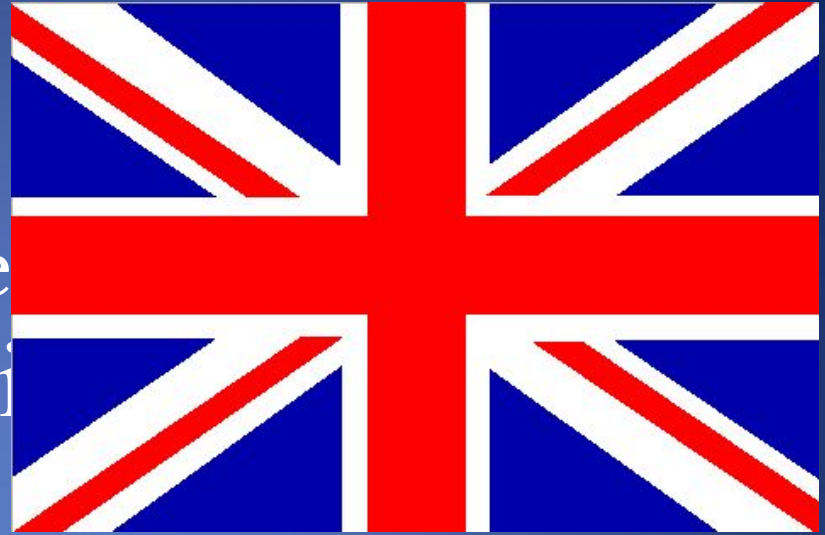


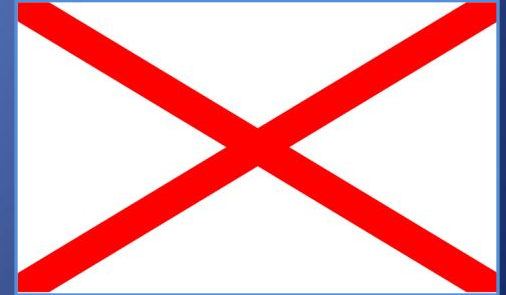
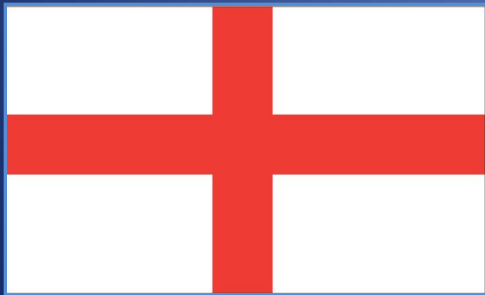
The image features a stylized, waving Union Jack flag in shades of blue, red, and white. The flag is set against a white background and is framed by a dark blue border. Overlaid on the center of the flag is the text "The Union Jack" in a large, bold, blue font, and "the flag of Great Britain" in a slightly smaller, bold, blue font below it.

**The Union Jack**  
**the flag of Great Britain**

The Union Jack  
This is the popular name  
to the flag of Great Britain



Actually it is called the Union Flag  
and it is a mixture of several flags:



It all began in 1606  
when Scotland  
was joined to  
**England** and **Wal**



The Scottish flag, St Andrew's Cross



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the **English Flag**, **St George's Cross**



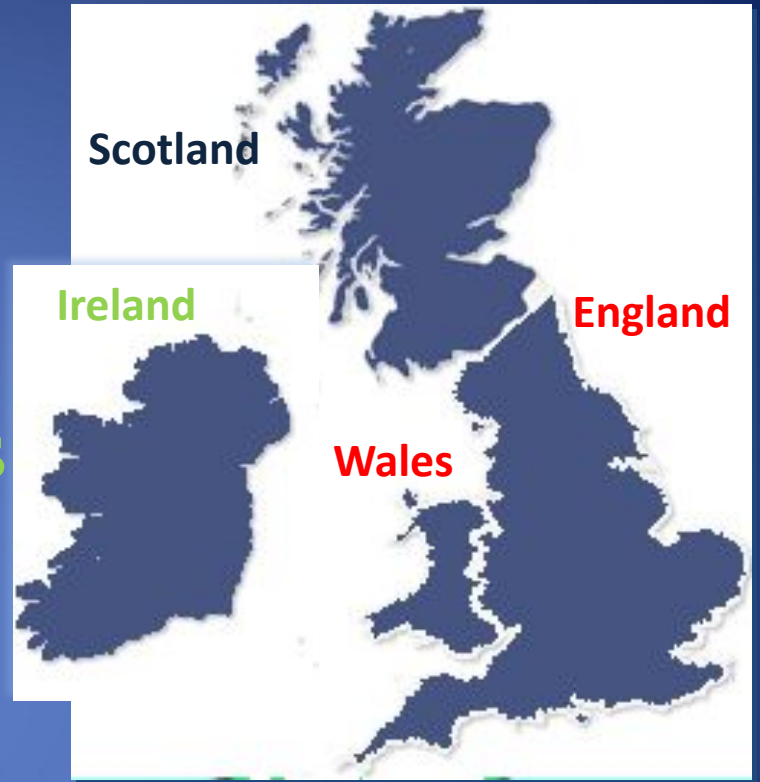
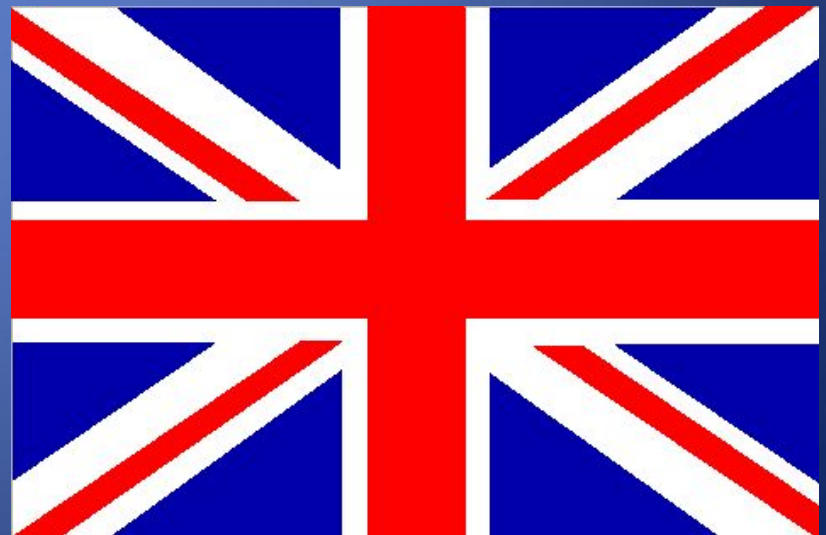
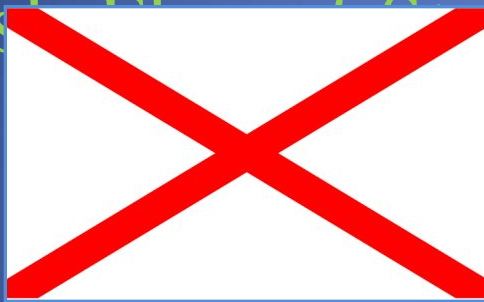
The English people got the Union Flag which is red, white and blue. King James the First (1566 – 1625) ordered that the Union Flag should be flown on the main mast of all British ships, except on ships of war. Here the flag was flown at the front of the ships, on what was called the *bowsprit*. The end of the bowsprit was called the Jack Star and so we get the name of Union Jack. A “jack” by the way is an old word for a flag.



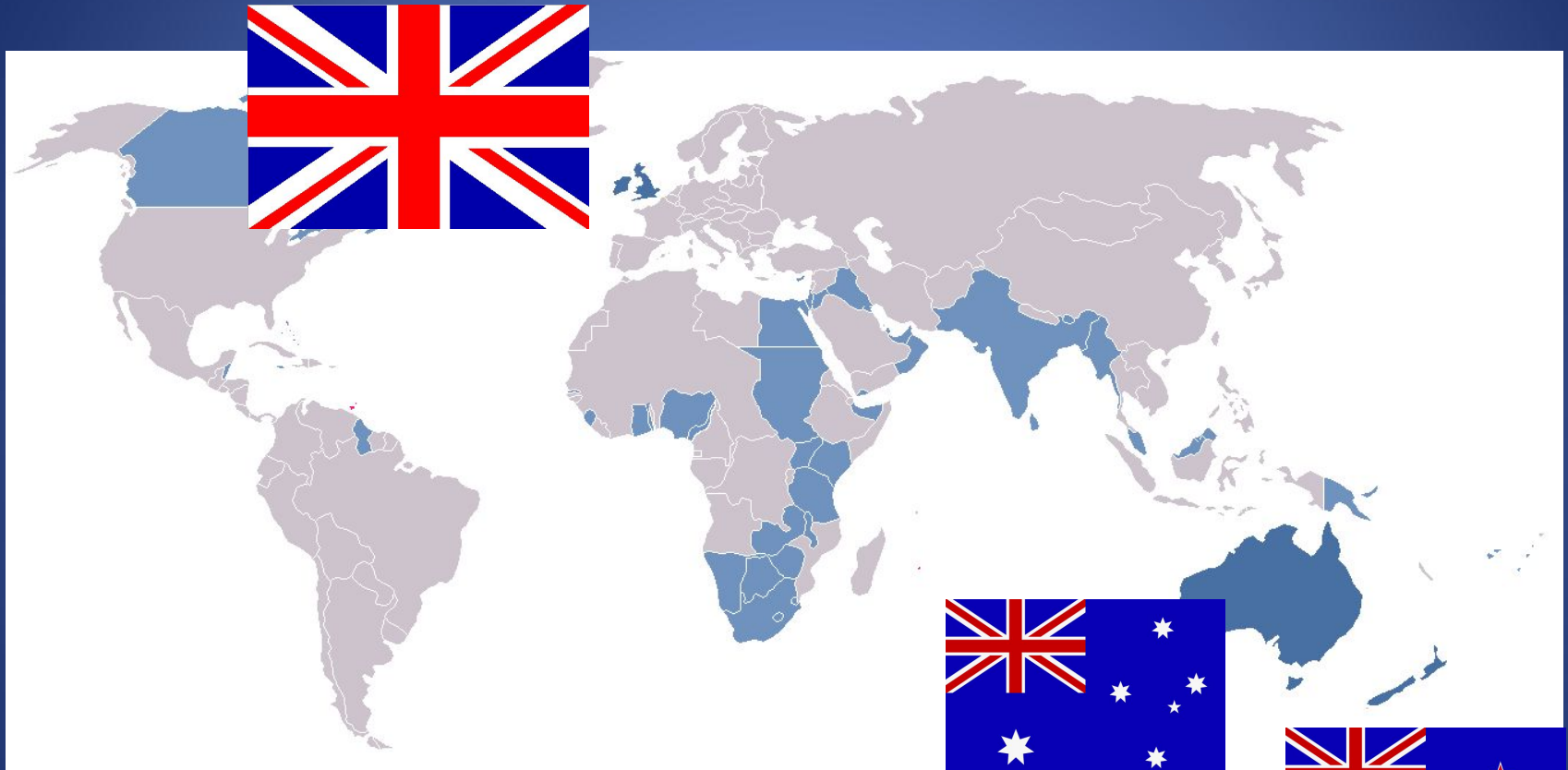
In 1801, when **Ireland** was joined to

the **Union**, as it was called,

the **Irish Flag** and **St. Patrick's Cross**



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The **Union Jack** is also on the flags of  
**Australia**  
and **New Zealand**

THANK YOU!