

# luerl\_\_sandbox(3)

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## Name

luerl\_\_sandbox - Fuctions for sandboxing Luerl evaluation

## Interface Functions

The **Lua State** parameter is the state of a Lua VM instance. It must be created with the **luerl:init()** call and be carried from one call to the next.

As it is possible in Lua to create self-referencing data structures, indeed the standard libraries have many instances of this, then using the functions which decode their return values will generate an error when they would cause an infinite loop during the decoding. An simple example is the top level table which contains a key **\_G** which references the top-level table.

Note that Lua **Chunks** (see definition below) can travel between different States. They are precompiled bits of code, independent of State. That you can ‘carry around’ this is no unique to Luerl but a low-level implementation detail of the standard Lua language, for more on chunks read the official Lua 5.3 reference manual.

## Spec Definitions

**Binary** means an Erlang binary string.

**Chunks** means a portion of precompiled bytecode.

**State** means a Lua State, this *is* a Lua VM instance.

**Path** means a file system path and file name.

**KeyPath** means an Erlang list of **atoms** representing nested names, e.g. [table,pack] for table.pack.

**Keys** means Lua table keys, the keys of a key-value structure.

## Functions

**init()** -> **State**.

**init([ State | TablePaths]) -> State.**

**init(State, TablePaths) -> State.** Create a new sandboxed state. If a state is given as an argument then that state will be used otherwise a new default be generated. **TablePaths** is a list of paths to functions which will be blocked. If none is given then the default list will be used.

**run(String | Binary) -> {Result, State} | {error, Reason}.**

**run(String | Binary, State) -> {Result, State} | {error, Reason}.**

**run(String | Binary, Flags, State) -> {Result, State} | {error, Reason}.** Spawn a new process which runs the string **String** in **State** where the default sandbox state will be used if none is given. **Flags** is a map or keyword list which can contain the following fields

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#{max_time => MaxTime,  
  max_reductions => MaxReds,  
  spawn_opts => SpawnOpts}
```

**MaxReds** limits the number of reductions and **MaxTime** (default 100 msec) the time to run the string, **SpawnOpts** are spawn options to the process running the evaluation.

**run(String | Binary) -> {Result, State} | {error, Reason}.**

**run(String | Binary, State) -> {Result, State} | {error, Reason}.**

**run(String | Binary, State, [ MaxReds | Flags ]) -> {Result, State} | {error, Reason}.**

**run(String | Binary, State, MaxReds, Flags) -> {Result, State} | {error, Reason}.**

**run(String | Binary, State, MaxReds, Flags, Timeout) -> {Result, State} | {error, Reason}.** This is the old interface to run. It still works but the new interface is recommended. Spawn a new process which runs the string **String** in **State** where the default sandbox state will be used if none is given. **MaxReds** limits the number of reductions and **Timeout** (default 100 msec) the time to run the string, **Flags** are spawn options to the process running the evaluation.