

# Message Execution Options

What are message\_options ?

Because the source chain has no concept of the destination chain's state, you must specify the amount of gas you anticipate will be necessary for executing your `lzReceive` or `lzCompose` method on the destination smart contract.

LayerZero provides robust Message Execution Options , which allow you to specify arbitrary logic as part of the message transaction, such as the gas amount and `msg.value` the [Executor](#) pays for message delivery, the order of message execution, or dropping an amount of gas to a destination address.

The most common options you will use when building are [lzReceiveOption](#) , [lzComposeOption](#) , and [lzNativeDropOption](#) .

## Options Builders

A Solidity library and off-chain SDK have been provided to build specific Message Options for your application.

- OptionsBuilder.sol
- : Can be imported from [@layerzerolabs/lz-evm-oapp-v2](#)
- .
- options.ts
- : Can be imported from [@layerzerolabs/lz-v2-utilities](#)
- .

## Generating Options

You can generate options depending on your OApp's development environment:

- Remix
- : for quick testing in Remix, you can deploy locally to the Remix VM a contract using the OptionsBuilder.sol
- library. See the example provided below.
- [Open in Remix](#)
- [What is Remix?](#)
- Foundry
- : \_options
- can be generated directly in your Foundry unit tests using the OptionsBuilder.sol
- library. See the [OmniCounter Test](#)
- file as an example for how to properly invoke options.
- Hardhat
- : you can also locally declare options in Hardhat via the options.ts
- file.

All tools use the same method for packing the \_options bytes array to simplify your experience when switching between environments.

### Step 1: Import Options

All \_options tools must be imported into your environment to be used.

#### Options Library

Import the OptionsBuilder from [@layerzerolabs/lz-evm-oapp-v2](#) into either your Foundry test or smart contract to be deployed locally.

```
import
```

```
{ OptionsBuilder }
```

```
from
```

```
"@layerzerolabs/lz-evm-oapp-v2/contracts/oapp/libs/OptionsBuilder.sol" ;
```

#### Options SDK

Start by importing Options from [@layerzerolabs/lz-v2-utilities](#) .

```
import
```

```
{ Options }  
  
from  
  
'@layerzerolabs/lz-v2-utilities' ;
```

## Step 2: Initializing Options

The `newOptions` method is used to initialize a new bytes array.

```
const _options =
```

`Options . newOptions ( )` ; It's a starting point to which you can add specific option configurations.

The command below in Solidity allows you to conveniently extend the bytes type with LayerZero's `OptionsBuilder` library methods, simplifying the creation and manipulation of message execution options.

```
using  
  
OptionsBuilder  
  
for  
  
bytes ; info Message Options start with a magic number to identify the options type, followed by type-specific instructions.  
  
TYPE_1 and TYPE_2 are legacy options identifiers for handling Endpoint V1 messages (ie. Relayer Adapter Parameters).  
  
For LayerZero V2, only use TYPE_3 as outlined in this page.
```

## Step 3: Adding Option Types

When generating `_options` , you will want specific handling for different message types used in your smart contract. For instance, `addExecutorLzReceiveOption` is a method that can be used to specify how the Executor calls `lzReceive` on the receiving chain.

```
const executorGas =  
  
1000000 ;  
  
// Gas limit for the executor const executorValue =  
  
0 ;  
  
// msg.value for the lzReceive() function on destination in wei  
  
const _options =  
  
Options . newOptions ( ) . addExecutorLzReceiveOption ( executorGas , executorValue ) ; You can continue appending  
newOptions methods to add more Executor message handling; all packed into a single call.  
  
See below for all Option Types .
```

## Step 4: Passing Options in Send

After generating `_options` , you will want to test them in a `send` call.

### Options SDK

Using the Options SDK, this can be passed directly into a Hardhat task or unit test depending on your use case.

```
// Other parameters for the send function const _dstEid =  
  
'someEndpointId' ;  
  
// Destination endpoint ID const message =  
  
'Your message here' ;  
  
// The message you want to send  
  
// Call the send function on the smart contract // Convert your options array toHex() const tx =
```

await yourOAppContract . send ( destEndpointId , message , \_options . toHex ( ) ) ; await tx . wait ( ) ; In this Typescript snippet, the send function is being called on the YourOAppContract contract instance, passing in the destination endpoint ID, the message, and the \_options that were constructed:

```
contract
YourOAppContract
{ // ... other functions and declarations
function
send ( uint32 _dstEid ,
string
memory message ,
bytes
memory _options )
public
payable
{ // Logic to handle the sending of the message with the provided options // This might involve interacting with other
contracts or internal logic bytes
memory _payload = abi . encode ( message ) ; _lzSend ( _dstEid ,
// Destination chain's endpoint ID. _payload ,
// Encoded message payload being sent. _options ,
// Message execution options (e.g., gas to use on destination). MessagingFee ( msg . value ,
0 ) ,
// Fee struct containing native gas and ZRO token. payable ( msg . sender )
// The refund address in case the send call reverts. ) ; }
// ... other functions and declarations } In this Solidity snippet, the send function takes three parameters: _dstEid , message ,
and _options . The function's logic would then use those parameters to to send a message cross-chain.
```

## Options Library

Using the OptionsBuilder.sol library, these \_options can be directly referenced in your Foundry tests for quick local testing.

```
import
{ MyOApp }
from
"./contracts/oapp/examples/MyOApp.sol" ; import
{ TestHelper }
from
"./contracts/tests/TestHelper.sol" ; import
{ OptionsBuilder }
from
"@layerzerolabs/lz-evm-oapp-v2/contracts/oapp/libs/OptionsBuilder.sol" ;
contract
MyOAppTest
```

```

is TestHelper { using
OptionsBuilder

for

bytes ; // ... other test setup functions function

test_increment ( )

public

{ bytes

memory options = OptionsBuilder . newOptions ( ) . addExecutorLzReceiveOption ( 200000 ,

0 ) ; ( uint256 nativeFee ,

)

= aCounter . quote ( bEid , MsgCodec . VANILLA_TYPE , options ) ; aCounter . increment { value : nativeFee } ( bEid ,
MsgCodec . VANILLA_TYPE , options ) ; // ... other test logic } } The above example is taken from the OmniCounter Foundry
Test in the LayerZero V2 repo.

info See TestHelper.sol for full Foundry testing support.

```

## Option Types

There are multiple option types to take advantage of, each controlling specific handling of LayerZero messages.

### IzReceive

Option

TheIzReceive option specifies the gas values the Executor uses when callingIzReceive on the destination chain.

```

Options . newOptions ( ) . addExecutorLzReceiveOption ( 200000 ,

0 ) ; It defines the amount of _gas andmsg.value to be used in theIzReceive call by the Executor on the destination chain:

OPTION_TYPE_LZRECEIVE contains(uint128 _gas, uint128 _value)

```

**\_gas** : The amount of gas you'd provide for theIzReceive call in source chain native tokens.200000 should be enough for most transactions.

**\_value** : Themsg.value for the call. This value is often included to fund any operations that need native gas on the destination chain, including sending another nested message.

### IzCompose

Option

This option allows you to allocate some gas and value to yourComposed Message on the destination chain[IzCompose](#) is used when you want to call external contracts from yourIzReceive function.

```

Options . newOptions ( ) . addExecutorLzComposeOption ( 0 ,

1000000 ,

0 ) ; OPTION_TYPE_LZCOMPOSE contains(uint16 _index, uint128 _gas, uint128 _value)

```

**\_index** : The index of theIzCompose() function call. When multiples of this option are added, they are summed PER index by the Executor on the remote chain. This can be useful for defining multiple composed message steps that happen sequentially.

**\_gas** : The gas amount for the IzCompose call varies based on the destination's compose logic and the destination chain's characteristics (e.g., opcode pricing). Although1000000 is commonly used as a default, it's important to perform tailored testing to determine the optimal gas requirement for your specific transaction needs.

**\_value** : Themsg.value for the call.

## IzNativeDrop

### Option

This option contains how much native gas you want to drop to the `_receiver` , this is often done to allow users or a contract to have some gas on a new chain.

```
Options . newOptions ( ) . addExecutorNativeDropOption ( 1000000000000 , receiverAddressInBytes32 ) ;  
OPTION_TYPE_LZNATIVEDROP contains(uint128 _amount, bytes32 _receiver)
```

`_amount` : The amount of gas in wei to drop for the receiver.

`_receiver` : The bytes32 representation of the receiver address.

## OrderedExecution

### Option

By adding this option, the Executor will utilize [Ordered Message Delivery](#) . This overrides the default behavior of [Unordered Message Delivery](#) .

`Options . newOptions ( ) . addExecutorOrderedExecutionOption ( bytes ( " " ) )` ; For example, if nonce2 transaction fails, all subsequent transactions with this option will not be executed until the previous message has been resolved with.

`bytes` : The argument should always be initialized as an empty bytes array ( "" ).

caution These message\_options must be combined with in-app contract changes, listed under [Ordered Message Delivery](#) .

## Duplicate Option Types

Multiple options of the same type can be passed and appended into the same options array. The logic on how multiple options of the same type are summed differs per option type:

`bytes`

```
memory options = OptionsBuilder . newOptions ( ) . addExecutorLzReceiveOption ( 200000 ,
```

```
0 ) . addExecutorLzComposeOption ( 0 ,
```

```
1000000 ,
```

```
0 ) . addExecutorLzComposeOption ( 1 ,
```

```
500000 ,
```

```
0 ) ; * IzReceive * : Both the _gas * and _value * parameters are summed. * IzCompose * : Both the _gas * and _value *  
parameters are summed by index * . * IzNativeDrop * : The _amount * parameter is summed by unique _receiver * address.
```

Make sure that appending multiple options is the intended behavior of your unique OApp [Edit this page](#)

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