

# Short Options and Long Options

Let's take a look at how we might use a short option versus a long one. We actually are already using the short option here:

```
parser.add_argument('-x', action='store', required=True,  
                    help='Help text for option X')
```



If we wanted a long option, then we'd just need to add it right after the short one. Here's an example:

```
parser.add_argument('-x', '--execute', action='store', required=True,  
                    help='Help text for option X')
```



You will note that a long option is more than one character in length and that it must start with two dashes instead of one.