Symbol

• Unique, immutable primitive useful for object keys

```
const sym = Symbol('id');
```

What is a Symbol?

A Symbol is a **primitive data type** introduced in **ES6**. Every Symbol is **unique and immutable**, even if they have the same description.

Used mostly as **unique property keys** to avoid name conflicts.

🔽 Create a Symbol

Using Symbol as a Unique Object Key

```
const user = {
  name: "Alice",
  [Symbol("id")]: 101 // hidden-like unique key
};

console.log(user); // { name: "Alice", [Symbol(id)]: 101 }
```

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- Object.keys()
- JSON.stringify()

Accessing Symbol Key

```
const id = Symbol("id");
const user = {
    name: "Bob",
    [id]: 123
};
console.log(user[id]); // * 123
```

Why Use Symbol?

- Avoid property name clashes in objects
- Create hidden-like private properties (not truly private, but protected)
- Often used in libraries/frameworks (e.g., Symbol.iterator, Symbol.toStringTag)

Built-in Symbols (Advanced Usage)

```
const obj = {
    [Symbol.toPrimitive]() {
     return 42;
    }
};
console.log(+obj); // • 42
```

③ Summary

Feature Symbol

Type Primitive

Use case Hidden keys, safe extensions

Shown in loops X Hidden