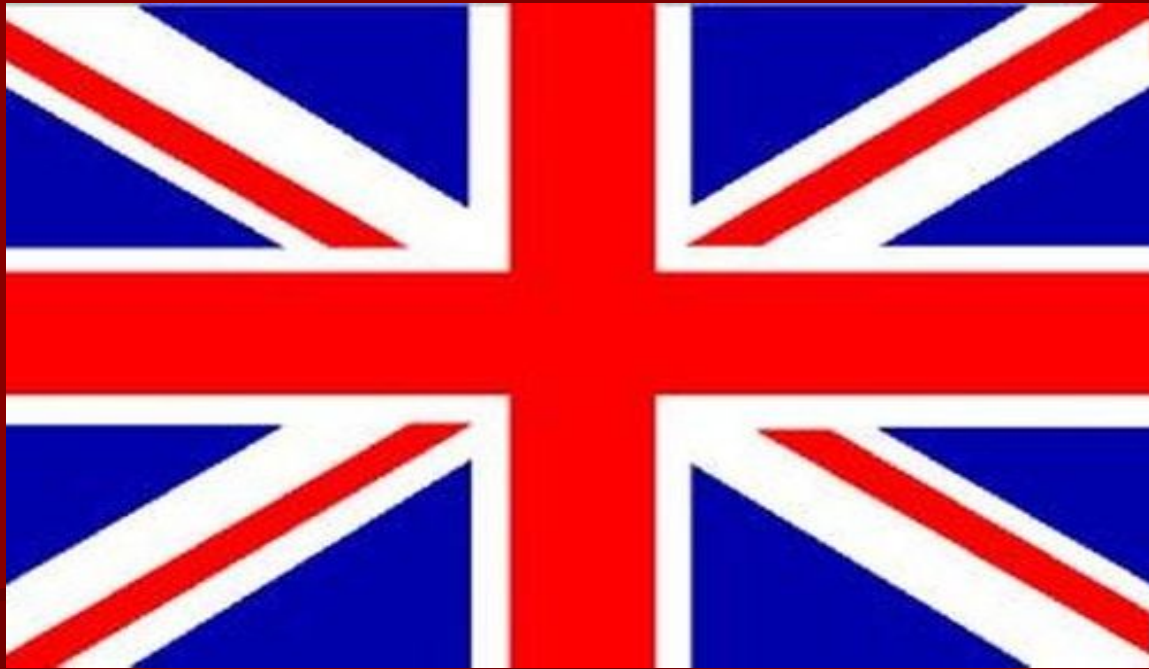
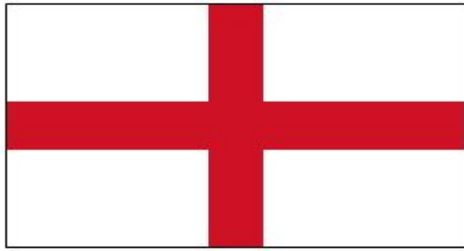


The Union Jack

The British flag, known as the Union Jack, is a combination of three flags: the Saint George's cross, the Saint Andrew's cross and the Saint Patrick's cross. They represent England, Scotland and Ireland. Wales isn't represented in the Union Flag: the Welsh have their own flag.





England

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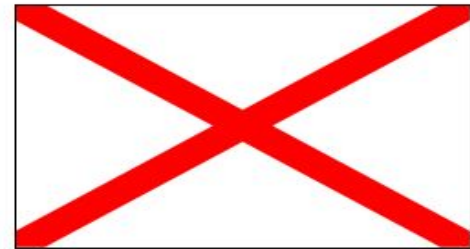


Scotland



**Original Union Flag
(1606)**

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Ireland



**Current Union Flag
(1801)**



The emblem of England is red rose. The Saint George's cross is the English flag. Saint George is the patron saint of England



People say: "He who has not seen Scotland does not really know Great Britain." Scotland is to the north of England. Its symbol is a thistle, its patron saint is St. Andrew. It is a country of high mountains, deep valleys and grassy plains. My heart is in the Highlands as Robert Burns wrote.

MY HEART'S IN THE HIGHLANDS.

My heart, s in the Highlands, my heart is not hear,
My heart, s in the Highlands a-chasing the deer,
A-chasing the wild deer and following the roe –
My heart, s in the Highlands, wherever I go!

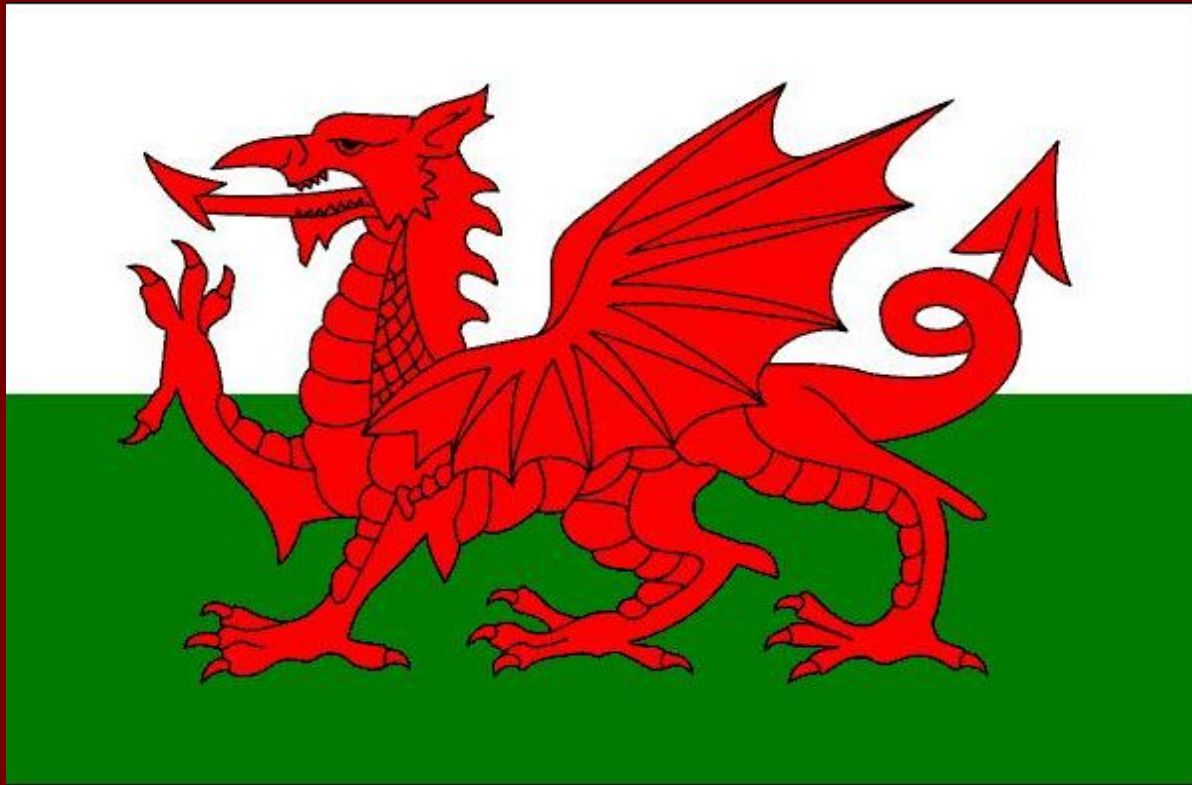


The Saint Patrick's cross is the flag of Ireland. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland.

The national emblem of Ireland is shamrock.



The Welsh flag shows a dragon. St. David is the patron saint of Wales. On the 1st of March, St. David 's Day, patriotic Welsh people wear a leek or a daffodil, both symbols of Wales.



The Royal Arms

In the Royal Arms three lions symbolize England, a lion rampant — Scotland, and a harp — Ireland. The whole is encircled and is supported by a lion and a unicorn. The lion has been used as a symbol of national strength and of the British monarchy for many centuries. The unicorn, a mythical animal that looks like a horse with a long straight horn, has appeared on the Scottish and British royal coats of arms for many centuries, and is a symbol of purity.

