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She's finalizing an Internet browser plugin called Twivo that uses



keywords inserted by the user—like a show's title or the names of characters and actors—to intercept any plot-spoiling tweets.

"I was just getting kind of annoyed how on Tuesday, when a lot of my favorite shows were on, I could never go on Twitter because it was filled with spoilers," the 17-year-old from New Hampshire told the Los Angeles Times.

The concept was original enough for Lamere to win top honors at the TVnext hackathon, or a computer programming competition, in Boston last month, where she was the only female participant.

Lamere is a fan of "Dance Moms" and "Pretty Little Liars," but like a growing number of TV viewers, she prefers to watch episodes on streaming services like <u>Hulu</u> after their original broadcast.

Lamere, who hopes to work for <u>Google</u> one day, is already using a beta version of Twivo, but ironing out some kinks before releasing it for Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox in a few weeks.

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