

# A Gentle Introduction to Command-Line Interfaces

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```
1 import sys
2 if __name__ == "__main__":
3     for n, item in enumerate(sys.argv):
4         print(f"argv[{n}] == {item}")
5     exit(11)
```



# Print the Contents of `sys.argv`

```
$ python3 -m cli.00-dump-argv foo -b bar -v --long  
argv[0] == ../cli-examples/cli/00-dump-argv/__main__.py  
argv[1] == foo  
argv[2] == -b  
argv[3] == bar  
argv[4] == -v  
argv[5] == --long
```



# Live Coding

<https://github.com/JnyJny/cli-examples>

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## Resources

- <https://github.com/JnyJny/cli-examples>
- <https://pybit.es/articles/guest-exploring-python-clis>
- <https://docs.python.org/3/library/argparse.html>
- <https://click.palletsprojects.com/en/8.0.x/#>
- <https://typer.tiangolo.com>



**Q & A**