a donut and a donut hole — which pull themselves together magnetically when in close proximity to each other.

Five duo buttons appear on each layer, all in the same place. Simply pulling the top layer over the vest attaches the two parts of the garment. Because the buttons align themselves naturally, they automatically join with a series of satisfying pops.

"When you put the shell on top, you don't fix anything. It's like, 'pop pop pop!'" the CEO of Moncler told Fast Company."

"When the donut lands on the base, that's when the magic trick happens. Two magnets inside the donut pull up a piston from the button base, which fills the donut hole and joins the two pieces with a satisfying click sound."