

Gender symbols

Gender symbols are graphic designs that represent a gender, such as the Venus symbol for female, and Mars symbol for male. Symbols for nonbinary gender identities explore variations on these. This page gives an incomplete list of symbols for gender identities.

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Symbols based on Venus/Mars paradigm

Like the Venus and Mars symbols for the binary genders, these designs have a large, central circle, just with different prongs, angles, or other details. These designs may also use other astrological symbols.

Binary gender symbols

These are the basic symbols of the binary genders.

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Symbol	Description	Unicode
	The Venus symbol, for <u>women</u> . Depicts the handmirror or distaff of the Roman goddess of love. Alchemical symbol for copper.	U+2640 ♀
	The Mars symbol, for <u>men</u> . Depicts the shield and spear of the Roman god of war. Alchemical symbol for iron.	U+2642 ♂

Transgender symbols

The transgender symbol has a combination of female, male, and mixed symbols.

Symbol	Description	Unicode
	The transgender symbol. A mix of female (Venus), male (Mars), and androgyne (Venus and Mars mixed). This symbol was designed in the 1990s by Holly Boswell , Wendy Parker , and Nancy R. Nangeroni . A specific version-- blue, with rounded line ends, on a lavender triangle-- belongs to Nangeroni, but otherwise the symbol belongs to none and can be used freely. ^[1]	U+26A7 
	<u>Transfeminism</u> symbol, combining the transgender symbol with the feminism symbol (a Venus symbol containing a fist of power).	
	Transgender equality symbol.	
	The transcommunist symbol, combining the traditional transgender symbol with the communist hammer and sickle, indicating transgender support of communism and/or queer liberation.	

Ambiguous symbols

There are several common symbols that don't have clearly defined meanings, and may be used to represent various different concepts.

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Symbol	Description	Unicode
	Symbol for a mix of female (Venus) and male (Mars). Can mean <u>intersex</u> or <u>transgender</u> . ^[2] Botanical symbol for <u>hermaphrodite</u> . This symbol is also used to represent bigender individuals whose two genders are female and male. ^{[3][4]} Can also be interpreted as representing <u>heterosexuality</u> . ^[5]	U+26A5 ♀
	<u>Androgyne</u> , <u>intersex</u> , or other gender symbol. Made from female (Venus) and male (Mars) symbols. Can point other directions, but meanings of this aren't agreed upon. Also the alchemical symbol for iron sulfate.	U+26A8 ♂ or U+26A6 ♂ or U+26A9 ♂

Nonbinary gender identity symbols

These are symbols for specific nonbinary gender identities. Listed in alphabetical order.

Symbol	Description	Unicode
	An <u>agender</u> symbol made by tumblr user system-lgbt.	U+2205 ∅
	An <u>aliagender</u> symbol designed by a group of non-binary Brazilians in 2014. ^[3]	
	A <u>demiboy</u> symbol designed by a group of non-binary Brazilians in 2014. ^[3] It is a Mars symbol with half of the extending arrow removed.	
	A <u>demigirl</u> symbol designed by a group of non-binary Brazilians in 2014. ^[3] It is a Venus symbol with half of the extending cross removed.	

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Symbol	Description	Unicode
	Various <u>genderfluid</u> symbols made by tumblr user system-lgbt.	
	An interlocked 'G' and 'Q' symbolizing the <u>genderqueer</u> identity. Dates back to at least 2010. ^[6]	
	A gender symbol meant to represent <u>nonbinary</u> individuals specifically. The use of the "x" was a decision made by the creator (http://genderqueerid.com/post/27216986889/cakemeister-because-people-seem-to-like-it) (Johnathan R), in 2012, due to the rise of use of "x" as a letter that represents nonbinary individuals both legally and in <u>pronouns</u> and titles.	
	A <u>neutrois</u> or <u>neuter</u> symbol. Based on Venus and Mars symbols, but with no prongs.	U+26AA 

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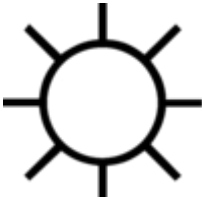
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Symbol	Description	Unicode
	A <u>neutrois</u> or <u>neuter</u> gender symbol, the latter used in botany. Also an older version of the Venus symbol.	U+26B2 ♀
<u>100px</u>	<u>Neutrois</u> symbol used by the <i>Neutrois Outpost</i> in 2000. The circles represent a null gender. Additionally, the lavender triangle is for pride in <u>LGBT</u> identity. ^[7]	
	A <u>neutrois</u> symbol. Can be seen as a variation on the Venus and Mars symbols that omits the prongs of either. Null or empty set symbol.	U+2205 ∅
	The astronomical symbol for comets used as a <u>nonbinary</u> symbol. Proposed because the male and female signs are both signs for planets.	U+2604 ☄
	<u>Nonbinary man</u> symbol created by a tumblr user named Aster in 2018. It is a Mars symbol with an asterisk inside the circle.	
	<u>Nonbinary woman</u> symbol created by a tumblr user named Aster in 2018. It is a Venus symbol with an asterisk inside the circle.	

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Symbol	Description	Unicode
	<u>Other gender</u> symbol.	
	<u>Pangender</u> symbol.	
	Symbol for those who use <u>Sissy</u> as a gender identity. Replaces the masculine spear icon with a feather duster.	
	A symbol for <u>solarian</u> nonbinary people. It is a minimalist representation of the Sun.	
	A <u>third gender</u> symbol designed by a group of non-binary Brazilians in 2014. ^[3] It is made of two shapes, a small triangle and a larger circle, connected by a horizontal line.	

More identity symbols

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These symbols are for identities that aren't always seen as nonbinary gender identities, or sometimes even as gender identities. Listed in alphabetical order.

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Symbol	Description	Unicode
	A <u>butch</u> symbol designed by a group of non-binary Brazilians in 2014. ^[3] It is a Mars symbol with elongated arms on the arrow.	
	<u>Eunuch</u> symbol. A male (Mars) symbol, with the extending arrow detached from the circle.	
	A <u>femme</u> symbol designed by a group of non-binary Brazilians in 2014. ^[3] It is a Venus symbol with longer arms on the cross.	
	<u>Gallae</u> gender symbol, by Laura Anne Seabrook. Based on the female (Venus) symbol, but also an alchemical symbol for sulfur (representing a fire triangle on a cross of earth)	U+1F70D 🜍
	<u>Intersex</u> symbol, the astrological symbol for Earth.	U+1F728 ⊕

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Symbol	Description	Unicode
	Mercury symbol, meaning hybrid. Used for intersex people and <u>genderfluid/gender nonconforming</u> individuals ^{[8][9]} . Originally used for hermaphroditism; when gender and sex were depicted as separate ^[10] , it also became symbol for androgyny. Depicts the staff of the Roman messenger god, based on the caduceus (below).	U+263F ♿
	As a symbolic object, it represents Hermes (or the Roman Mercury), and by extension trades, occupations, or undertakings associated with the god. In later Antiquity, the caduceus provided the basis for the astrological symbol representing the planet Mercury. Thus, through its use in astrology, alchemy, and astronomy it has come to denote the planet and elemental metal of the same name. It is said the wand would wake the sleeping and send the awake to sleep. If applied to the dying, their death was gentle; if applied to the dead, they returned to life. By extension of its association with Mercury and Hermes, the caduceus is also a recognized symbol of commerce and negotiation, two realms in which balanced exchange and reciprocity are recognized as ideals. This association is ancient, and consistent from the Classical period to modern times. The caduceus is also used as a symbol representing printing, again by extension of the attributes of Mercury (in this case associated with writing and eloquence).	
	<u>Gender questioning</u> symbols. The circle of the female (Venus) and male (Mars) symbols, but instead of their prongs, a question mark shape.	

Other kinds of gender symbols

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Some gender symbols aren't based on the Venus and Mars symbols. This can be an intentional choice for those who don't like Venus and Mars symbolism, or to get farther away from the gender binary.

Symbol	Description	Unicode
	In 1996, Raphael Carter proposed that this ambiguous geometric shape called the Necker Cube be a symbol for <u>androgynes</u> , "because it is either concave or convex depending on how you look at it." ^{[11][12]}	
	In some kinds of <u>family tree</u> diagrams (genograms or pedigrees), a triangle is a symbol for a person whose gender is unknown. It's also for fetuses that were miscarried, or were not yet born when the genogram was drawn. This is as opposed to squares (male) and circles (female).	
	A rhombus is a botanical symbol for a plant of unknown sex, as well as a family tree symbol for a person of unknown sex.	

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