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One of the single most annoying things about CSRF and router hacking etc... is that you get the annoying popups on Basic and Digest authentication pages, asking you to log in. More and more devices are moving away from these popup style alerts and moving more towards form based authentication, which is better from a hacking perspective. But still, I would say the vast majority of firewall/switch/router devices out there use Basic or Digest based authentication. The problem with that from an attacker's perspective is that it creates a noisy popup if it fails (if the user isn't authenticated) that the user is bound to notice and question. Well, now we have an answer - at least in Internet Explorer:

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<DIV STYLE="background-image: url(http://router/path.to.hack)">blah</DIV>
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I know there are others tags that work, but probably not as well as this method from what I've seen so far. I haven't found a reliable way in other browsers to allow this to happen, but I've only barely scratched the surface of the vast number of CSRFable tags out there. But anyway, yes, this doesn't cause the Basic or Digest auth dialog to fire so it will be more stealthy upon performing a CSRF that fails. Of course for POST based CSRF you're still out of luck...

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