

# Tapestry5HowToAddAttributesConditionally

There is a common need to conditionally include/exclude an attribute in HTML tag:

```
<ul id="menu">
  <li><a href="">Menu choice 1</a></li>
  <li><a href="" class="selected">Menu choice 2</a></li>
  <li><a href="">Menu choice 3</a></li>
  <li><a href="">Menu choice 4</a></li>
</ul>
```

If you do it using Loop component, the template will look like this:

```
<ul id="menu">
  <t:loop source="menuItems" value="menuItem">
    <li><a href="" class="{cssClass}">${menuItem}</a></li>
  </t:loop>
</ul>
```

And in the component class:

```
public String getCssClass() {
    return (menuItem.equals(currentMenuItem)) ? "selected" : null;
}
```

The trick here is the *null* value returned. Tapestry will not render an attribute if its value is *null*.

In our case, the *class* attribute will be rendered only for the selected menu item (exactly what we need).