

ANIMAL SHELTER WEBSITE

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EXPERIMENT NO 4

AIM: Develop a data flow diagram for the project

THEORY:

DFD is the abbreviation for **Data Flow Diagram**. The flow of data of a system or a process is represented by DFD. It also gives insight into the inputs and outputs of each entity and the process itself. DFD does not have control flow and no loops or decision rules are present. Specific operations depending on the type of data can be explained by a flowchart. It is a graphical tool, useful for communicating with users ,managers and other personnel. it is useful for analyzing existing as well as proposed system.

It provides an overview of

- What data is system processes.
- What transformation are performed.
- What data are stored.
- What results are produced , etc.

Components of DFD:

The Data Flow Diagram has 4 components:

- **Process** Input to output transformation in a system takes place because of process function. The symbols of a process are rectangular with rounded corners, oval, rectangle or a circle. The process is named a short sentence, in one word or a phrase to express its essence
- **Data Flow** Data flow describes the information transferring between different parts of the systems. The arrow symbol is the symbol of data flow. A relatable name should be given to the flow to determine the information which is being moved. Data flow also represents material along with information that is being moved. Material shifts are modeled in systems that are not merely informative. A given flow should only transfer a single type of information. The direction of flow is represented by the arrow which can also be bi-directional.
- **Warehouse** The data is stored in the warehouse for later use. Two horizontal lines represent the symbol of the store. The warehouse is simply not restricted to being a data file rather it can be anything like a folder with documents, an optical disc, a filing cabinet. The data warehouse can be viewed independent of its implementation. When the data flow from the warehouse it is considered as data reading and when data flows to the warehouse it is called data entry or data updating.
- **Terminator** The Terminator is an external entity that stands outside of the system and communicates with the system. It can be, for example, organizations like banks, groups of people like customers or different departments of the same organization, which is not a part of the model system and is an external entity. Modeled systems also communicate with terminator.

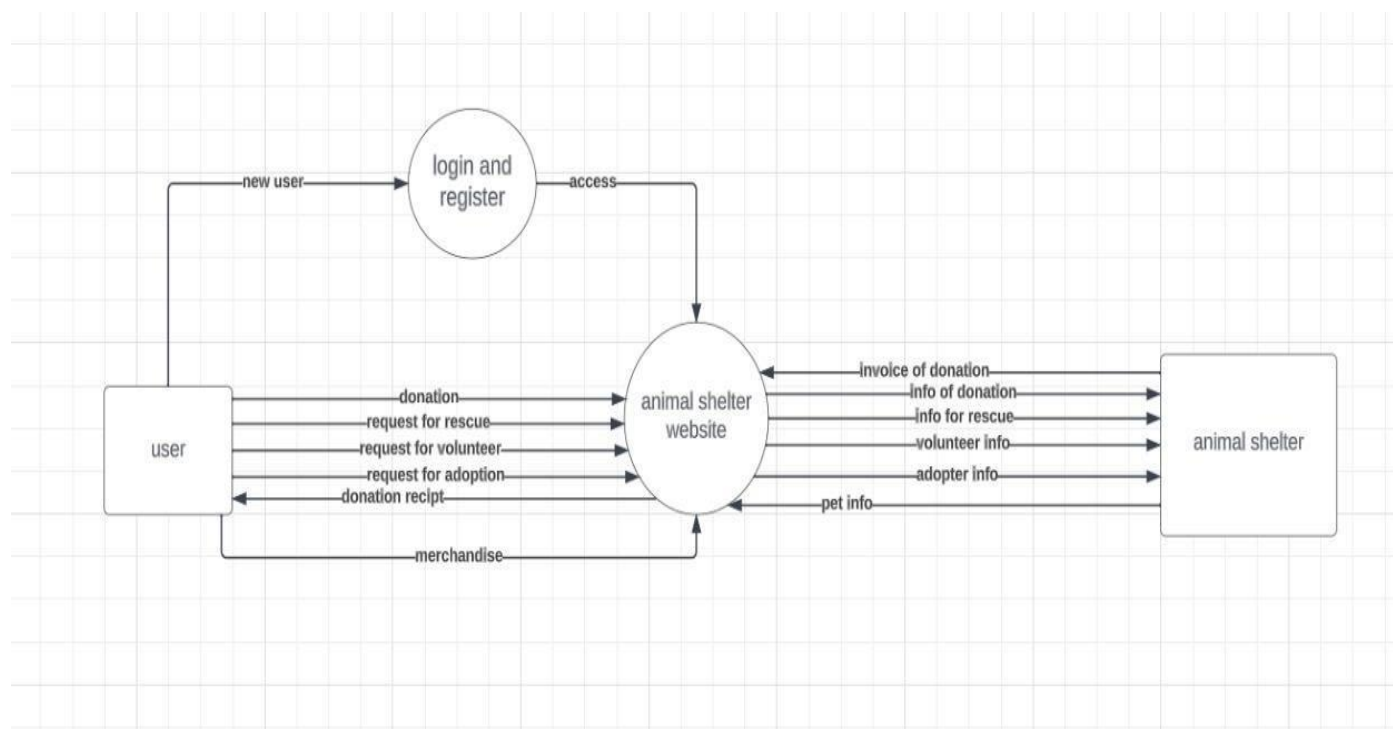
Rules for creating DFD

- The name of the entity should be easy and understandable without any extra assistance(like comments).
- The processes should be numbered or put in ordered list to be referred easily.
- The DFD should maintain consistency across all the DFD levels.
- A single DFD can have a maximum of nine processes and a minimum of three processes.

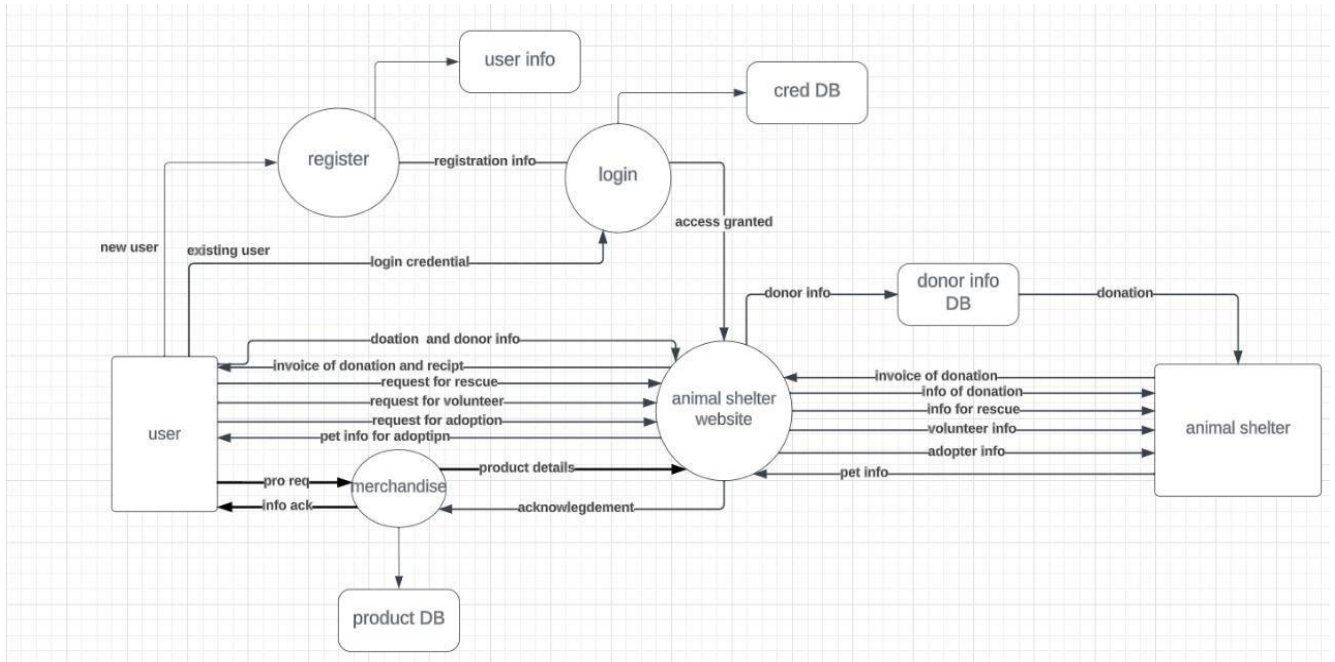
Symbols Used in DFD

- **Square Box:** A square box defines source or destination of the system. It is also called entity. It is represented by rectangle.
- **Arrow or Line:** An arrow identifies the data flow i.e. it gives information to the data that is in motion.
- **Circle or bubble chart:** It represents as a process that gives us information. It is also called processing box.
- **Open Rectangle:** An open rectangle is a data store. In this data is store either temporary or permanently.

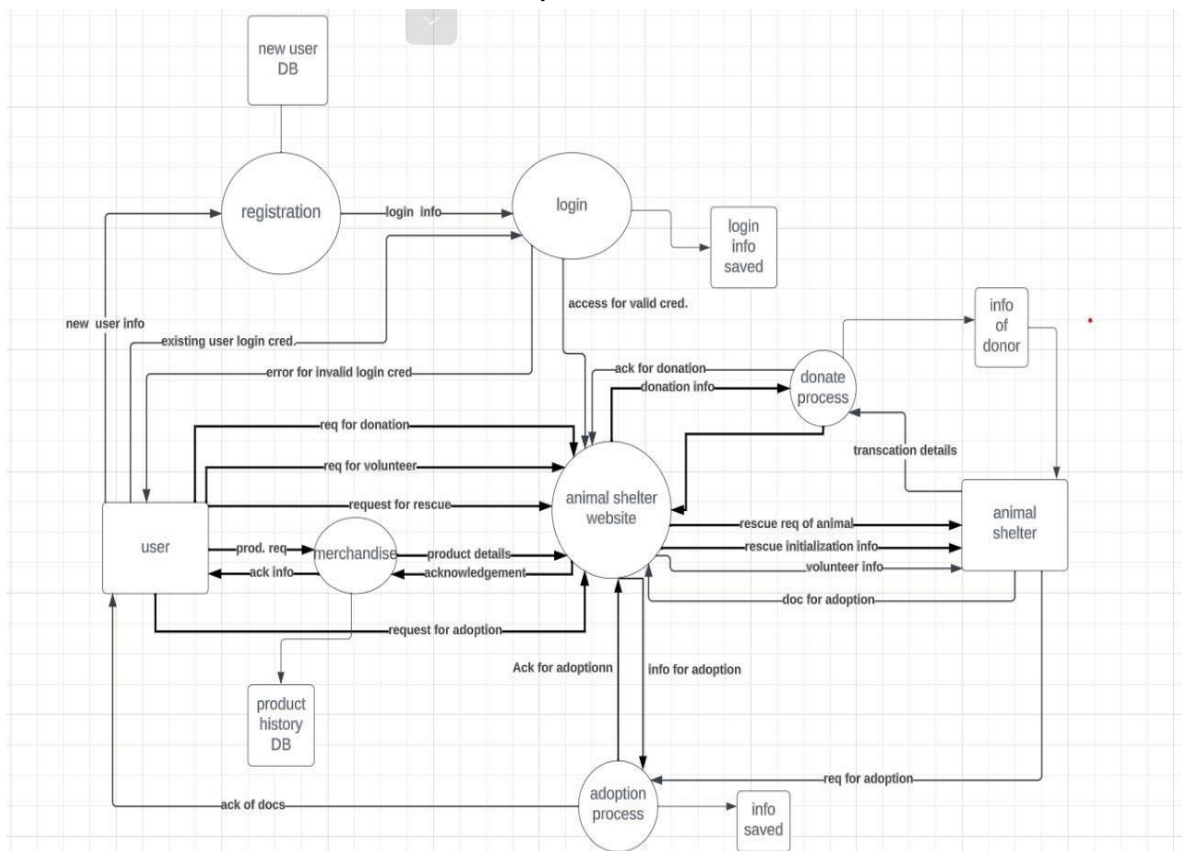
OUTPUT:



1) DFD 0



2) DFD 1



3) DFD 2