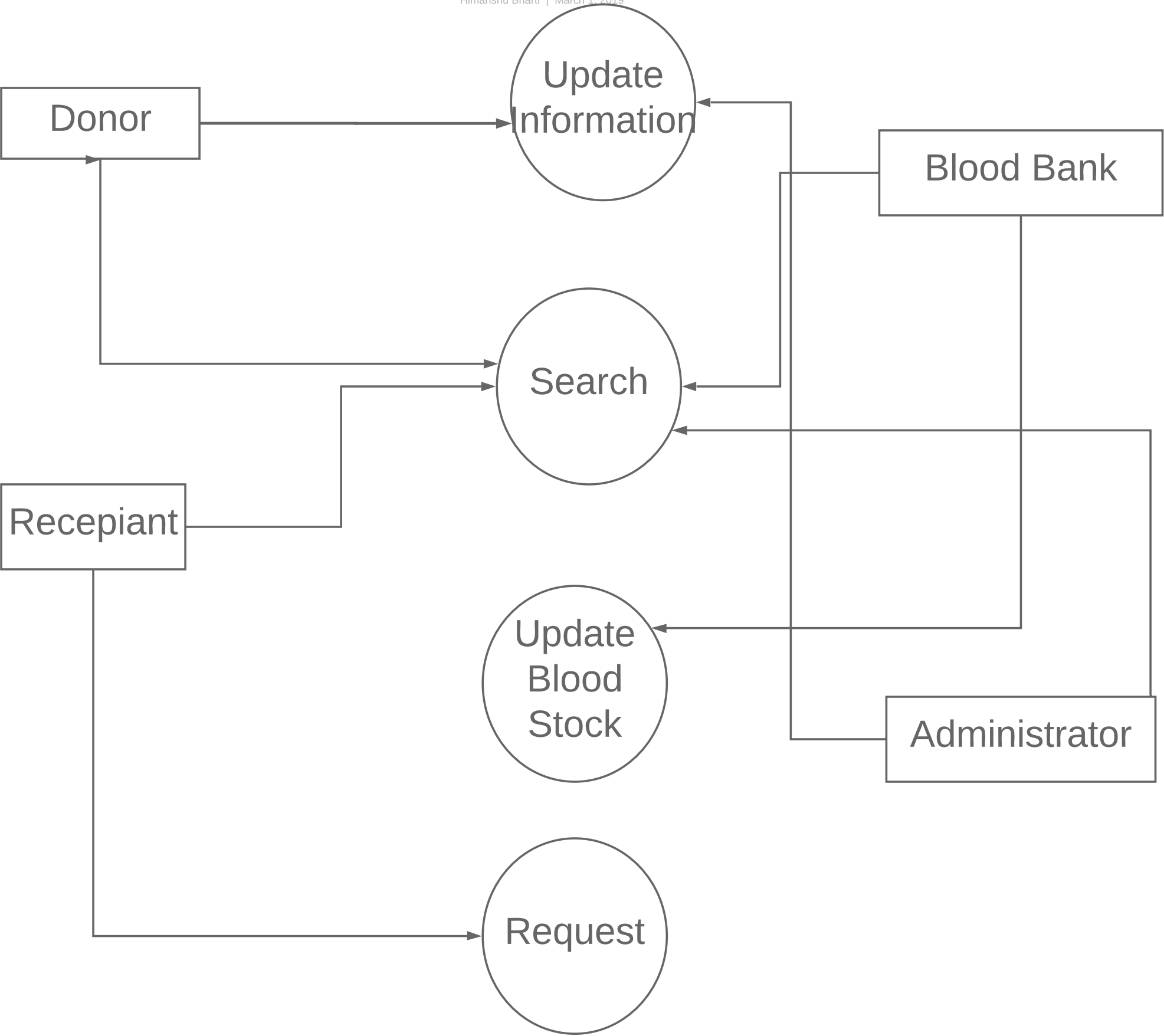


Data Flow Diagram (Logical)

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Description

A data flow diagram (DFD) maps out the flow of information for any process or system. Use a DFD to analyze an existing system or model a new one.

This particular DFD is a logical DFD, which focuses on the business and the information needed, not on how the system works or is proposed to work (which is what a physical DFD does). For example, in a logical DFD, the processes would be business activities.

DFDs use defined symbols and shapes to show data inputs, outputs, storage points, and the routes between each destination. This diagram uses the Gane and Sarson symbols. These symbols, as well as Yourdon and Coad symbols, can be found in the Data Flow shape library.

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