

JSX Conditional Rendering in React

In React, conditional rendering means displaying different UI elements based on logic like a user's login state, loading data, or errors.

✓ 1. Using if...else outside JSX 😂

\$\times\$ Use this **outside the return()** when you have more than 1 condition and need full control.

```
if (isLoggedIn) {
  return <Dashboard />;
return <Login />;
```

Explanation: Just like plain JavaScript! Ideal for clear logic and early returns.

2. Ternary Operator (condition ? true : false)

A Inline rendering. Choose between **two components** or UI fragments.

```
{isLoggedIn ? <Dashboard /> : <Login />}
```

- **Explanation**: If isLoggedIn is true, it renders <Dashboard>. Else, it renders <Login>.
- Tip: Nesting ternaries can get messy. Avoid this:

```
{isLoggedIn ? (isAdmin ? <AdminPanel /> : <UserPanel />) : <Login />}
```

♦ 3. Logical AND (&&) for single condition **<**

Render something only if a condition is true.

```
{hasError && <ErrorMessage />}
```

- **Explanation**: If has Error is true, show the error. If false, React ignores the expression.
- Best for optional elements.

♦ 4. Logical OR (| |) for default fallback 🎢

Show fallback UI when a variable is falsy (like "", null, or undefined).

```
{username || "Guest"}
```

Explanation: If username has a value, it shows it. If it's "" or null, it shows "Guest".

🕲 5. IIFE (Immediately Invoked Function Expression) 🕸

For **complex logic** inside JSX (multiple **if**, switch, etc.)

```
{(() => {
  if (loading) return <Spinner />;
  if (error) return <Error />;
  return <Content />;
})()}
```

Explanation: Runs a small inline function that returns UI based on multiple conditions. Keeps your JSX readable for **multi-condition logic**.

≤ 6. Switch Case Pattern (via function) **★**

Should be considered if-else or ternary chains.

```
const renderPage = () => {
    switch (page) {
        case "home":
            return <Home />;
        case "about":
            return <About />;
        default:
            return <NotFound />;
    }
};
return <div>{renderPage()}</div>;
```

Explanation: Define a render function outside return(), and invoke it in JSX.



7. Optional Chaining with AND (user?.prop && <Component />)

Safely access nested values without throwing errors.

```
{user?.isAdmin && <AdminPanel />}
```

- **Explanation**: If user exists AND user.isAdmin is true, show the <AdminPanel />.
- ☑ Prevents "Cannot read property of undefined" errors.

Bonus: Styling Short Conditional UI

✓ You can also use fragments (<> </>) or wrap JSX conditionally.

Pro Tips

- Keep JSX readable use helper functions for complex conditions.
- X Avoid deeply nested ternaries hard to debug and maintain.
- 🖾 If the same condition is reused, store it in a variable for clarity.

React Conditional Rendering + Shimmer UI Guide★

W Use Case: Show Loader While Data Is Fetching

Scenario:

You're building a restaurant listing app. Initially, the restaurant list is empty because data is fetched **asynchronously** from an API.

During this time, we want to show a Shimmer UI (like a skeleton loader)
 Once the data arrives, we display the actual list of restaurants.

Component Lifecycle Flow:

Pseudo Code Logic:

```
if (listOfRestaurants.length === 0) {
    //    Still loading...
    return <Shimmer />;
} else {
    //    Data loaded
    return <RestaurantList data={listOfRestaurants} />;
}
```



```
{listOfRestaurants.length === 0 && <Shimmer />}
```

- **Will throw:**
- $m{ imes}$ Cannot read properties of undefined (reading 'length')
- ✓ Solution 1: Optional Chaining

```
{listOfRestaurants?.length === 0 && <Shimmer />}
```

- ✓ If listOfRestaurants is undefined, ?.length will safely return undefined, preventing crash.
- Solution 2: Early Return Pattern

```
if (!listOfRestaurants) return <Shimmer />;
```

☑ If listOfRestaurants is falsy (undefined or null), return loader early — before JSX renders.


```
const Body = () => {
 const [listOfRestaurants, setListOfRestaurants] = useState(null);
 useEffect(() => {
   fetchRestaurants();
 }, []);
 const fetchRestaurants = async () => {
   const data = await fetch(API_URL);
   const json = await data.json();
   setListOfRestaurants(json?.data?.restaurants || []);
 };
 if (!listOfRestaurants) return <Shimmer />;
 return (
    <div className="restaurant-list">
      {listOfRestaurants.map((res) => (
        <RestaurantCard key={res.id} {...res} />
      ))}
    </div>
 );
};
```

➢ BONUS: Empty Filter Result

React Anti-Patterns To Avoid X

1. Creating Components Inside Components

```
const Parent = () => {
  const Child = () => I'm inside! X ;
  return <Child />;
};
```

X BAD: Every render recreates Child. ✓ DO THIS:

○ 2. useState Inside if/else

```
if (condition) {
  const [name, setName] = useState(""); // 
}
```

X React loses track of hook execution. ✓ Hooks must run in **top-level scope** of component.


```
for (let i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
  const [val, setVal] = useState(""); // 
}</pre>
```

X Creates multiple unexpected states.

4. useState Outside Component

```
const [count, setCount] = useState(0); // ★ Invalid Hook Call
```

Hooks MUST be inside functional components or custom hooks.

(2) Important React Notes

% Concept	☑ Best Practice
Loader while fetching	Use Shimmer or spinner
Avoid crash on undefined	Use ?. or early return
Multiple side-effects	You can use multiple useEffects
Store images	Use /assets/ folder

 Concept
 ☑ Best Practice

 Hook location
 Always top-level, inside component only