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❤️🏳️‍🌈❤️ Confederate Flag emoji #115

🔒 Closed Crissov opened this issue on Feb 5, 2017 · 19 comments

Labels

- 🚩 flag
- 🔗 sequence
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Crissov commented on Feb 5, 2017 • edited

Owner

Unlike US state flags, the flag of the short-lived Confederate States of America (CSA) is not covered by any part of ISO 3166. It remains popular in the South-Eastern United States as a symbol for rebellion, independence, local pride, conservatism and white supremacy.

As an alternative or intermediate solution, people could adopt a canonical Emoji (ZWJ) Sequence, e.g. using the Red and Blue Hearts:

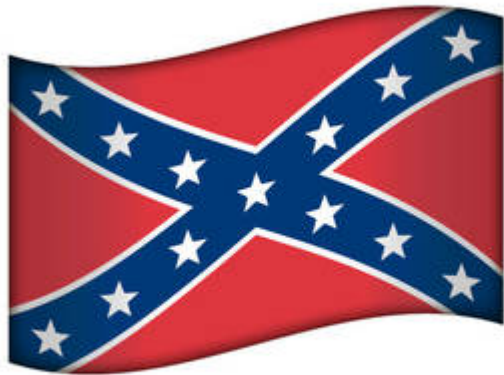
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Using a sequence of the US Flag emoji and a qualifier would be less preferable on both technical and emotional grounds:

- US 🏳️‍🌈
- US 📄
- US ❌
- US 🏳️‍🌈
- US 🏳️‍🌈

Petitions

- [change.org: Confederate Flag](https://change.org/Confederate-Flag)



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🏷️ Crissov added flag sequence with petition labels on Feb 5, 2017

✎️ Crissov changed the title ~~Confederate Flag emoji~~ ❤️🇺🇸❤️ Confederate Flag emoji on Mar 2, 2017

Crissov commented on May 4, 2017 Owner Author

- <https://www.change.org/p/samsung-confederate-flag-emoji>

Crissov commented on Jun 3, 2017 Owner Author

Mockups



YouCantHandleT... commented on Jun 17, 2017

Because no one wants to see the American Devil Flag on a list of emojis.

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  **Crissov** mentioned this issue on Jun 18, 2017

Most frequent emoji requests submitted to Emojipedia #385

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Miomio2 commented on Sep 13, 2017

I think many people would use it, it's not an offensive symbol, that's just a part of american south history and local pride. So why not add it?

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  **Crissov** changed the title ❤️🇺🇸❤️ ~~Confederate Flag emoji~~ ❤️🇺🇸❤️ Confederate Flag emoji on Sep 13, 2017

Crissov commented on Sep 13, 2017 • edited ▾

Owner Author

The major problem is that there is no obvious way how to encode it. A minor problem is that it is indeed offensive to many people (because other emojis are as well).

davidmanheim commented on Sep 13, 2017 • edited ▾

If this is added, are we prepared to add one for the Nazi flag, or the ISIS flag? Former countries, Non-countries, and terrorist organizations or insurgencies don't get Unicode symbols - and the so-called "Confederacy" is certainly in at least one of those groups.

Because there is already an appropriate emoji reaction to adding such a symbol... 👍

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cadayton commented on Aug 21, 2018

It is necessary to disclaim any connection of these Confederate flags to neo-nazis, red-necks, skin-heads and the like. These groups have adopted this flag and desecrated it by their acts. They have no right to use this flag - it is a flag of honor, designed by the confederacy as a banner representing state's rights and still revered by the South. <http://www.usflag.org/history/confederatetestarsandbars.html>



✉️ **davidmanheim** commented on Aug 22, 2018

Why would a flag of a now-defunct insurgency, attempting to secede from the US federal government in order to preserve slavery, represent state's rights within that union, or anything else other than the cause of that insurgency?



cadayton commented on Aug 22, 2018

It is honoring the southern farmers who had the balls to unite against the economic sanctions imposed by the north. The civil was about economics not about slavery. There are millions of economic slaves in China today and nobody cares enough to do anything about it. Keeping the memory alive might help future generations avoid a repeat.



davidmanheim commented on Aug 23, 2018 • edited ▾

Again, I don't understand why this flag would be any different than any other non-state or former flag. Should Unicode add flags for, say, former countries like Yugoslavia, to help remember the pan-slavic movement? Or any of several thousand other non-state flags? The simple answer is that Unicode flags are for countries, and I don't see any reason to give special status to a small group of Americans in the southern United States who have an emotional attachment to this flag.

Edit to note: The Unicode standard on this is clear - <https://unicode.org/reports/tr51/#Flags> - the standard governing what flags to include is ISO-3166, and Section 4 of the standard is clear. If people want more flag emojis, they first need to convince the ISO to change how they deal with this case, perhaps via adding to the list of the deprecated former countries or defining a special sub-country region for the former CSA.

And yes, this is completely separate from the concern @cadayton tried to address, since we all understand that there is absolutely no way that it's not also going to be used as a racist symbol.



cadayton commented on Aug 25, 2018

Not advocating there be a ISO code for the Confederate Navy Cross flag. But do think the association to radical activist uses of it shows total lack of historical knowledge.

✉️ **davidmanheim** commented on Aug 26, 2018

"total lack of historical knowledge. "

You're referring to the origin of the flag, back in the 1950s and 1860s, which I'm very aware of. And the civil war was about slavery and rebellion against the US government, not states rights within that framework. But the claim that it's not associated with racism and radical activism shows an additional and much more glaring lack of knowledge about the 1950s and 1960s, which is when the symbol began to be used after a century lull, as well as an ignorance of current political symbolism.

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cadayton commented on Aug 27, 2018

The civil war was simply about money. The north trying to control the prices of the southern corps and blocking exports from the southern states. Slavery and other issues were simply propaganda by the north to justify their actions. Yes others have used the flag to symbolize whatever but they are idiots and I chosen not to recognize their existences.

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waw12331 commented on May 16, 2019

The flag stands for the army of northern Virginia or as some called it "Lee's army"... the rest of the states saw how successful lee's army was... so they started using it as their BATTLE FLAG... this is a symbol of soldiers and state rights.... just cuz some use it as hate symbols don't mean it was meant to be used as one... stop slurring the flag of my home

If the US lost the civil war would y'all be slurring their flag or burning it? Now think twice before making fun of southern people. Furthermore, since the KKK uses white bed sheets as their symbol as well, let's ban white bedsheets as well 😂

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tomwhoiscontrary commented on May 24, 2019

As a Brit, i'm happy to slur the current US flag if that would help!



VirtusB commented on Jun 19, 2019

Add the emoji, it would go great with the 5 flags I have up in my house



nicZombie commented on Jun 24, 2019

Now they can be racist over the Internet YEEYEE



norayr commented on Jul 15, 2021

i think that any symbol available today as emoji can become offensive for some people tomorrow.

tomorrow some neo nazi movement can take a banana symbol, or some flower as their sign. will we then remove it from unicode?

imagine hitler happened today. we would have already an emoji that he would use as swastika. hey the swastika is not his invention, it existed before nazis for several thousand years.



Crissov closed this as completed on Mar 29

davidmanheim commented on Jun 20

There's an entire section of the proposals document on the rules for flags:

<https://unicode.org/emoji/proposals.html#Flags>

From that section: "The Emoji Subcommittee and the UTC will no longer accept proposals for flags."

If you want a new flag, the proper procedure is to request a change to the process, not to ask for the flag. This was closed. Please stop asking.

Assignees

No one assigned

Labels



Projects

None yet

Milestone

No milestone

Development

No branches or pull requests

10 participants

