

# HISTORY OF GREAT BRITAIN FLAG

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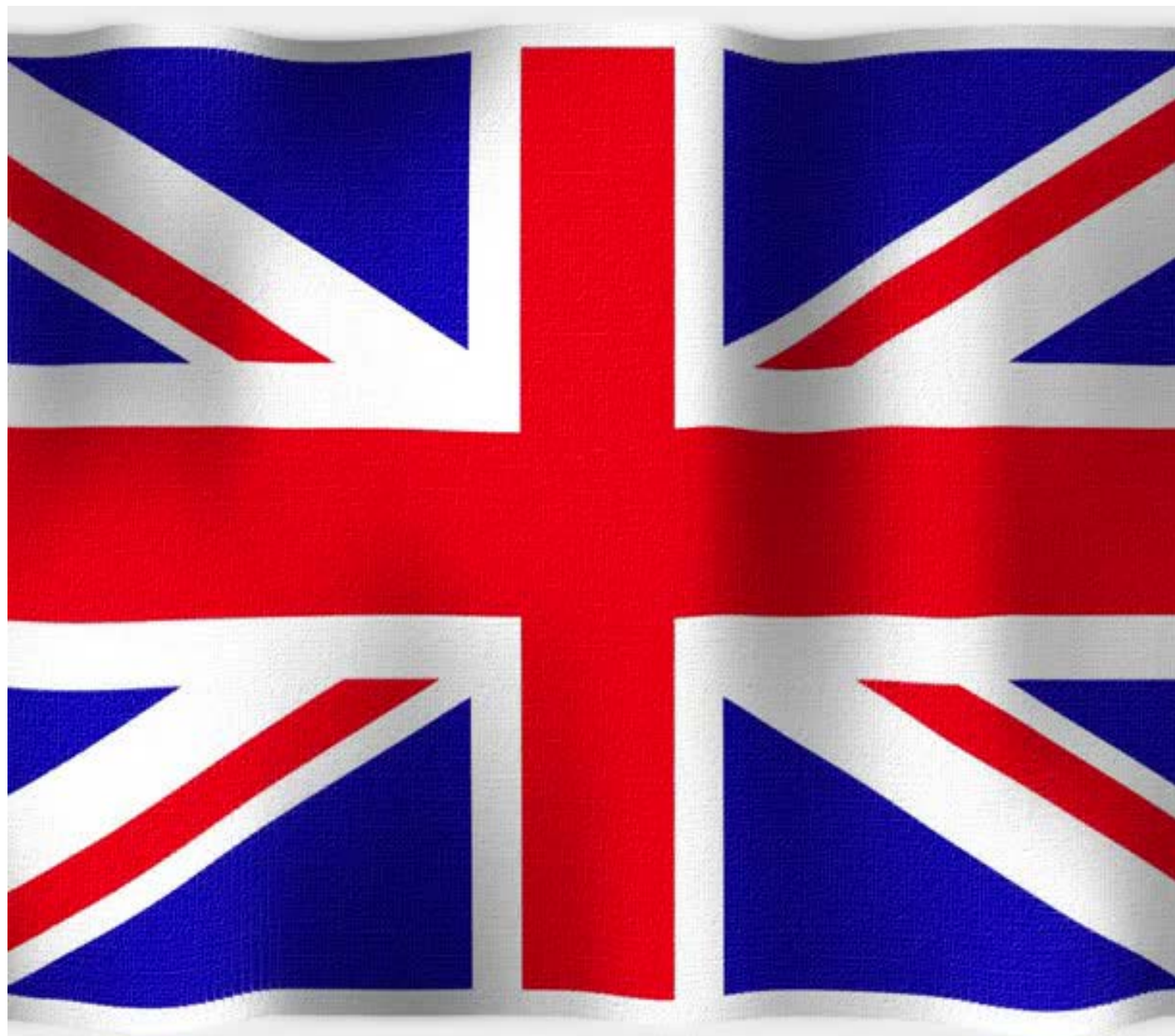
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**The flag of  
Great Britain**

**is called the  
Union Flag.**

**The English  
people have got  
the flag which is  
red, white and  
blue.**



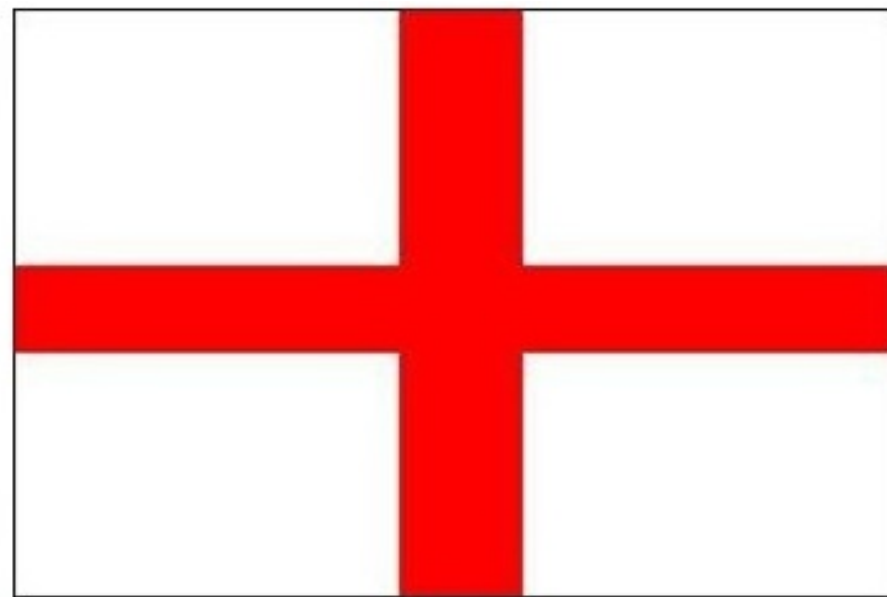
**In fact, it consists of three flags:  
the Scottish, the Irish and the English**



**SCOTLAND**  
(St. Andrew's white cross on blue)



**IRELAND**  
(St. Patrick's red cross on white)



**ENGLAND**  
(St. George's red cross on white)

**The Union Flag underwent a gradual development. The first one was created in 1606, when England and Scotland were united under the wish of Queen Elizabeth I and on the order of King James I**



**With King James I  
inheritance of the  
English throne**

**the Cross of Saint George  
the patron saint of  
England was placed  
over the Scottish  
Cross of Saint Andrew  
the patron saint of  
Scotland to form the  
British Union  
Flag**



1277 Saint George's Cross - England



823 Saint Andrew's Cross - Scotland



1606 - 1801 Grand Union Flag  
Kingdom of Great Britain

**All seagoing ships  
began using the  
new Union flag  
better known  
today as the  
Union Jack**



# The final version of the Union Flag

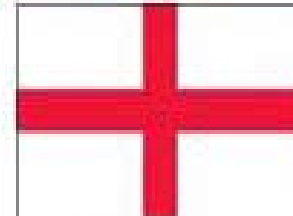
appeared in 1801,  
following the  
union of Great  
Britain with  
Ireland, with  
inclusion of the  
cross of St.  
Patrick



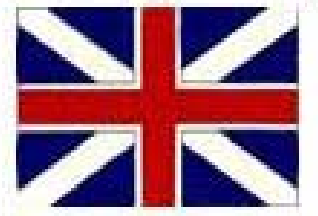
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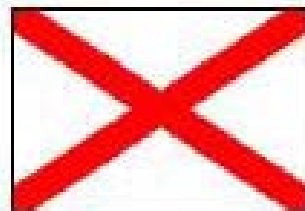
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