

## Ruby master - Feature #15541

### Add alias `symbolize_keys` for `symbolize_names` kwarg for `JSON.parse`

01/16/2019 01:44 AM - baweaver (Brandon Weaver)

<b>Status:</b>	Open
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<b>Target version:</b>	
<b>Description</b> <a href="https://github.com/ruby/psych/issues/341">https://github.com/ruby/psych/issues/341</a>  When trying to symbolize keys on JSON parsing, it's really hard to remember the name <code>symbolize_names</code> :  <pre>JSON.parse(data, symbolize_names: true)</pre> I would like to propose that we change this keyword to <code>symbolize_keys</code> to be more clear:  <pre>JSON.parse(data, symbolize_keys: true)</pre> The documentation for this method also reflects the confusion: <a href="http://ruby-doc.org/stdlib-2.6/libdoc/json/rdoc/JSON.html#method-i-parse-21">http://ruby-doc.org/stdlib-2.6/libdoc/json/rdoc/JSON.html#method-i-parse-21</a>  <pre>symbolize_names: If set to true, returns symbols for the names (keys) in a JSON object. Otherwise strings are returned. Strings are the default.</pre> The same issue came up in Psych not too long ago:  <a href="https://github.com/ruby/psych/issues/341">https://github.com/ruby/psych/issues/341</a>  I believe the current name causes confusion. Would it be possible to add an alias to this keyword for clarity?	

#### History

##### #1 - 01/16/2019 02:04 AM - shevegen (Robert A. Heiler)

Personally I think that alias name would make sense. With a new alias the backwards behaviour would also be retained.

##### #2 - 01/23/2019 05:10 PM - baweaver (Brandon Weaver)

shevegen (Robert A. Heiler) wrote:

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An alias would probably be best as otherwise it would cause breaking changes, and I think we'd rather avoid that.