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Abstract

It will be developed a System which allows ShEx (Shape Expressions) code editing in a collaborative way. A person editing a file will be able to see changes made by another person in real time. This application will be cloud-based, that is, it will be deployed as a Website. Every user will have ShEx files on their own, and these files could be shared with other users for their collaborative editing.

As a Software developing project, this one will be focused on the analysis, design, and implementation of Software Systems that will solve the problem previously described.

Keywords

ShEx, collaborative, editor, ShareYASHE, YASHE, Web Semantics, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, WebSockets, Software, testing, development, engineering, usability, adaptability, accessibility, design, architecture.

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1 Summary

1.1 Introduction

Shape Expressions (ShEx)[ShEx13] is a formal language and framework used for specifying and validating the structural constraints of data, particularly in the context of the Semantic Web and Linked Data. It provides a concise and expressive syntax for defining the shapes or structures that data should conform to. These shapes can be applied to various data models, including RDF (Resource Description Framework) graphs, JSON documents, XML, and more.

The fundamental concept behind Shape Expressions is that of a shape, which represents a pattern or template for specifying the structure and constraints that data should adhere to. A shape consists of a collection of constraints and rules that define the allowed properties, their cardinality, value types, and interrelationships within the data.

ShareYASHE is an innovative project aimed at providing a user-friendly and efficient platform for creating, editing, and collaborating on Shape Expressions specifications in a distributed and collaborative manner. This web-based editor leverages the power of the cloud to enable teams of users to work together seamlessly, regardless of their geographical locations. The term “ShareYASHE” is a reference to ShareLaTeX (a collaborative cloud-based LaTeX editor), using YASHE as the base term instead of LaTeX.

Shape Expressions, being a powerful language for specifying structural constraints, plays a crucial role in the Semantic Web and Linked Data domains. However, creating and managing Shape Expressions specifications can be a challenging task, especially when multiple stakeholders are involved. Traditional text-based editors lack the collaborative features required for efficient teamwork, often leading to coordination issues, version conflicts, and time-consuming manual merging of changes.

This collaborative cloud-based ShEx editor addresses these challenges by providing a rich set of features that empower teams to work collaboratively and efficiently. The editor's web-based nature allows users to access and work on Shape Expressions specifications from anywhere, using a standard web browser. This eliminates the need for installing specialized software on individual machines and facilitates easy onboarding for team members.

Imagine a seamless collaboration experience where you and your team members can work on Shape Expressions specifications together, regardless of your geographical locations. With real-time collaboration, you can make edits, provide feedback, and engage in discussions in a synchronized environment. Say goodbye to tedious email chains and manual merging of changes. This editor empowers you to work efficiently, ensuring that everyone is on the same page and accelerating the specification development process.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of ShareYASHE is to provide a powerful and user-friendly platform for creating, editing, and collaborating on Shape Expressions (ShEx) specifications. The project aims to address the challenges faced by teams working on ShEx by offering a comprehensive solution that promotes seamless collaboration, improves productivity, and simplifies the overall process of managing ShEx specifications.

The primary purpose of the project is to facilitate effective collaboration among team members. The editor enables real-time collaboration, allowing multiple users to work simultaneously on the same ShEx specification. This eliminates the need for manual coordination and the risk of version conflicts. By providing a synchronized environment for editing and discussion, the project enhances teamwork, fosters communication, and accelerates the development of ShEx specifications.

Another key purpose of the project is to enhance productivity. The editor offers a user-friendly interface with features such as syntax highlighting, auto-completion, and error checking. These features assist users in writing valid and error-free ShEx specifications, reducing the time spent on manual troubleshooting. By streamlining the specification creation process and minimizing errors, the project empowers users to focus on shaping their data efficiently.

The project also aims to simplify access and onboarding. As a cloud-based editor, it eliminates the need for users to install specialized software on their machines. Users can access and work on ShEx specifications from anywhere, using a standard web browser. This ease of access ensures that team members can collaborate seamlessly, regardless of their geographical locations. Furthermore, the user-friendly interface reduces the learning curve, making it easier for new users to onboard and contribute to the project quickly.

1.3 Objective

The objective of creating a collaborative cloud-based Shape Expressions (ShEx) editor is to develop a robust and feature-rich platform that enables teams to collaborate seamlessly on ShEx specifications in a distributed and efficient manner. The primary goal is to address the limitations of traditional text-based editors and provide a comprehensive solution that promotes real-time collaboration, enhances productivity, and simplifies the process of working with ShEx.

One of the main objectives of the project is to facilitate effective collaboration among team members. By leveraging cloud-based technologies, the editor allows multiple users to work on the same ShEx specification simultaneously. Real-time collaboration ensures that changes made by one user are instantly reflected to others, enabling a synchronized environment for teamwork. This objective aims to eliminate coordination issues, version conflicts, and delays in the collaboration process.

1.4 Scope

The scope of the ShareYASHE project encompasses the development of a comprehensive platform that allows users to create, edit, and collaborate on Shape Expressions (ShEx) specifications. The project aims to provide a robust set of features and functionalities that enable seamless collaboration, enhance productivity, and simplify the overall process of working with ShEx.

The scope of the project also covers considerations such as performance, scalability, and security. The editor should be designed to handle a considerable number of concurrent users and ensure data privacy and integrity. It should also support efficient search and navigation within specifications, as well as offer export/import functionalities to facilitate interoperability with other tools and platforms.

It is important to note that the scope of the project does not extend to the actual specification of the ShEx language itself. The focus is on providing a collaborative editing environment for working with ShEx specifications rather than defining the language's syntax or semantics.

The project's scope includes the following key components.

1.4.1 Web-based editor

The project focuses on developing a web-based editor that allows users to access and work on ShEx specifications through a standard web browser. The editor will provide an intuitive and user-friendly interface with features such as syntax highlighting, auto-completion, and error checking to facilitate efficient specification creation and editing.

1.4.2 Real-time collaboration

The project aims to enable real-time collaboration, allowing multiple users to work on the same ShEx specification simultaneously. This feature ensures that changes made by one user are instantly reflected to others, promoting synchronized teamwork and reducing coordination issues and version conflicts.

2 Project planning

2.1 Initial planning

The project is expected to take place between 1st January 2023 and 1st July 2023. In this chapter we will see the initial planning for the project. The project objectives will be defined, and a comprehensive plan for the project execution will be established. The project planning phase is indeed part of the project planning.

There will only be one developer involved in this project, who will adjust himself to a full-time flexible schedule to carry out these labours: 8h per day, from Monday to Friday; this makes 40 hours per week.

The following Gantt chart presents a visual representation of the project schedule that shows the tasks, milestones, and dependencies over time. It provides a graphical view of the project's timeline, intended to allow the understanding of the project's progress, track tasks, and manage resources effectively.

2.1.1 Gantt chart

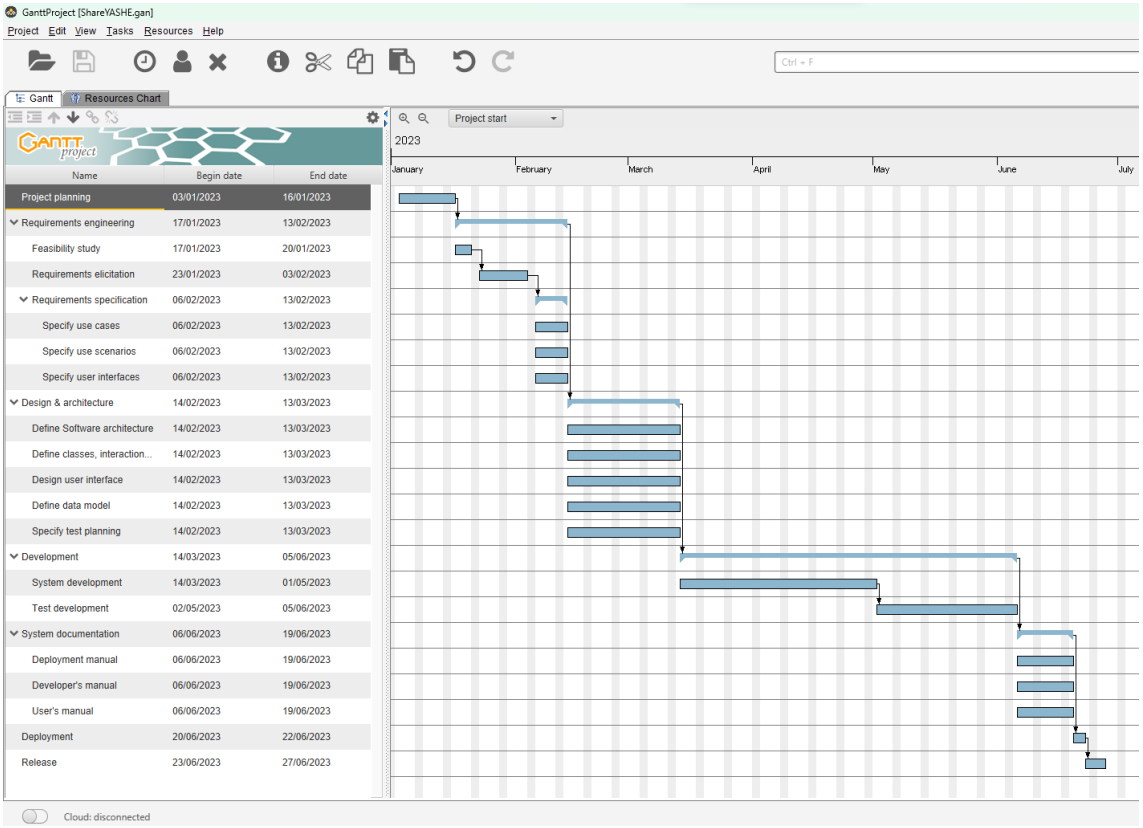


Figure 1. Gantt chart of the project.

2.1.2 List of project tasks

The project is initially planned to have the following tasks.

1. Project planning.
2. Requirements engineering.
    a. Requirements elicitation.
    b. Requirements analysis and specification.
        i. Specify use cases.
        ii. Specify use scenarios.
3. Design and architecture.
    a. Define Software architecture.
    b. Define classes, interactions, and states.
    c. Design user interface.
    d. Define data model.
    e. Specify test planning.
4. Development.
    a. System development.
    b. Test development.
5. System documentation.
    a. Deployment manual.
    b. Developer's manual.
    c. User's manual.
6. Deployment.
7. Release.

These tasks may vary from those at the end of the project, due to this being an initial planning.

2.2 Initial budget

The initial budget section of this document provides a comprehensive overview of the estimated costs associated with the execution of the project. It presents a breakdown of various cost categories, allocations, and total budget projections.

Even though some resources, such as a personal computer, are already given to the developer, it must be written as if the project started from scratch.

The budget is organized into specific cost components, including personnel costs, hardware and software expenses, external services, communication and travel expenses, licensing and intellectual property fees, marketing and promotion costs, contingency, and miscellaneous expenses. Detailed cost estimates are provided for each category, outlining the assumptions and calculations used in the estimation process.

By presenting this initial budget, we ensure a clear understanding of the financial resources required to successfully execute the project while allowing for effective cost management and control.

Item	Concept	Quantity	Amortization	Price per unit	Total
1	*Software resources*				
1.1	Microsoft Windows 11	1	5%	150€	157.5€
1.2	Microsoft Office 365	1	7%	150€	160.5€
2	*Hardware resources*				
2.1	Server on the cloud	1	40%	300 €/month	2520€
2.2	Personal computer	2	20%	1000€	1200€
2.3	Tools: Internet, electricity, paper, pencils…	-	40%	300€	420€
3	*Human resources*				
3.1	Software developer	1	70%	1200 €/month	6120€
Subtotal					10578€
Beneficio (7%)					740.46€
IVA (21%)					2221.38€
TOTAL					13539.84€

Figure 2. Initial budget of the project.

The total cost of this project is **13 539.84€**.

3 Software requirements engineering

The Software requirements engineering process is a crucial phase in any Software development project, which involves gathering, analysing, documenting, and managing the requirements for a Software System[IanS11].

For this project, the three following phases were considered necessary.

- Requirements elicitation. This involves understanding and defining the needs of stakeholders, such as clients, end-users, and domain experts.
- Requirements analysis. The collected requirements are analysed to ensure clarity, consistency, and completeness. Conflicting or ambiguous requirements are resolved, and dependencies between different requirements are identified.
- Requirements specification. The requirements are documented in a formal and structured manner.

3.1 Software requirements elicitation

3.1.1 Identified stakeholders and other sources of information

The requirements elicitation phase requires to identify and involve all relevant stakeholders and any other source of information. The identified stakeholders and sources of information are listed below.

- The advisor. This project is a request made directly by the degree project advisor, who intends to use it as a tool for the labours of the WESO research group. He is both the advisor of this degree project, and the product owner.
- The WESO research group. The WESO research group works with Shape Expressions, and already uses similar tools to the intended product of this project. YASHE, the library which will work a supporting Software for the product of this project, was developed by the WESO group.
- Shape Expressions reference. The Shape Expressions language has its documentation on the W3C website: W3C - ShEx.
- Kevin Jahns, creator of the Yjs Project. He is the creator of the supporting Software module which will be used for implementing the collaborativity of the ShareYASHE editor instances.
- Similar products, such as Overleaf.

3.1.2 Elicitation technique: interviews

Due to the size and complexity of the project, the availability of stakeholders, and the nature of the requirements, I reckon that only one technique of elicitation will be enough: interviews.

Interviews are one of the most common and effective techniques for requirements elicitation. One-on-one discussions are held with stakeholders to understand their needs, expectations, and constraints. Interviews allow for a deeper exploration of stakeholders' perspectives and enable the elicitor to ask follow-up questions and clarify any ambiguities.

The stakeholders' requirements will be elicited from interviews with the product owner, who also is the advisor of this degree project.

3.2 Software requirements analysis

The analysis of the requirements of this System has resulted straightforward, as its requirements were planned from the beginning.

3.2.1 System actors

The users of ShareYASHE may have two roles, in base of its authorisation, and of its ownership of a ShEx document.

3.2.1.1 Authorised user versus non-authorised user

A user will be authorised if he has successfully made the registration process once, and the login process once in the session. Otherwise, he will be a non-authorised user.

3.2.1.2 Owner user versus non-owner user

A user will be an owner of a given ShEx document if he has created the ShEx document, or if he has been added as an owner of a ShEx document created by another owner user of the same ShEx document. He will be able to leave the ownership of the ShEx document.

3.3 System requirements specification

The information provided by the requirements elicitation and analysis phases is specified as follows to ensure clarity, consistency, and completeness.

ID	Requirement description
R.1.	The System will provide a collaborative cloud-based ShEx editor.
R.1.1.	The System will provide **user management**.
R.1.1.1.	The System will provide users with a **registration** in which the following fields will be requested.
R.1.1.1.1.	User's nickname.
R.1.1.1.1.1.	This field will be mandatory and longer than 3 characters.
R.1.1.1.1.2.	This field will be unique for each user.
R.1.1.1.2.	User's email address.
R.1.1.1.2.1.	This field will be mandatory.
R.1.1.1.2.2.	This field will be unique for each user.
R.1.1.1.2.3.	This field will follow the RFC 5322 structure.
R.1.1.1.3.	User's password.
R.1.1.1.3.1.	This field will be mandatory and longer than 3 characters.
R.1.1.2.	The System will provide users with a **login** in which the following fields will be requested. These fields are mandatory and must match with those given in the registration (see R.1.1.1.).
R.1.1.2.1.	User's nickname.
R.1.1.2.2.	User's password.
R.1.1.3.	The System will provide users with a **logout**.
R.1.1.3.1.	This will finish the login status, if there is, specified in R.1.1.2.
R.1.1.4.	The System will provide users with an **unregister**.
R.1.1.4.1.	This will finish the register status, if there is, specified in R.1.1.1.
R.1.1.4.2.	This will remove the user's ownership of all of his ShEx docs (see R.1.2.1.4.).

Figure 3. System requirements specification (1 of 2).

ID	Requirement description
R.1.2.	The System will provide users **ShEx docs management**.
R.1.2.1.	The System will provide users with a **ShEx doc creation**.
R.1.2.1.1.	The ShEx doc's title will be mandatorily requested.
R.1.2.1.2.	A ShEx doc's unique ID will be generated.
R.1.2.1.3.	Only registered (see R.1.1.1.) and logged in (see R.1.1.2.) users will be permitted by the System to do this.
R.1.2.1.4.	The user will be owner of this ShEx doc.
R.1.2.2.	The System will provide users with a **ShEx doc owned list**.
R.1.2.2.1.	The list will show each ShEx doc's title.
R.1.2.2.2.	Each entry of the list will grant access to the content edition of its ShEx doc (see R.1.2.3.).
R.1.2.2.3.	Only registered (see R.1.1.1.) and logged in (see R.1.1.2.) users will have this.
R.1.2.3.	The System will provide users with a **ShEx doc content editing**.
R.1.2.3.1.	The content of the ShEx doc will be able to be edited by any user.
R.1.2.3.2.	This editing will be shown to any user editing this content in real time.
R.1.2.3.3.	The System will provide a share option. With this option the user will be able to invite other users to the content editing section of this ShEx doc.
R.1.2.4.	The System will provide users with the capability to **add an owner to the ShEx doc**.
R.1.2.4.1.	The user adding a new owner must be owner of the ShEx doc.
R.1.2.4.2.	The user added as a new owner must not already own the ShEx doc.
R.1.2.4.3.	The new owner will be owner of the ShEx doc (see R.1.2.1.4.), besides the previous owners.
R.1.2.5.	The System will provide users with the capability to **leave the ownership of the ShEx doc**.
R.1.2.5.1.	The user leaving the ownership must be owner of the ShEx doc.
R.1.2.5.2.	The new owner will no longer be owner of the ShEx doc (see R.1.2.1.4.). This does not apply to the previous owners.

Figure 4. System requirements specification (2 of 2).

3.4 Use cases and scenarios

3.4.1 Use case 1. Register

Use case 1. Register	
Requirements	R.1.1.1.
Preconditions	-
Actors	Non-authorised users.
Description	A non- authorised user will create an account.
Sequence of steps	1. The user will open the ShareYASHE application. 2. The user will click the “Register” button. 3. The user will fill the formulary with a random username and a password. 4. The user will submit the formulary.
Postconditions	-
Exceptions	If the username is already taken, the user may repeat the process, using another username.

Figure 5. Use case of register.

3.4.2 Use case 2. Login

Use case 2. Login	
Requirements	R.1.1.2.
Preconditions	The user must have made the registration process (see use case 1) successfully.
Actors	Non-authorised users.
Description	A non-authorised user will login into an account.
Sequence of steps	1. The user will open the ShareYASHE application. 2. The user will click the “Log in” button. 3. The user will fill the formulary with the username and the password that he used in the registration process. 4. The user will submit the formulary
Postconditions	-
Exceptions	-

Figure 6. Use case of login.

3.4.3 Use case 3. Logout

Use case 3. Logout	
Requirements	R.1.1.3.
Preconditions	The user must have made the login process (see use case 2) successfully.
Actors	Authorised users.
Description	An authorised user will logout from an account.
Sequence of steps	1. The user will click the “Log out” button.
Postconditions	The user will be able to carry out the login process again with the username and password that he used.
Exceptions	-

Figure 7. Use case of logout.

3.4.4 Use case 4. Unregister

Use case 4. Unregister	
Requirements	R.1.1.4.
Preconditions	The user must have made the login process (see use case 2) successfully.
Actors	Authorised users.
Description	An authorised user will delete his account.
Sequence of steps	1. The user will click the “Unregister” button. 2. The user will click the confirmation button.
Postconditions	The user will not be able to carry out the login process again with the username and password that he used.
Exceptions	-

Figure 8. Use case of unregister.

3.4.5 Use case 5. Create a ShEx document

Use case 5. Create a ShEx document	
Requirements	R.1.2.1.
Preconditions	The user must have made the login process (see use case 2) successfully.
Actors	Authorised and non-owner users.
Description	An authorised user will create a new ShEx document.
Sequence of steps	1. The user will click the "Create a ShEx doc" button. 2. The user will write a non-empty title for the ShEx document.
Postconditions	-
Exceptions	-

Figure 9. Use case of create a ShEx document.

3.4.6 Use case 6. See the owned ShEx document

Use case 6. See the owned ShEx document	
Requirements	R.1.2.2.
Preconditions	The user must have made the login process (see use case 2) successfully. The user must also have made the ShEx document creation process (see use case 5) successfully.
Actors	Authorised and owner users.
Description	An authorised and owner user will be able to see its ShEx documents.
Sequence of steps	1. The user will open the ShareYASHE application.
Postconditions	The user will be able to see the name of the ShEx document in a list, shown on the Website.
Exceptions	-

Figure 10. Use case of see the owned ShEx document.

3.4.7 Use case 7. Edit an owned ShEx document

Use case 7. Edit an owned ShEx document	
Requirements	R.1.2.3.
Preconditions	One user must have seen the ShEx document (see use case 6) successfully.
Actors	Authorised users, and owner and non-owner users.
Description	Two authorised and owner users will be able to edit a ShEx document.
Sequence of steps	1. The user 1 will open the ShareYASHE application. 2. The user 1 will click on the ShEx document in the owned ShEx documents list. 3. The user 1 will share the ShEx document with the user 2. 4. The user 2 will open the ShareYASHE application through the sharing option that the user 1 shared with him. 5. Both user 1 and user 2 will write random words in the ShEx document at the same time.
Postconditions	Both user 1 and user 2 will be able to see the content of the ShEx document. Both user 1 and user 2 will be able to edit the content of the ShEx document. User 1 will be able to see the user 2 editing the document. User 2 will be able to see the user 1 editing the document.
Exceptions	-

Figure 11. Use case of edit an owned ShEx document.

3.4.8 Use case 8. Add an owner to a ShEx document

Use case 8. Add an owner to a ShEx document	
Requirements	R.1.2.4.
Preconditions	One user (user 1) must have seen the ShEx document (see use case 6) successfully.
Actors	Authorised and owner users.
Description	An authorised and owner user will be able to add a new owner to its ShEx documents.
Sequence of steps	1. The user 1 will open the ShareYASHE application. 2. The user 1 will click on the ShEx document in the owned ShEx documents list. 3. The user 1 will type the username of user 2 in the “Add a new owner” field.
Postconditions	The user will be able to see the name of the ShEx document in a list, shown on the Website.
Exceptions	-

Figure 12. Use case of add an owner to a ShEx document.

3.4.9 Use case 9.1. Leave the ownership of a ShEx document that the user created

Use case 9.1. Leave the ownership of a ShEx document that the user created	
Requirements	R.1.2.5.
Preconditions	One user (user 1) must have seen the ShEx document (see use case 6) successfully.
Actors	Authorised and owner users.
Description	An authorised and owner user will be able to leave the ownership of its ShEx documents, that he created.
Sequence of steps	1. The user 1 will open the ShareYASHE application. 2. The user 1 will click on the ShEx document in the owned ShEx documents list. 3. The user 1 will click on the "Leave the ownership" option.
Postconditions	The user 1 will not be able to see the name of the ShEx document in a list, shown on the Website.
Exceptions	-

Figure 13. Use case of leave the ownership of a ShEx document that the user created.

3.4.10 Use case 9.2. Leave the ownership of a ShEx document invited by another user

Use case 9.2. Leave the ownership of a ShEx document invited by another user	
Requirements	R.1.2.5.
Preconditions	One user (user 1) must have made the ShEx document creation process (see use case 5) successfully. This user (user 1) must have made the ShEx document invitation process (see use case 8) to the other user (user 2) successfully. The other user (user 2) must have seen the ShEx document (see use case 6) successfully.
Actors	Authorised and owner users.
Description	An authorised and owner user will be able to leave the ownership of its ShEx documents, that he was invited by another user.
Sequence of steps	1. The user 2 will open the ShareYASHE application. 2. The user 2 will click on the ShEx document in the owned ShEx documents list. 3. The user 2 will click on the "Leave the ownership" option.
Postconditions	The user 2 will not be able to see the name of the ShEx document in a list, shown on the Website.
Exceptions	-

Figure 14. Use case of leave the ownership of a ShEx document invited by another user.

4 Software design and architecture

4.1 Overview

The ShareYASHE application presents itself as two collaborating Software units: the ShareYASHE server, and the ShareYASHE client.

When the client makes an HTTP request against the ShareYASHE server (for example: GET /shEx/123456789), the server replies with an HTTP response. Not only this response comes with an HTML rendered view, but also with a single JavaScript sheet which will run on client-side; we will name this scriptsheet as **ShareYASHE client**.

The responsibility of this Software unit is to stablish a parallel WebSocket connection which subscribes the user's YASHE editor to its Ydoc object in the WebSocket server of ShareYASHE server. Every ShEx doc on ShareYASHE has its Ydoc object, which works as a version control (like Git does), and which all the users editing it must subscribe to.

Since the ShareYASHE client is a single codesheet, it lacks any structure. Thus, we will be solely reviewing the **ShareYASHE server** architecture.

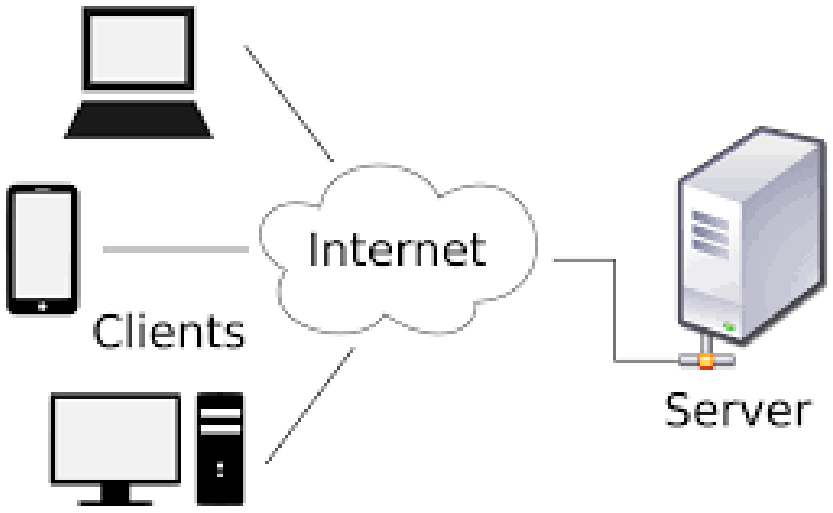


Figure 15. Representation of client-server connection.

4.2 Overall architecture

The general structure of the ShareYASHE server presents **two parallel servers**: one following the **HTTP** protocol, which is the core of the application, and the other following the **WebSocket** protocol.

The ShareYASHE HTTP server implementation follows a 5 layer architecture, which separates: HTTP request handling (Routes), high level functionality (Application layer), view rendering (Presentation layer), low level functionality (Business layer), and data storage (Persistence layer).

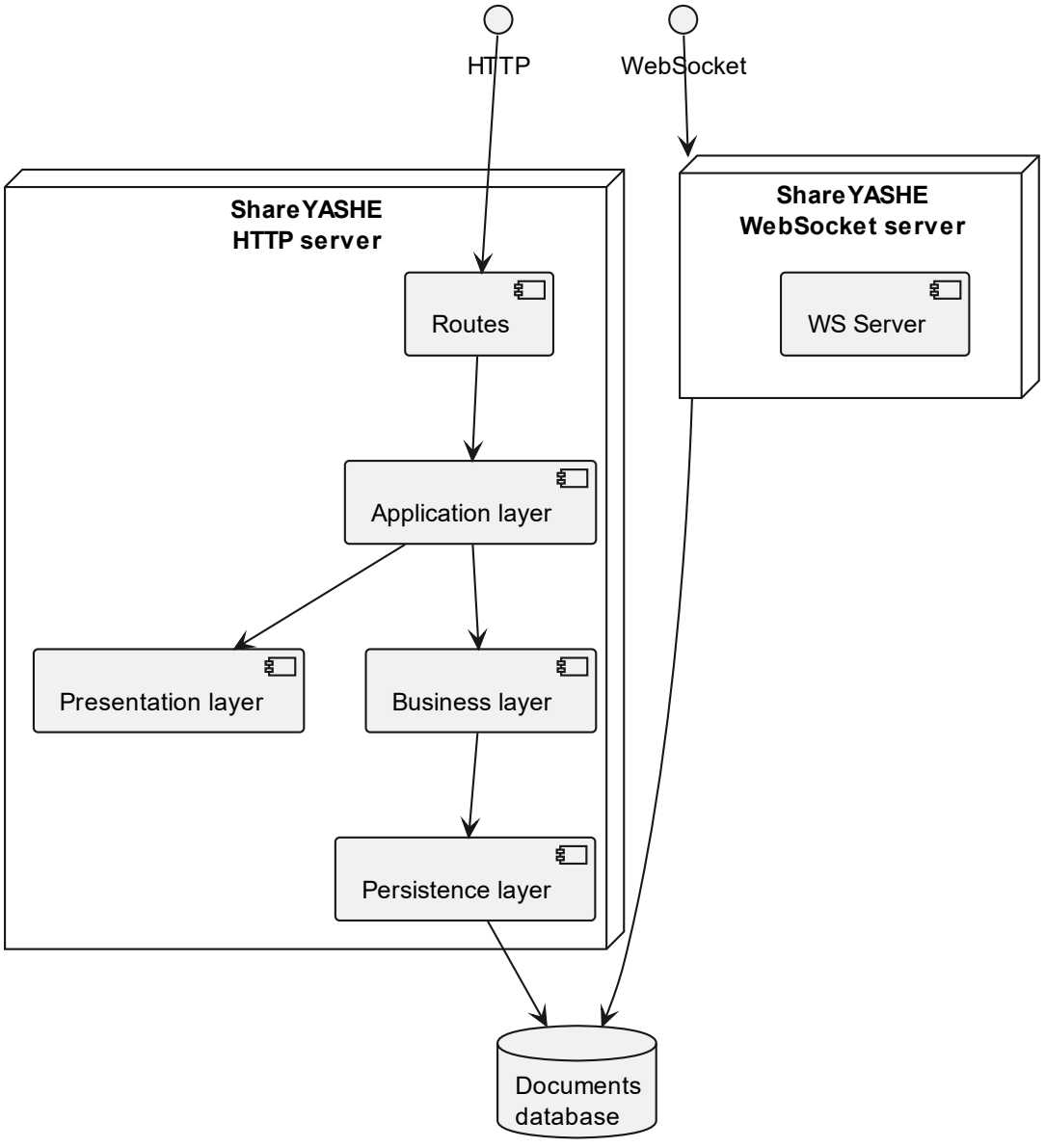


Figure 16. ShareYASHE overall architecture.

4.3 WebSocket server component

The WebSocket server component will contain the logic for carrying out petitions from the user's ShareYASHE client. These petitions are limited to just synchronising the ShEx doc content in real time. It will rely on the database, so changes would persist, even if the server shuts down, or crashes.

4.4 5 layers architecture

4.4.1 Routes layer

The routes component is responsible for grabbing any HTTP request and redirect it to its corresponding implementation.

Each class of this layer responds to a conceptual family of HTTP requests, being those: "ShExDocs", "Auth", and "Index". The handling of the request is delegated to an application layer class through its factory "AppLayerFactory". Note that this layer is the only one whose implementation follows the functional paradigm.

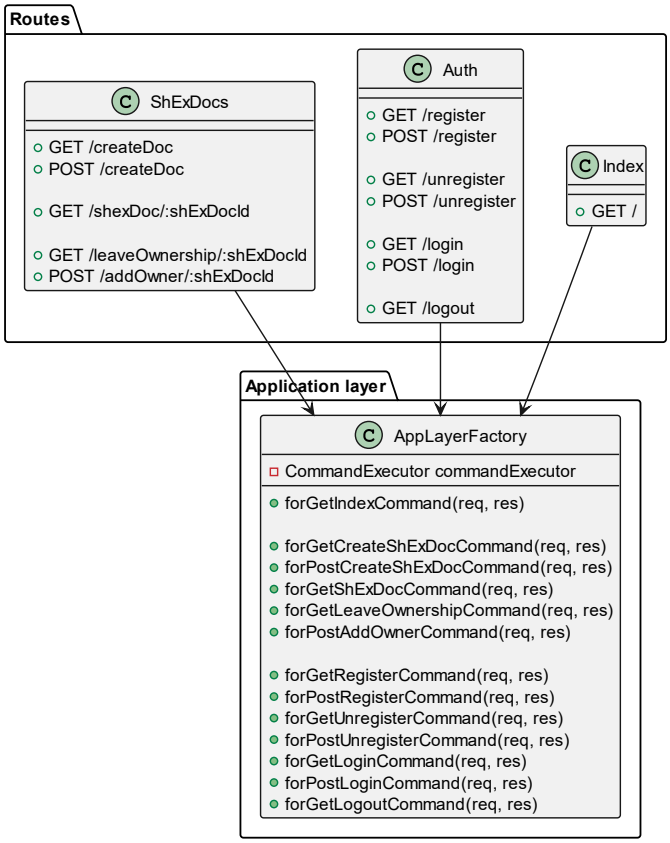


Figure 17. Routes layer architecture.

4.4.2 Application layer

This layer will provide high level implementation for each HTTP petition, taking advantage of several Software patterns[GoF94]. This layer must be only accessed from a functional factory, which is responsible for dynamically importing each command class from the business layer and instantiating it. Ultimately, errors are unconditionally trapped here.

As we dive into the ShareYASHE server architecture, from top (App) to bottom (Persistence layer), we realise that it follows the procedural paradigm, until we reach any command class from this application layer. Any piece of code down below will pursue the object-oriented paradigm.

All these command objects must implement an “execute(req, res)” façade method, which will carry a chain of responsibility for the “req” and the “res” objects.

Another chain of responsibility exists for the “app” object (from the Express framework), and for the “mongoClient” object. This is carried out in the constructor of the command.

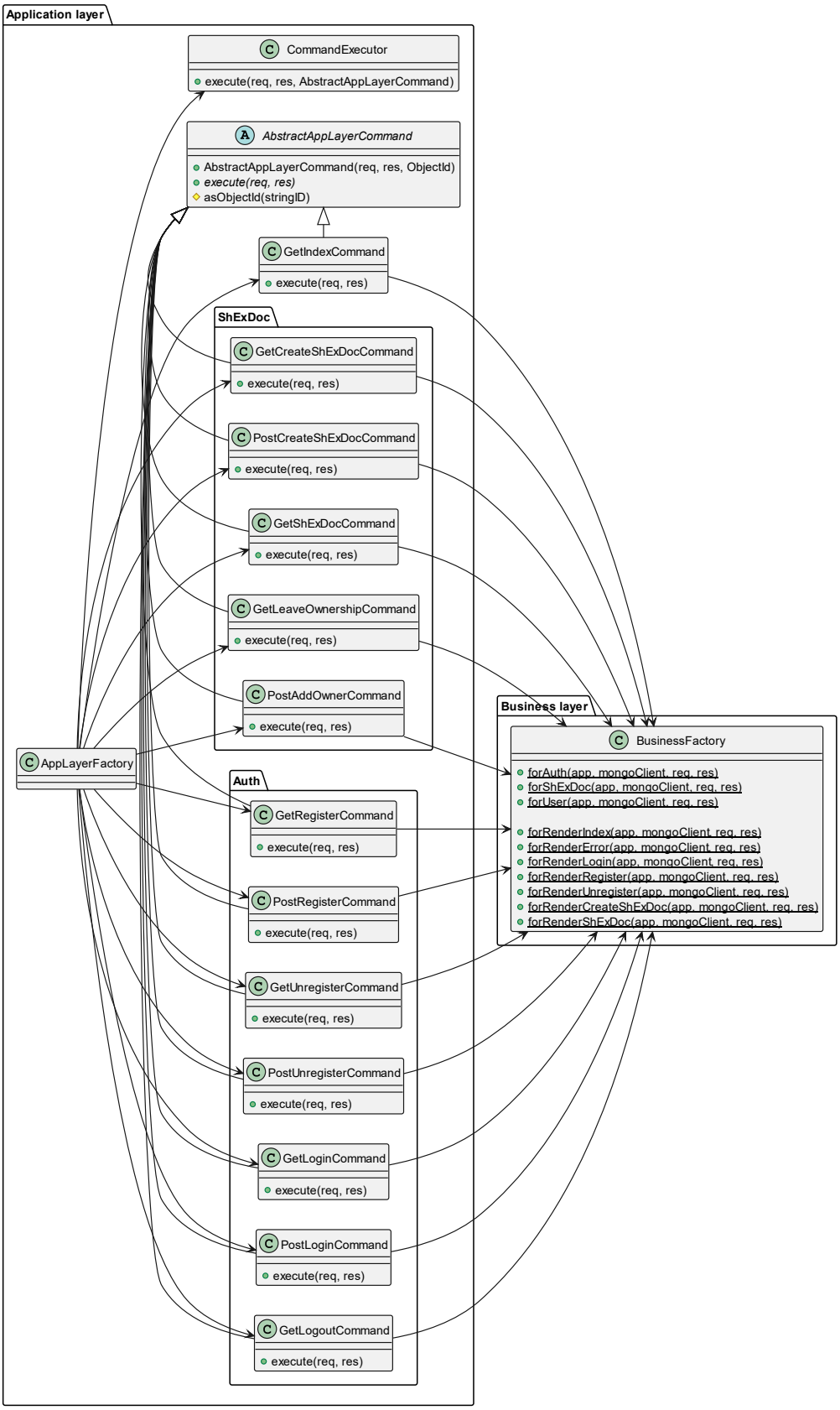


Figure 18. Application layer architecture.

4.4.3 Business layer

The business layer implements common operations relating to the domain of the application, such as validating a user login, or creating a new ShEx doc given an owner user.

The instantiation of any object from this layer upwards converges in a “Business Factory” static class, which follows the simple factory pattern.

This factory is responsible for instantiating a service object, in which associated functionality is encapsulated, as seen in the service layer pattern[Fowler02]. The chains of responsibility that we were talking about in the previous layer join themselves here, in the constructor of the service object.

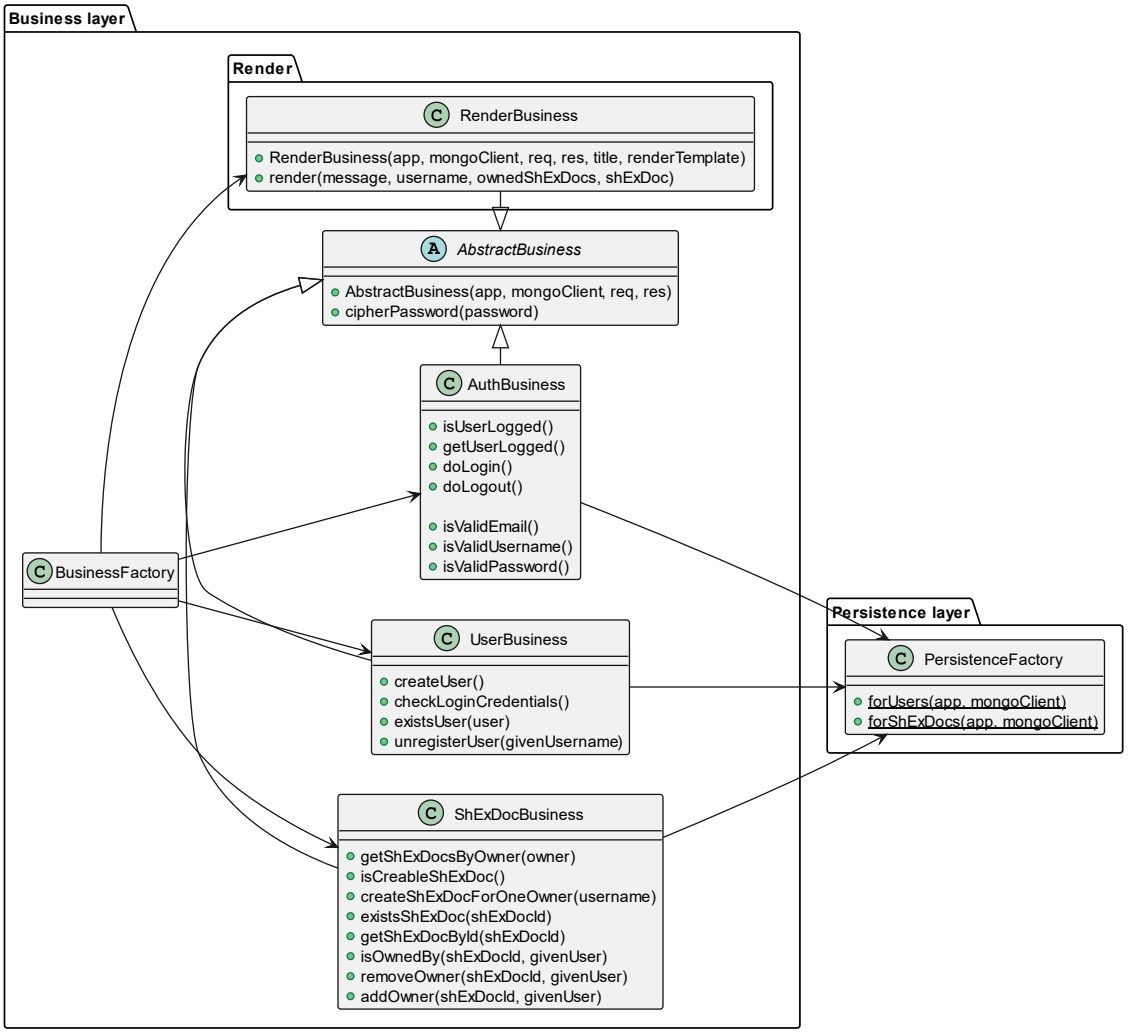


Figure 19. Business layer architecture.

4.4.4 Presentation layer

The presentation layer (named as "Render" in the diagram of the previous section) will be responsible for rendering the templates into Web pages, which the user's navigator will interpret. Depending on how the execution of each command from the application layer flows, the rendering logic will be one or another; that must be encapsulated in this layer.

Despite this layer being not different from the business layer, I realised that this differentiation must be created, at least conceptually, because the service objects instantiated here are slightly different from those created in the actual business layer.

The presentation layer service calls the template for rendering the user's final view, and they **must never call the persistence layer**. This decouples business and persistence implementation from rendering implementation.

4.4.5 Persistence layer

The persistence layer directly manipulates the database API in order to abstract it into simple CRUD operations.

This layer has a similar structure to the business layer, given that every DAO object gets created in a "Persistence Factory", another simple factory. In this case, the intention of the objects of this layer is different: they will give functionality for CRUD operations, as specified in the DAO pattern[Fowler02].

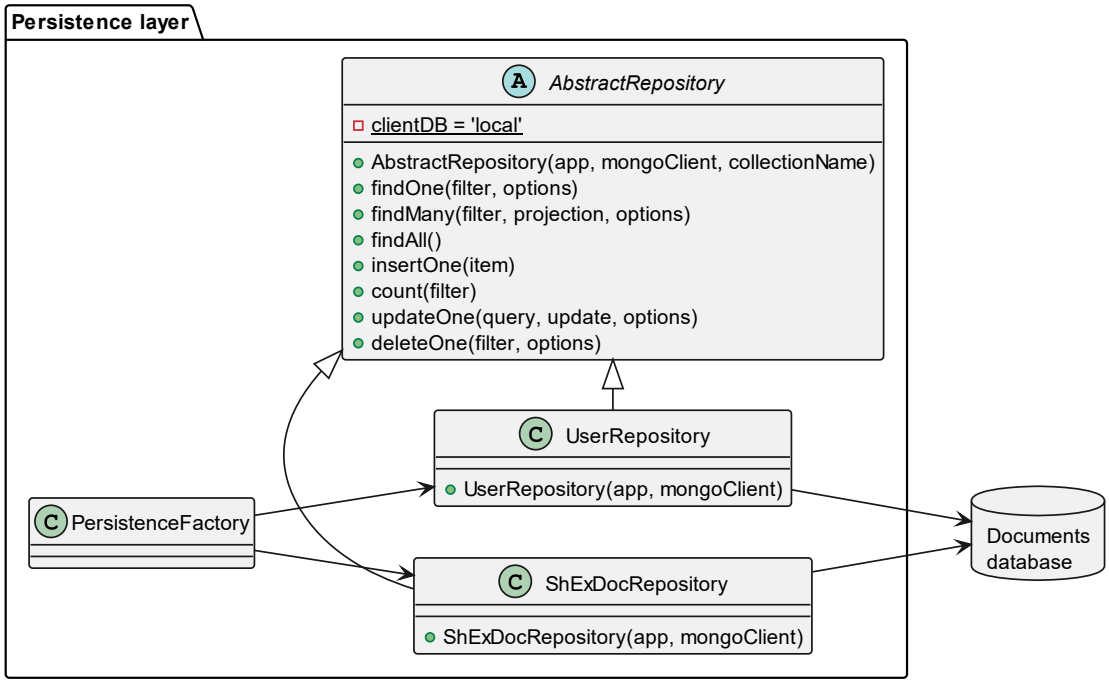


Figure 20. Persistence layer architecture.

4.5 Structure in deployment

4.5.1 Deployment of ShareYASHE server

ShareYASHE server can be deployed in any machine. The database shall be deployed in the same machine, but we can easily change the reference to an external database. By default, ShareYASHE server is deployed as a two-headed server, which listens both HTTP and WebSockets requests.

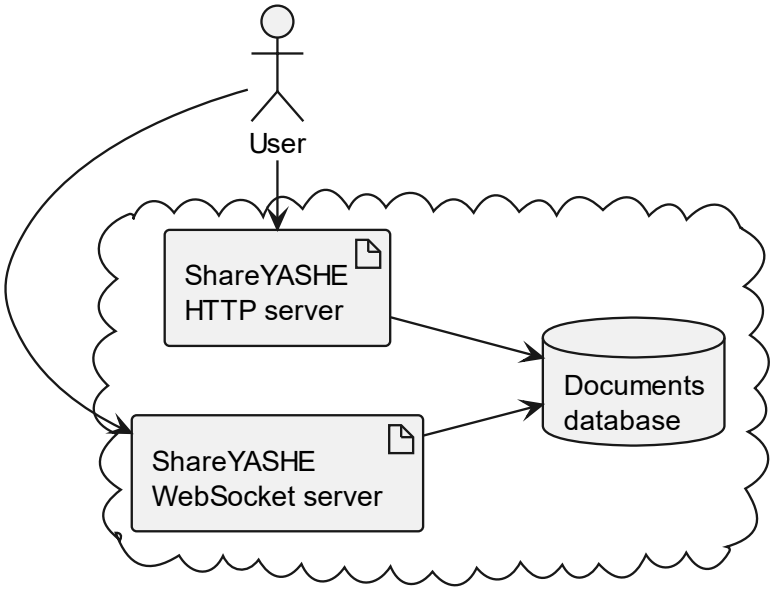


Figure 21. Deployment of ShareYASHE server.

The ShareYASHE client is automatically deployed in the client machine through the HTTP response of the ShEx doc GET request.

4.5.2 Deployment of ShareYASHE client

With the previous information, the deployment of ShareYASHE client can be difficult to understand. Thus, we are going to see in this chapter a more detailed diagram of its deployment.

As we can see, the ShareYASHE server renders the HTML view after an HTTP request was received and returns it to the user. However, when the user accesses the edition of a ShEx document, the server also responds with client-side JavaScript source code, which is ShareYASHE client. ShareYASHE client subscribes itself to the ShareYASHE WebSocket server. This lets the user's editor to subscribe to the updatable content of the ShEx document.

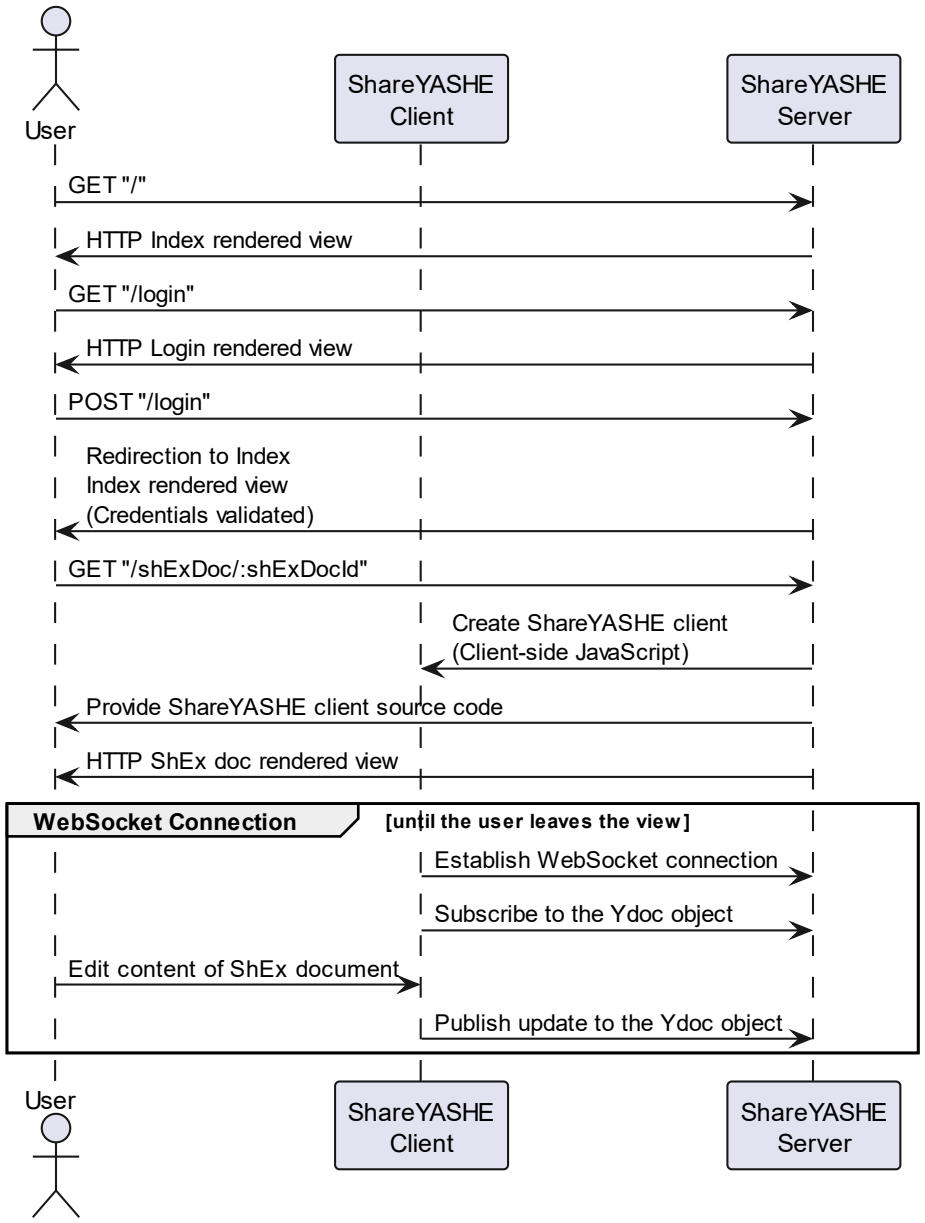


Figure 22. Deployment of ShareYASHE client.

4.6 Design of the DBMS

4.6.1 Document-oriented DBMS

In the development of ShareYASHE, we will be using a **document-oriented database**, which is a type of NoSQL database that stores and retrieves data in a document-like format. In a document-oriented database, data is typically represented using a standardized format such as JSON (JavaScript Object Notation), XML (eXtensible Markup Language), or BSON (Binary JSON). These formats provide a way to store data in a hierarchical structure, similar to nested key-value pairs or a tree-like structure.

Instead of storing data in rows and columns like relational databases, document-oriented databases store data as **self-contained documents**. Each document represents a single entity or object and contains all related information. Documents can have different structures, allowing for schema flexibility.

Document-oriented databases have a **dynamic schema**, meaning that each document can have its own structure and fields. This flexibility enables developers to easily add or modify fields within a document without requiring a predefined schema alteration. It accommodates evolving data models and simplifies application development.

Documents in a document-oriented database can have **nested structures**, allowing for complex and rich data models. This hierarchical representation enables the storage of related data together within a single document, reducing the need for complex joins and facilitating efficient data retrieval.

Document-oriented databases provide **powerful querying capabilities** to retrieve and manipulate data. They typically support querying based on the structure and values within documents, allowing for flexible searches across multiple fields and nested structures. Query languages like MongoDB's Query Language (MQL) or Couchbase's N1QL are used for this purpose.

Document-oriented databases are designed to **scale horizontally**, allowing for distributing data across multiple servers or clusters. This scalability is achieved through techniques such as sharding, where data is partitioned and stored on different machines, enabling high-performance and efficient handling of large data volumes.

Document-oriented databases often offer built-in **replication mechanisms** to ensure data **durability** and **availability**. Replication involves creating multiple copies of data across different servers, enabling fault tolerance and high availability in case of failures.

4.6.2 Data model

The data model tends to be simple, due to the DBMS being document-oriented. In this DBMS, we can find two databases: “Entities” and “Ydocs”. “Entities” will have two collections: “Users” and “ShExDocs”. The first one will store the user info, and the second one will store the metadata of every ShEx document in the System.

Meanwhile, the “Ydocs” database will store one collection per ShEx document. This database is set up and used by the Yjs library in order to save the real-time updates of the concurrent document. Conceptually, the persistence of each shareable ShEx document is treated as if it were a Git repository; this means, there is no “content” field for a ShEx document, in fact there is a collection for each ShEx document, whose entries are each of them updates made to the ShEx document’s content, for example: an insertion of a character, a deletion of one, etc.

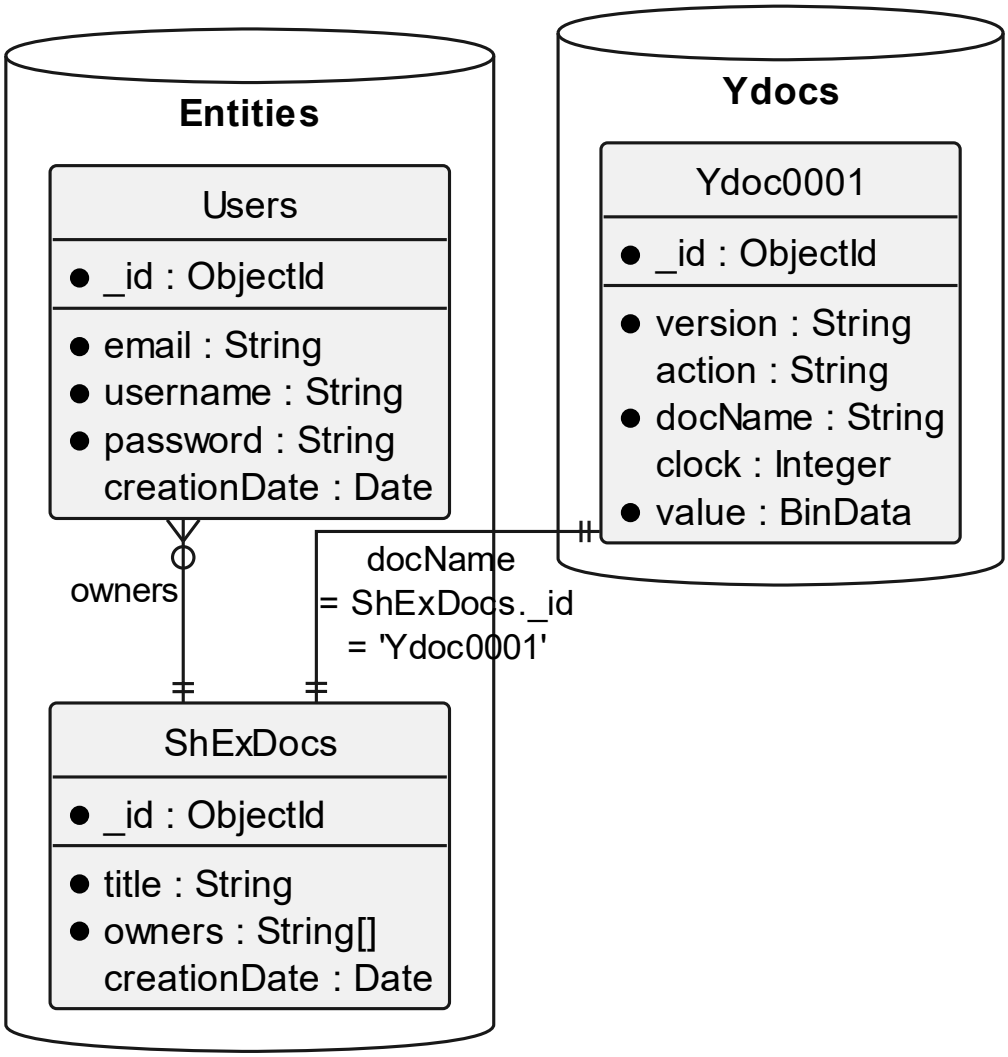


Figure 23. ShareYASHE data model.

4.7 User interface design

4.7.1 Main intention

The design of the user interface of ShareYASHE is meant to be both accessible and usable. As a accessibility reference, the WCAG 2.0 recommendation was followed[WCAG08], besides usability guidelines[Krug13].

The basic concept of the layout of ShareYASHE was inspired in Overleaf's.

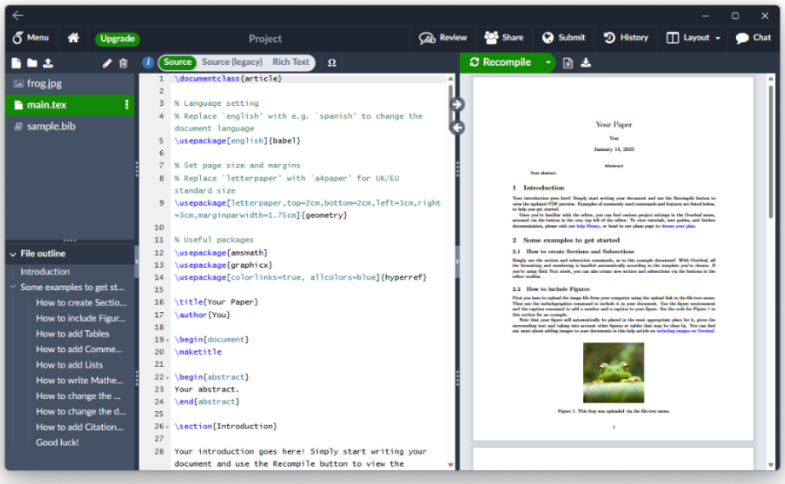
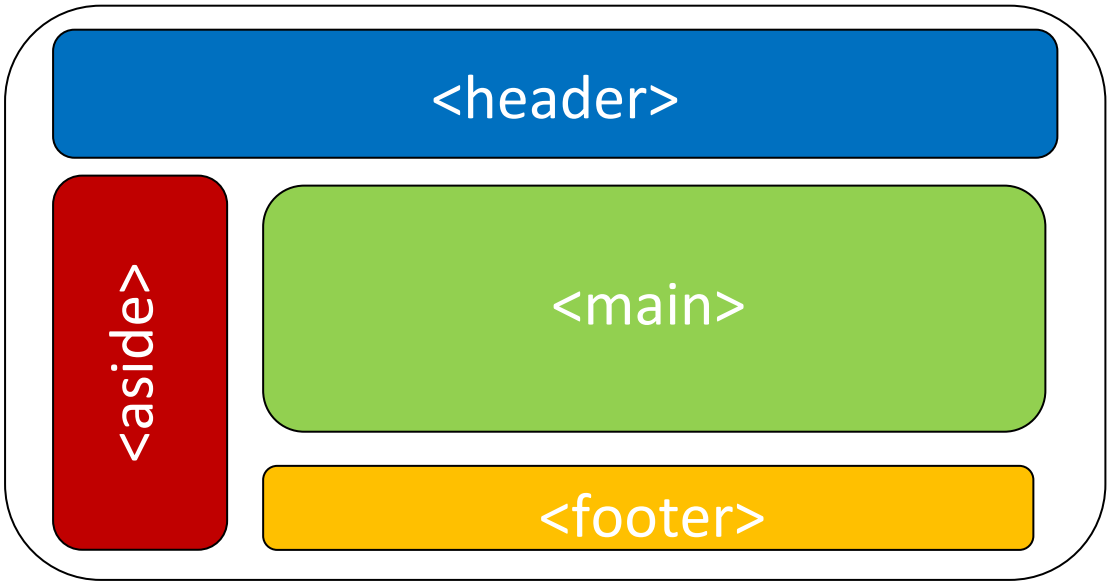


Figure 24. Inspirational layout for ShareYASHE.

I reinterpreted the layout using pure HTML & CSS to guarantee a fully adaptable, and accessible, Website.



As you can see, the intended look and feel for the index Webpage was completed.

Figure 25. Sample of ShareYASHE layout.

This was achieved thanks to the grid layout of CSS, which was intended for adaptability from its conception.

Figure 26. Griding of ShareYASHE layout.

This structure is followed in any page of ShareYASHE. The grid layout will take care of automatic adaption.

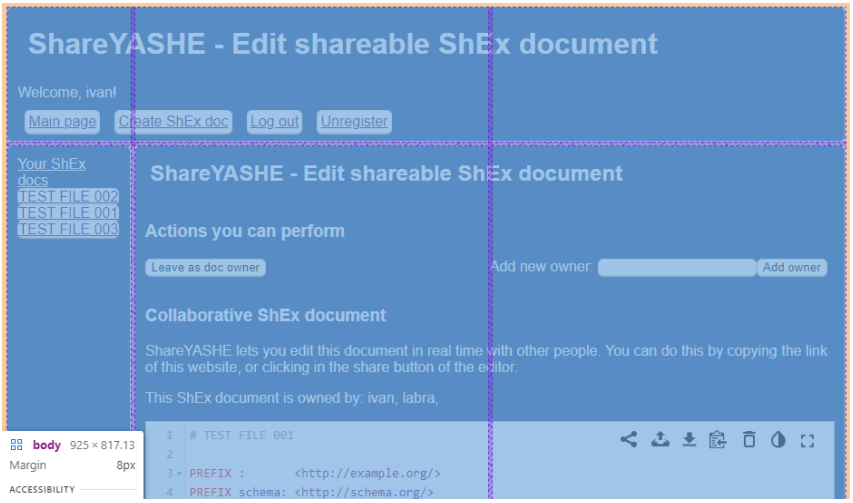


Figure 27. Griding of ShareYASHE editor layout.

Even in smartphones, ShareYASHE will be fully adaptable.

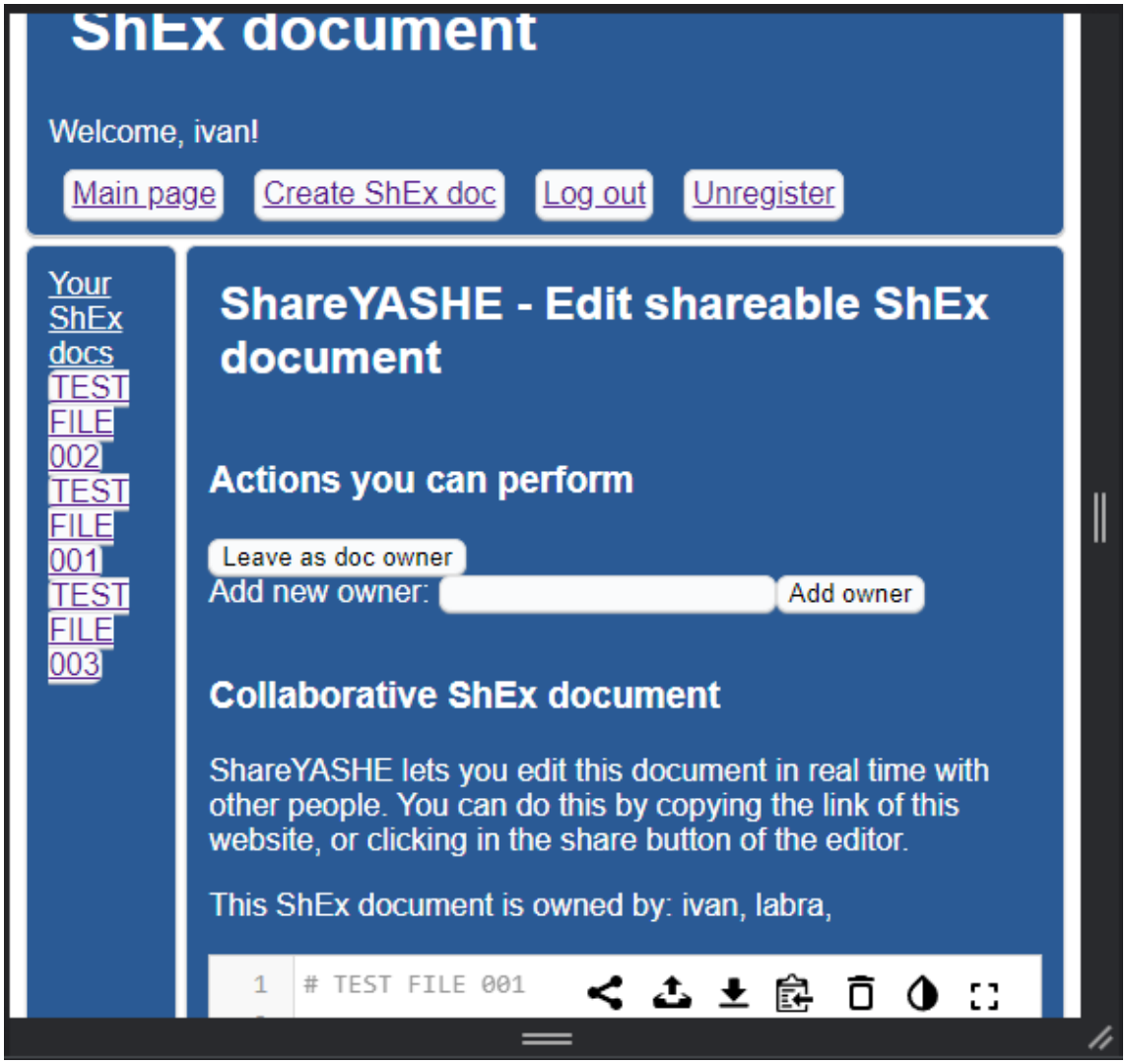


Figure 28. ShareYASHE layout in smartphone.

A main template is shared between views, in which each one will override its <main> content for its particular purpose.

4.7.2 Styles of the application

4.7.2.1 General style

As we have already seen, ShareYASHE is governed by a principal layout: a grid-based layout. However, there are several style definitions that I have made to make more friendly the look and feel of the Website.

- A blue background colour (#2A5A95) that achieves enough contrast for the WCAG guidelines to be granted, given that the foreground colour of the application is full white (#FFFFFF).
- For every main element of the Website (header, main, aside, and footer), I defined a semi-white (#E0E0E0) solid border, a semi-grey (#C0C0C0) box shadow, and a border radius of 6px to reduce their sharpness.
- For links (<a> element), inputs, and buttons, I also defined a semi-white (#E0E0E0) solid border, a semi-grey (#C0C0C0) box shadow, and a border radius of 6px to reduce their sharpness. This, with a semi-white background colour (#FAFBFC) will let the users perceive the change of its state, this means, I can then apply a darker white tone (#F4F4F4) to achieve a hover style. For the active pseudoclass, I remove the box shadow to make these elements brighter.

4.7.2.2 General layout

The principal layout of ShareYASHE is a grid layout, having a size of 3x3. Its columns will follow the pattern of: 0.35fr, 1fr, and 1fr. A gap of 0.25em is defined, so elements don't overlap each other, and I also defined word breaking, with the word wrap property, so very long names don't get out of sight for users.

4.7.2.3 Specific layout for the editor actions

When we access the edition of the ShEx document, we can see that there are some actions, which are represented by form elements, which we can make, if we are owners of that ShEx document. These actions appear, by default, in the same row, thanks to a specific stylesheet that is inserted into this only view.

However, this becomes a problem if the width of the window is too small. In this case, using media queries, I remove this specific layout, letting the default flow layout to do its work, and stack the elements which perform these actions.

4.7.2.4 External stylesheets

We must remember that there are some stylesheets that are imported for the correct functionality of the Website. Nevertheless, they are restrained to be applied only to the YASHE editor, which is embedded in a text area element.

4.7.3 Possible views

In this chapter, we will review each view that ShareYASHE can render to the user.

4.7.3.1 Authenticated versus non authenticated

Depending on the state of authentication of the user, the content of the header element changes, also for the aside element. It shows the operations that the user can perform, given his state of authentication.

A non authenticated user will see this.

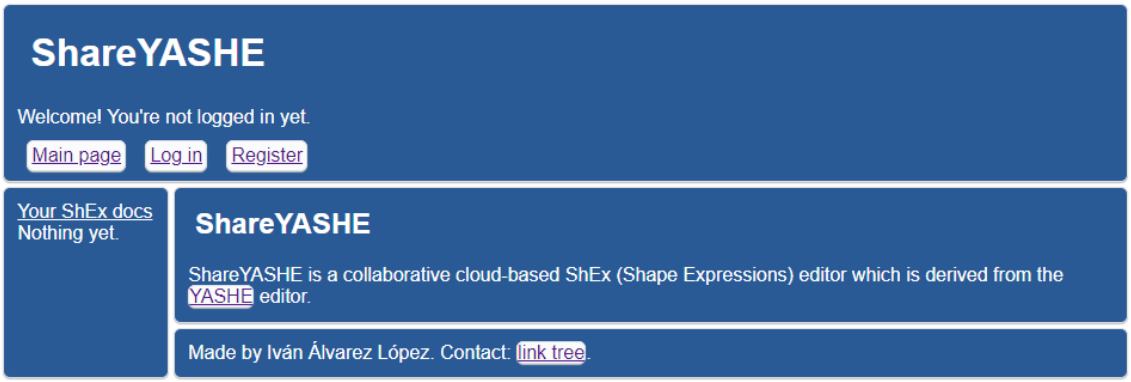


Figure 29. ShareYASHE non-authenticated user layout.

An authenticated user will see this.

Figure 30. ShareYASHE authenticated layout.

When the user is logged in, he can view its owned ShEx documents. On the other hand, if he does not own any ShEx document, he will see the same content for the aside element as if he was not logged in.

4.7.3.2 Concrete views

The concrete views of ShareYASHE inherit the shape described in the previous chapter, except for the content of the main element. In this chapter, we will see how the content of the main element is shown to a user.

4.7.3.2.1 Main view

Figure 31. ShareYASHE main view layout.

4.7.3.2.2 ShEx document editing view

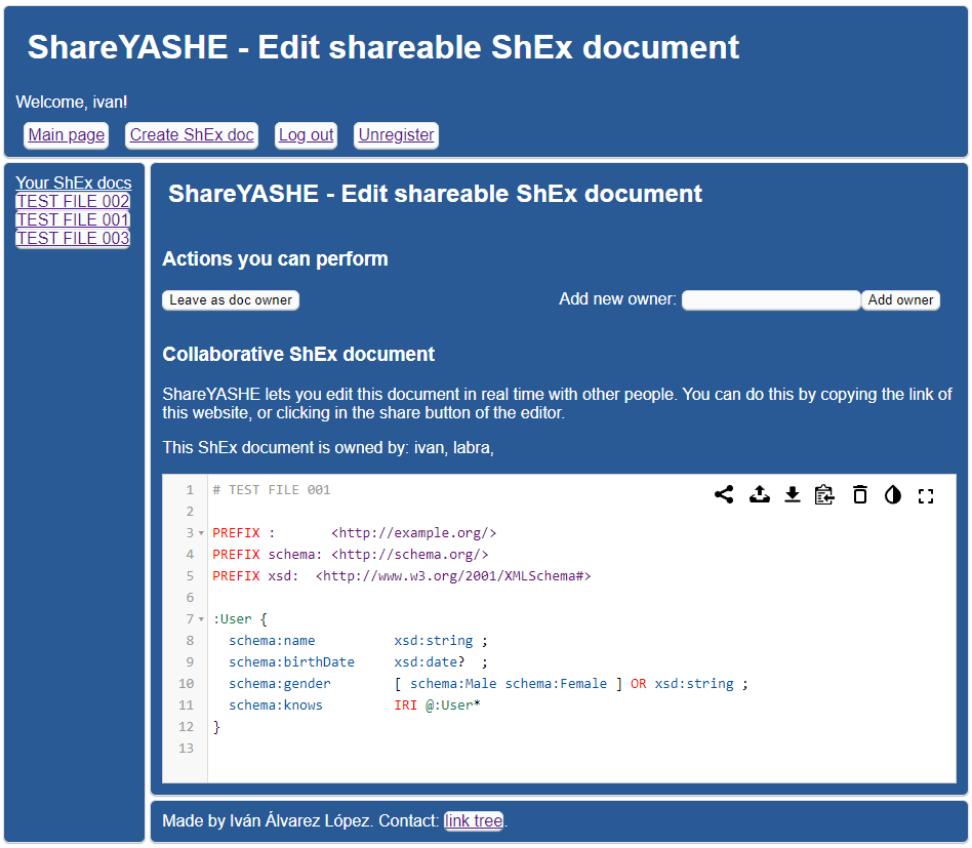


Figure 32. ShareYASHE ShEx document editing view layout.

4.7.3.2.3 Create ShEx document view

Figure 33. ShareYASHE create ShEx document view layout.

4.7.3.2.4 Unregister view

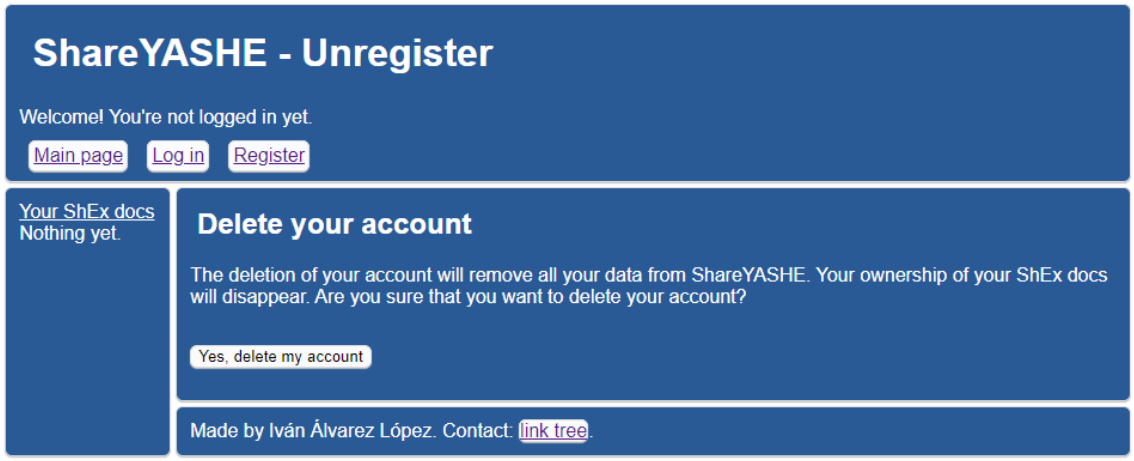


Figure 34. ShareYASHE unregister view layout.

4.7.3.2.5 Log-in view

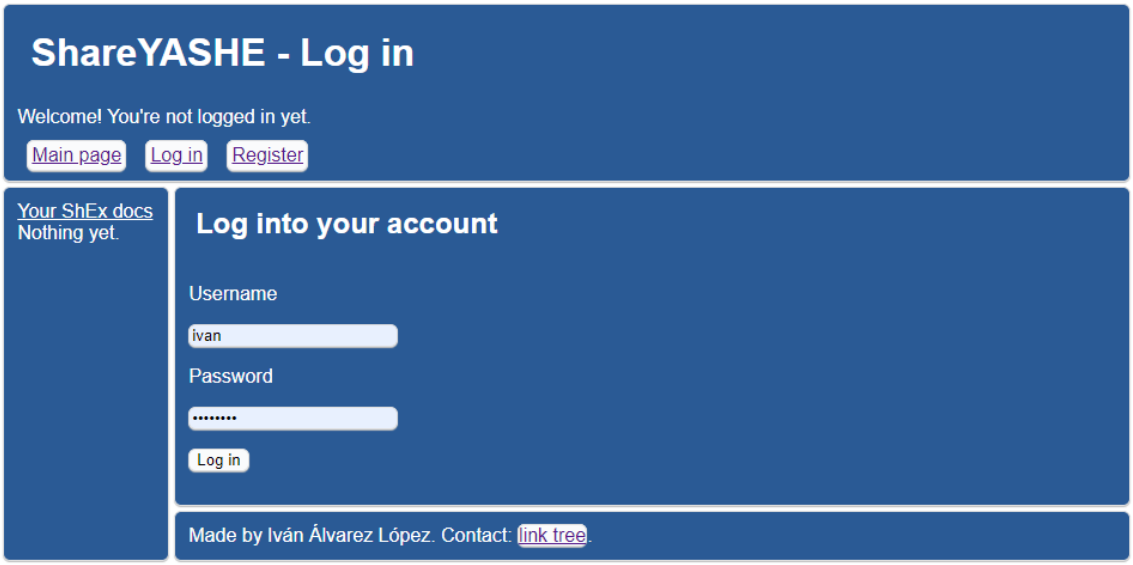


Figure 35. ShareYASHE log-in view layout.

4.7.3.2.6 Register view

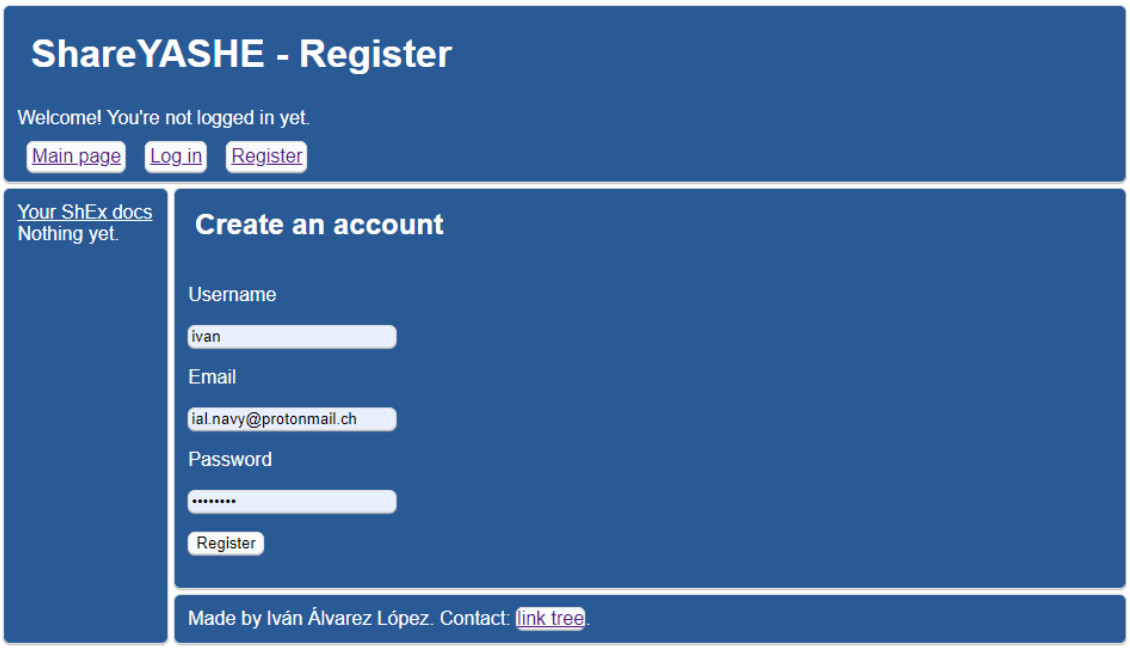


Figure 36. ShareYASHE register view layout.

4.8 Test planning

4.8.1 Specification-based testing

In this chapter we will make a design based on the specification of the application.

4.8.1.1 Equivalence classes

These are the found equivalence classes in the ShareYASHE application.

- Username.
    - Empty.
    - Shorter than three characters.
    - Already taken.
    - Not taken.
    - Not taken and longer than three characters.
- Password.
    - Empty.
    - Shorter than three characters.
    - Longer than three characters.
    - Matches with the username.
    - Does not match with the username.
- Email.
    - Empty.
    - Not valid (RFC 5322).
    - Valid (RFC 5322).
- ShEx document title.
    - Empty.
    - Not empty.
- Ownership.
    - Not an owner.
    - Owner by creation.
    - Added as an owner.

4.8.1.2 Combination strategy

In order to combinate the equivalence classes, we are going to take a strategy of combination. In this case, I considered using a base choice for the login and registration classes (a combination of “username”, “password”, and “email”), and an each choice for the rest of equivalence classes.

4.8.1.3 Test situations

This is the result of combination the equivalence classes with the chosen strategy.

4.8.1.3.1 Scenario 1. Registration

1.	Scenario 1. Registration.
1.1.	All the parameters of registration are valid. • The username is longer than three characters and not taken. • The password is longer than three characters. • The email is valid (RFC 5322).
1.2.	One parameter of registration is not valid.
1.2.1.	The username is empty.
1.2.2.	The username is shorter than three characters.
1.2.3.	The username is already taken.
1.2.4.	The password is empty.
1.2.5.	The password is shorter than three characters.
1.2.6.	The email is empty.
1.2.7.	The email is not valid (RFC 5322).

Figure 37. Scenario of registration.

4.8.1.3.2 Scenario 2. Login

2.	Scenario 2. Login.
2.1.	All the parameters of login are valid. • The username is longer than three characters and already taken. • The password is longer than three characters and matches the username.
2.2.	One parameter of login is not valid.
2.2.1.	The username is empty.
2.2.2.	The username is shorter than three characters.
2.2.3.	The username is not taken.
2.2.4.	The password is empty.
2.2.5.	The password is shorter than three characters.
2.2.6.	The password does not match the username

Figure 38. Scenario of login.

4.8.1.3.3 Scenario 3. Create ShEx document

3.	Scenario 3. Create ShEx document.
3.1.	The title is empty.
3.2.	The title is not empty.

Figure 39. Scenario of create ShEx document.

4.8.1.3.4 Scenario 4. Leave ownership

4.	Scenario 4. Leave ownership.
4.1.	The user owns the ShEx document.
4.2.	The user does not own the ShEx document.
4.3.	The user is not logged in.

Figure 40. Scenario of leave ownership.

4.8.1.3.5 Scenario 5. Add owner

5.	Scenario 5. Add owner.
5.1.	The user does not own the ShEx document.
5.2.	The user owns the ShEx document.
5.2.1.	The username is empty.
5.2.2.	The username is shorter than three characters.
5.2.3.	The username is not taken.
5.2.4.	The username equals the user's username.
5.2.5.	The username is already taken by someone else.

Figure 41. Scenario of add owner.

4.8.1.4 Test cases

4.8.1.4.1 Scenario 1. Registration

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
-	**1.**	Scenario 1. Registration			
1.1.	**1.1.**	All the parameters of registration are valid.	There is not any user in the database.	Enter to the registration form. Type username "user". Type password "user123". Type email "user@email.com". Submit registration.	The database has one user with the data specified in the test case steps.
1.2. 1.	**1.2.**	The username is empty.	There is not any user in the database.	Enter to the registration form. Do not type any username. Type password "user123". Type email "user@email.com". Submit registration.	The database is not modified.

Figure 42. Test cases for scenario of registration (1 of 3).

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
1.2.2.	**1.3.**	The username is shorter than three characters.	There is not any user in the database.	Enter to the registration form. Type username “us”. Type password “user123”. Type email “user@email.com”. Submit registration.	The database is not modified.
1.2.3.	**1.4.**	The username is already taken.	There is a user in the database with the data specified in the test case steps.	Enter to the registration form. Type username “user”. Type password “user123”. Type email “user@email.com”. Submit registration.	The database is not modified.
1.2.4.	**1.5.**	The password is empty.	There is not any user in the database.	Enter to the registration form. Type username “user”. Do not type any password. Type email “user@email.com”. Submit registration.	The database is not modified.
1.2.5.	**1.6.**	The password is shorter than three characters.	There is not any user in the database.	Enter to the registration form. Type username “user”. Type password “us”. Type email “user@email.com”. Submit registration.	The database is not modified.
1.2.6.	**1.7.**	The email is empty.	There is not any user in the database.	Enter to the registration form. Type username “user”. Type password “user123”. Do not type any email. Submit registration.	The database is not modified.

Figure 43. Test cases for scenario of registration (2 of 3).

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
1.2.7.	**1.8.**	The email is not valid (RFC 5322).	There is not any user in the database.	Enter to the registration form. Type username “user”. Type password “user123”. Type email “useremail.com”. Submit registration.	The database is not modified.

Figure 44. Test cases for scenario of registration (3 of 3).

4.8.1.4.2 Scenario 2. Login

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
-	**2.**	Scenario 2. Login			
2.1.	**2.1.**	All the parameters of login are valid.	There is a user in the database, having username “user”, password “user123”, and email “user@email.com”.	Enter to the login form. Type username “user”. Type password “user123”. Submit login.	The database is not modified. The user logs in successfully.
2.2.1.	**2.2.**	The username is empty.	There is a user in the database, having username “user”, password “user123”, and email “user@email.com”.	Enter to the login form. Do not type any username. Type password “user123”. Submit login.	The database is not modified. The user does not log in.
2.2.2.	**2.3.**	The username is shorter than three characters.	There is a user in the database, having username “user”, password “user123”, and email “user@email.com”.	Enter to the login form. Type username “us”. Type password “user123”. Submit login.	The database is not modified. The user does not log in.
2.2.3.	**2.4.**	The username is not taken.	There is a user in the database, having username “user”, password “user123”, and email “user@email.com”.	Enter to the login form. Type username “userX”. Type password “user123”. Submit login.	The database is not modified. The user does not log in.

Figure 45. Test cases for scenario of login (1 of 2).

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
2.2.4.	**2.5.**	The password is empty.	There is a user in the database, having username "user", password "user123", and email "user@email.com".	Enter to the login form. Type username "user". Do not type any password. Submit login.	The database is not modified. The user does not log in.
2.2.5.	**2.6.**	The password is shorter than three characters.	There is a user in the database, having username "user", password "user123", and email "user@email.com".	Enter to the login form. Type username "user". Type password "us". Submit login.	The database is not modified. The user does not log in.
2.2.6.	**2.7.**	The password is shorter than three characters.	There is a user in the database, having username "user", password "user123", and email "user@email.com".	Enter to the login form. Type username "user". Type password "user321". Submit login.	The database is not modified. The user does not log in.

Figure 46. Test cases for scenario of login (2 of 2).

4.8.1.4.3 Scenario 3. Create ShEx document

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
-	**3.**	Scenario 3. Create ShEx document			
3.1.	**3.1.**	The title is empty.	There is a user in the database, having username "user", password "user123", and email "user@email.com".	Login with username "user" and password "user123". Enter to the ShEx document creation form. Do not type any title. Submit ShEx document creation.	The database is not modified.
3.2.	**3.2.**	The title is not empty.	There is a user in the database, having username "user", password "user123", and email "user@email.com".	Login with username "user" and password "user123". Enter to the ShEx document creation form. Type title "Example". Submit ShEx document creation.	There is a new ShEx document in the database with title "Example", and one owner "user".

Figure 47. Test cases for scenario of create ShEx document.

4.8.1.4.4 Scenario 4. Leave ownership

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
-	**4.**	Scenario 4. Leave ownership			
4.1.	**4.1.**	The user owns the ShEx document.	There is a user in the database, having username "user1", password "user123", and email "user1@email.com". There is a user in the database, having username "user2", password "user123", and email "user2@email.com". There is a ShEx document in the database, having title "Example", and two owners: "user1" and "user2".	Login with username "user2" and password "user123". Enter to the edition of ShEx document with title "Example". Use the "leave ownership" option.	In the database, the ShEx document with title "Example" has now only one owner: "user1".
4.2.	**4.2.**	The user does not own the ShEx document.	There is a user in the database, having username "user1", password "user123", and email "user1@email.com". There is a user in the database, having username "user2", password "user123", and email "user2@email.com". There is a ShEx document in the database, having title "Example", and one owner: "user1".	Login with username "user2" and password "user123". Enter to the edition of ShEx document with title "Example". Use the "leave ownership" option.	The database is not modified.

Figure 48. Test cases for scenario of leave ownership (1 of 2).

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
4.3.	**4.3.**	The user is not logged in.	There is a user in the database, having username "user1", password "user123", and email "user1@email.com". There is a ShEx document in the database, having title "Example", and one owner: "user1".	Enter to the edition of ShEx document with title "Example". Use the "leave ownership" option.	The database is not modified.

Figure 49. Test cases for scenario of leave ownership (2 of 2).

4.8.1.4.5 Scenario 5. Add owner

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
-	**5.**	Scenario 5. Add owner			
5.1.	**5.1.**	The user does not own the ShEx document.	There is a user in the database, having username "user1", password "user123", and email "user1@email.com". There is a user in the database, having username "user2", password "user123", and email "user2@email.com". There is a user in the database, having username "user3", password "user123", and email "user3@email.com". There is a ShEx document in the database, having title "Example", and one owner: "user1".	Login with username "user2" and password "user123". Enter to the edition of ShEx document with title "Example". Use the "add owner" option for adding the user with username "user3".	The database is not modified.

Figure 50. Test cases for scenario of add owner (1 of 4).

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
5.2.1.	**5.2.**	The user owns the ShEx document, but the username is empty.	There is a user in the database, having username “user1”, password “user123”, and email “user1@email.com”. There is a user in the database, having username “user2”, password “user123”, and email “user2@email.com”. There is a ShEx document in the database, having title “Example”, and one owner: “user1”.	Login with username “user1” and password “user123”. Enter to the edition of ShEx document with title “Example”. Use the “add owner” option, and do not type any username.	The database is not modified.
5.2.2.	**5.3.**	The user owns the ShEx document, but the username is shorter than three characters.	There is a user in the database, having username “user1”, password “user123”, and email “user1@email.com”. There is a user in the database, having username “user2”, password “user123”, and email “user2@email.com”. There is a ShEx document in the database, having title “Example”, and one owner: “user1”.	Login with username “user1” and password “user123”. Enter to the edition of ShEx document with title “Example”. Use the “add owner” option and type the username “us”.	The database is not modified.

Figure 51. Test cases for scenario of add owner (2 of 4).

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
5.2.3.	**5.4.**	The user owns the ShEx document, but the username is not taken by anybody.	There is a user in the database, having username “user1”, password “user123”, and email “user1@email.com”. There is a user in the database, having username “user2”, password “user123”, and email “user2@email.com”. There is a ShEx document in the database, having title “Example”, and one owner: “user1”.	Login with username “user1” and password “user123”. Enter to the edition of ShEx document with title “Example”. Use the “add owner” option and type the username “user3”.	The database is not modified.
5.2.4.	**5.5.**	The user owns the ShEx document, but the username is the current owner’s username.	There is a user in the database, having username “user1”, password “user123”, and email “user1@email.com”. There is a user in the database, having username “user2”, password “user123”, and email “user2@email.com”. There is a ShEx document in the database, having title “Example”, and one owner: “user1”.	Login with username “user1” and password “user123”. Enter to the edition of ShEx document with title “Example”. Use the “add owner” option and type the username “user1”.	The database is not modified.

Figure 52. Test cases for scenario of add owner (3 of 4).

TSs	ID	Description	Initial conditions	Test case steps	Expected output
5.2.5.	**5.6.**	The user owns the ShEx document, and the username added as owner is correct.	There is a user in the database, having username "user1", password "user123", and email "user1@email.com". There is a user in the database, having username "user2", password "user123", and email "user2@email.com". There is a ShEx document in the database, having title "Example", and one owner: "user1".	Login with username "user1" and password "user123". Enter to the edition of ShEx document with title "Example". Use the "add owner" option and type the username "user2".	In the database, the ShEx document with title "Example" has now two owners: "user1" and "user2".

Figure 53. Test cases for scenario of add owner (4 of 4).

4.8.2 Usability testing

For the usability testing, the following tasks will be performed by a given group of users.

1. Register an account, login, and create a ShEx document.
    a. Register an account.
    b. Login into that account.
    c. Create a ShEx document.
2. Share a ShEx document and edit it collaboratively.
    a. Login into the account that the user registered in task 1.
    b. Access to the ShEx document that the user created in task 1.
    c. Share the ShEx document with another user.
    d. Both users, edit the ShEx document at the same time.

The first task will be performed individually, while the second task will be made in pairs.

4.8.3 Accessibility testing

Some aspects of accessibility may be taken into consideration in the usability testing. However, accessibility is meant to grant access in our application to every user, regardless of its conditions. Colour-blinded people must be able to use our application, people who is only able to use computers through the keyboard must be able to use our application, etc., otherwise our application will not be accessible.

Because of this, in the accessibility testing we will be taking advantage of tools of automation of accessibility testing for ensuring a WCAG 2.0 AAA accessibility level. These tools are listed below.

- W3C HTML Markup Validation Service[W3CHTML23].
- W3C CSS Validation Service[W3CCSS23].
- Google Mobile Optimization Checker[GAdapCheck23].
- Web Accessibility Evaluation Tool[WAVE23].
- aChecker[ACH23].
- Test of Web Accessibility[TAW23].
- WebAIM Contrast Checker[WAIMCC23].

We will be testing the concrete views which are public: main view, ShEx document editing view, log-in view, and register view, focusing specially in the ShEx document editing view, because of its YASHE editor, which may be a hotspot for accessibility problems. The other views shall present a strong reliability in this concern, because of our strict policy in sticking to the W3C specifications.

I encountered a problem with WAVE having difficulties to import the ShareYASHE CSS stylesheets. This is why I am using WebAIM Contrast Checker to grant enough colour contrast.

5 System development

5.1 Technologies

In this chapter, we will see the technologies which were used to carry this project out.

5.1.1 ECMAScript ES6 (JavaScript)

The core of the functionality of ShareYASHE was made using the JavaScript language. It was developed using the **ECMAScript ES6 specification of June 2015**.

Figure 54. JavaScript ES6 logo.

It's important to note that ES6 is a specific version of the ECMAScript specification, while JavaScript is a programming language that implements that specification. JavaScript evolves over time and new versions are released, introducing several changes.

This is the reason why I considered worth it to use the well stablished ECMAScript ES6 version of the specification. This technology was used both in the ShareYASHE server (server-side), and the ShareYASHE client (client-side).

5.1.2 Node.js

Node.js is an open-source, **server-side JavaScript runtime environment** that allows developers to run JavaScript code outside of a web browser. It uses the V8 JavaScript engine, which is the same engine that powers the Google Chrome browser, to execute JavaScript code on the server side.

Figure 55. Node.js logo.

Node.js provides an event-driven, non-blocking I/O model, making it **highly efficient and well-suited for building scalable and real-time applications**. It has a rich ecosystem of modules and libraries available through its package manager, npm, which allows developers to easily leverage existing code to build their applications.

For the ShareYASHE server, both HTTP and WebSocket, I used Node.js v18.15.0. Node.js v18, codenamed “Hydrogen”, has been designated as an LTS version on 25th October 2022, being the current LTS version in the moment of developing this project.

This means that the Node.js distribution that ShareYASHE uses will be supported with active maintenance and updates for an extended period. LTS versions typically receive bug fixes, security updates, and stability improvements, making them suitable for production environments requiring long-term stability and support.

5.1.3 Express

Express is a popular web application framework for Node.js, providing a minimalistic and flexible set of features for building web applications and APIs. It is designed to simplify the process of developing server-side applications in Node.js by providing a robust set of utilities and middleware.

Figure 56. Node.js Express logo.

Express is unopinionated, which means it does not impose a specific structure or architecture on your application. It allows developers to have greater control and freedom in designing their application's structure and logic. This flexibility makes Express suitable for a wide range of applications, from small projects to large-scale, enterprise-level systems.

In the case of ShareYASHE, we will use Express for routing different HTTP methods and URLs.

5.1.4 Yjs framework

The Yjs project is an open-source collaboration framework, created by Kevin Jahns[Jahns14], that enables real-time collaboration in web applications. It provides a simple and efficient way to synchronize shared data across multiple clients in real-time, allowing users to collaborate and edit content simultaneously.

Figure 57. The Yjs framework logo.

Yjs stands for "Y (Yup)", which represents the data structure used by the framework. Yjs utilizes a data type called "CRDT" (Conflict-Free Replicated Data Type) to handle concurrent changes made by different users. CRDTs are designed to ensure that data remains consistent across distributed systems without the need for centralized coordination or conflict resolution.

The Yjs project provides client-side libraries for JavaScript and has implementations in various programming languages, making it accessible for developers working on different platforms.

In ShareYASHE, our Shape Expressions documents' content will be of this CRDT type.

5.1.5 WebSocket (y-websocket)

Figure 58. WebSocket logo.

WebSockets is a communication protocol that provides full-duplex communication channels over a single TCP connection between a client and a server. It enables real-time, bidirectional communication between a web browser (or any WebSocket-enabled client) and a server.

Unlike traditional HTTP communication, which follows a request-response model, WebSockets allow for ongoing, persistent connections where both the client and the server can send data to each other at any time. This real-time, event-driven nature makes WebSockets well-suited for applications that require instant data updates, such as chat applications, real-time collaboration tools, live dashboards, multiplayer games, and more.

The use of the WebSocket technology resulted crucial in the development of ShareYASHE. This technology perfectly suits our necessity of stablishing a Shape Expressions collaborative editor in real-time. Both the ShareYASHE server of WebSocket, and the ShareYASHE client will be supporting this technology for exchanging the real-time updates of any Shape Expressions document that some users could be editing.

There is an extension of the Yjs framework that simplifies creating a WebSocket publish-subscribe model for the CRDT object, called y-websocket, which ShareYASHE will be using.

5.1.6 Codemirror (y-codemirror)

Figure 59. CodeMirror logo.

Codemirror is an open-source text editor component for web applications. It provides a versatile and customizable code editing experience with support for syntax highlighting, code folding, auto-completion, linting, and many other features commonly found in code editors.

Developed in JavaScript, CodeMirror is designed to be easily integrated into web applications, offering a flexible API that allows developers to tailor the editor's behavior and appearance to their specific needs. It supports a wide range of programming languages and file formats, making it suitable for various coding environments and purposes.

Specifically, there is a collaborative code editor built on top of the Yjs framework, which is called y-codemirror, and whose supporting Software is both Codemirror and Yjs. It combines the functionality of the CodeMirror text editor with the real-time collaboration capabilities provided by Yjs. This allows multiple users to edit code simultaneously and see each other's changes in real-time.

The editor of ShareYASHE will be using the functionality of y-codemirror.

5.1.7 YASHE

YASHE is a ShEx editor which started as a fork of YASQE (which is based on SPARQL) This tool performs lexical and syntactic analysis of the content of the editor, thus offering the user a realtime syntactic error detector. It has features like: syntax highlighting, visual aid elements (tooltips) and autocomplete mechanisms. In addition, it offers a simple way of integrating into other projects.

Figure 60. YASHE banner.

YASHE is registered as a Node.js package (npm), so it can be used in any application that runs on Node.js. ShareYASHE is conceived to be the direct evolution of YASHE, implementing the collaborativity addition.

5.1.8 MongoDB (y-mongodb-provider)

MongoDB is a popular open-source, NoSQL database management system that falls under the category of document-oriented databases. It is designed to provide high performance, scalability, and flexibility for handling large volumes of structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data.

Figure 61. MongoDB logo.

MongoDB is widely used in various applications, ranging from small-scale projects to enterprise-level systems. It is particularly well-suited for use cases such as content management, real-time analytics, cataloguing, logging, and user data management.

The Yjs framework provides an extension called y-mongodb-provider, which lets us to save in real-time the CRDT type objects into our MongoDB database. This is why I used MongoDB for the persistence because this extension prevents the lose of changes when the application closes, or it crashes.

5.1.9 dotenv

dotenv is a popular npm package used in Node.js applications to manage environment variables. It simplifies the process of loading configuration settings from environment-specific files into the application's runtime environment.

ShareYASHE will be using dotenv for declaring references that could possibly change in the future, such as the URI reference to the MongoDB, which currently is a local MongoDB database, or the entropy key for encrypting passwords.

5.1.10 body-parser

body-parser is a middleware package for Node.js applications, specifically designed for parsing HTTP request bodies. It simplifies the process of extracting data from incoming requests by handling various content types and providing a convenient interface for accessing the parsed data.

In Node.js, when a client sends an HTTP request with a payload (such as form data or JSON data), the request body contains that data. However, the raw request body is typically received as a stream of bytes. Parsing and extracting meaningful data from the request body requires additional processing.

body-parser eliminates the need for manual parsing of request bodies by providing middleware that automatically parses the request body and makes it accessible in a convenient format. It supports different content types, including JSON, URL-encoded, and multipart form data. ShareYASHE will be using body-parser for this purpose.

5.1.11 Pug.js

Pug.js, formerly known as Jade, is a high-performance, feature-rich template engine for Node.js and web browsers. It is designed to simplify the process of writing HTML markup by providing a concise and expressive syntax.

Figure 62. Pug.js logo.

Pug.js allows you to create HTML templates using indentation-based syntax instead of explicit opening and closing tags, similarly to Python. This results in cleaner and more readable code.

Pug.js has gained popularity due to its simplicity, readability, and powerful features. It is widely adopted in the Node.js ecosystem and is used in many web frameworks and applications.

All the views in ShareYASHE are rendered using Pug.js.

5.2 Tools and programs

5.2.1 Git

Git is a widely used distributed version control system (VCS) designed to track changes to files and manage software development projects. It provides a way for multiple developers to collaborate on a project, making it easier to manage code, track modifications, and handle different versions of files.

Figure 63. Git logo.

The code of ShareYASHE will be versioned using Git.

5.2.2 GitHub

GitHub is a web-based platform and hosting service for software development projects that use the Git version control system. It provides a collaborative environment for developers to work on code, track changes, manage projects, and collaborate with others.

Figure 64. GitHub logo.

The code of ShareYASHE is published in a GitHub repository[Alv23] as an open-source project.

5.2.3 PowerShell 7

PowerShell 7 is an open-source, cross-platform command-line shell and scripting language developed by Microsoft. It is the successor to Windows PowerShell, designed to bring the power and flexibility of PowerShell to various operating systems, including Windows, macOS, and Linux.

Figure 65. PoweShell 7 logo.

PowerShell 7 expands the reach of PowerShell beyond the Windows ecosystem, allowing users to leverage its capabilities in multi-platform environments. It provides a powerful command-line shell and scripting language that enables system administrators, developers, and IT professionals to manage and automate tasks efficiently across different operating systems.

I will be using PowerShell 7 for deploying ShareYASHE locally, with Node.js, for testing purposes, although ShareYASHE can be deployed in any machine that supports Node.js.

5.2.4 PlantUML

PlantUML is an open-source tool for creating diagrams using a simple and intuitive textual syntax. It allows developers, architects, and designers to express ideas and concepts through a text-based representation of diagrams, which are then rendered into visual diagrams.

Figure 66. PlantUML logo.

PlantUML provides a convenient and efficient way to create diagrams using a simple text-based syntax. It is widely used in software development, system design, documentation, and other fields where visual representation of concepts and ideas is required.

This tool was used to draw the diagrams in the chapter of Software design and architecture.

5.2.5 IntelliJ IDEA

IntelliJ IDEA, commonly referred to as IntelliJ, is a popular integrated development environment (IDE) created by JetBrains. It is designed to provide a comprehensive and productive environment for software development in various programming languages, including Java, Kotlin, JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, and more.

Figure 67. IntelliJ IDEA logo.

IntelliJ is widely regarded as one of the most feature-rich and powerful IDEs available. It caters to a wide range of programming languages and provides a comprehensive set of tools to support developers throughout the entire software development lifecycle.

This is the reason why I began the ShareYASHE project using IntelliJ IDEA, because I thought that it could serve for depuration purposes, although I finally ended using the following IDE.

5.2.6 Visual Studio Code

Visual Studio Code (VS Code) is a free and open-source source code editor developed by Microsoft. It is designed to provide a lightweight yet powerful editing environment for developers working on various programming languages and platforms.

Figure 68. Visual Studio Code logo.

Visual Studio Code has gained significant popularity among developers due to its combination of performance, versatility, and extensibility.

I switched to VS Code because it offers a PlantUML extension. At the end, I realised that switching IDEs did not make a difference, so I stayed in VS Code.

5.2.7 GanttProject

Figure 69. GanttProject logo.

GanttProject is a free and open-source project management tool specifically designed to create and manage Gantt charts. It provides a comprehensive set of features for planning, scheduling, and tracking projects.

GanttProject is a valuable tool for project managers, teams, and individuals seeking a straightforward and accessible solution for creating and managing Gantt charts. It offers essential project management features, allowing users to plan, visualize, and track project schedules effectively.

Being an open-source tool, it is free to use and benefits from contributions and enhancements from a community of users and developers. Despite having a license of Microsoft Project from my account of the University of Oviedo, I chose GanttProject because of this. I wanted to get some experience with this open-source tool, which resulted very helpful.

GanttProject also offers a collaborative way of editing Gantt charts, through an extension called GanttProject Cloud[GanPr20].

6 Test development

6.1 Reporting of the specification-based testing

These are the results of performing the specification-based testing. For each test case, we will see the output of the test. Note that the ID column represents the ID of the test case. The result column refers to whether the expected output of the test case was successfully given.

6.1.1 Scenario 1. Registration

ID	Description	Result
1.1.	All the parameters of registration are valid.	**PASSED**
1.2.	The username is empty.	**PASSED**
1.3.	The username is shorter than three characters.	**PASSED**
1.4.	The username is already taken.	**PASSED**
1.5.	The password is empty.	**PASSED**
1.6.	The password is shorter than three characters.	**PASSED**
1.7.	The email is empty.	**PASSED**
1.8.	The email is not valid (RFC 5322).	**PASSED**

Figure 70. Results of test for scenario of registration.

6.1.2 Scenario 2. Login

ID	Description	Result
2.1.	All the parameters of login are valid.	**PASSED**
2.2.	The username is empty.	**PASSED**
2.3.	The username is shorter than three characters.	**PASSED**
2.4.	The username is not taken.	**PASSED**
2.5.	The password is empty.	**PASSED**
2.6.	The password is shorter than three characters.	**PASSED**
2.7.	The password is shorter than three characters.	**PASSED**

Figure 71. Results of test for scenario of login.

6.1.3 Scenario 3. Create ShEx document

ID	Description	Result
3.1.	The title is empty.	**PASSED**
3.2.	The title is not empty.	**PASSED**

Figure 72. Results of test for scenario of create ShEx document.

6.1.4 Scenario 4. Leave ownership

ID	Description	Result
4.1.	The user owns the ShEx document.	**PASSED**
4.2.	The user does not own the ShEx document.	**PASSED**
4.3.	The user is not logged in.	**PASSED**

Figure 73. Results of test for scenario of leave ownership.

6.1.5 Scenario 5. Add owner

ID	Description	Result
5.1.	The user does not own the ShEx document.	**PASSED**
5.2.	The user owns the ShEx document, but the username is empty.	**PASSED**
5.3.	The user owns the ShEx document, but the username is shorter than three characters.	**PASSED**
5.4.	The user owns the ShEx document, but the username is not taken by anybody.	**PASSED**
5.5.	The user owns the ShEx document, but the username is the current owner's username.	**PASSED**
5.6.	The user owns the ShEx document, and the username added as owner is correct.	**PASSED**

Figure 74. Results of test for scenario of add owner.

6.2 Usability testing

6.2.1 Results of task 1

In this task, each user will have to accomplish the following steps.

1. Register an account.
2. Login into that account.
3. Create a ShEx document.

There were four users, performing the task individually, and the results of the usability testing are these.

	User 1	User 2	User 3	User 4
Age	46	13	22	34
Level of expertise in informatics (out of 10)	3	6	8	5
Time spent in step 1	50s	24s	12s	42s
Time spent in step 2	30s	13s	5s	20s
Time spent in step 3	56s	32s	22s	46s
User's appraisal of ShareYASHE's usability (out of 10)	8	9	10	7

Figure 75. Results of task 1 of usability testing.

6.2.2 Results of task 2

In this task, each user will have to accomplish the following steps.

1. Login into the account that the user registered in task 1.
2. Access to the ShEx document that the user created in task 1.
3. Share the ShEx document with another user.
4. Both users, edit the ShEx document at the same time.

There were four users, performing the task in pairs, and the results of the usability testing are these.

	User 1	User 2	User 3	User 4
Age	46	13	22	34
Level of expertise in informatics (out of 10)	3	6	8	5
Time spent in step 1	1m 30s	34s	19s	1m 12s
Time spent in step 2	23s	12s	6s	17s
Time spent in step 3	3m 23s	1m 49s	1m 20s	2m 43s
Time spent in step 4	34s	22s	19s	31s
User's appraisal of ShareYASHE's usability (out of 10)	8	9	10	7

Figure 76. Results of task 2 of usability testing.

6.3 Accessibility testing

6.3.1 Summary

In this chapter we will see the results of the accessibility testing, which are summarised below.

- W3C HTML Markup Validation. The whole Website has passed this test.
- W3C CSS Validation. The whole Website has passed this test.
- Google Mobile Optimization Check. The whole Website has passed this test.
- WAVE Test. The whole Website has passed this test.
- aChecker Test. The whole Website has passed this test.
- TAW Test. We can see that the ShEx document editing view did not fully passed this test. This has the following two explanations.
    - TAW follows WCAG 2.1, while the purpose of this project is to achieve WCAG 2.0.
    - The errors of accessibility that TAW finds in our Website are related to the YASHE editor, which is an external library, and modifying it by ourselves exceeds the scope of this project.
- WebAIM Contrast Check. The whole Website has passed this test.

6.3.2 Results

6.3.2.1 HTML Markup Validation

6.3.2.1.1 Main view

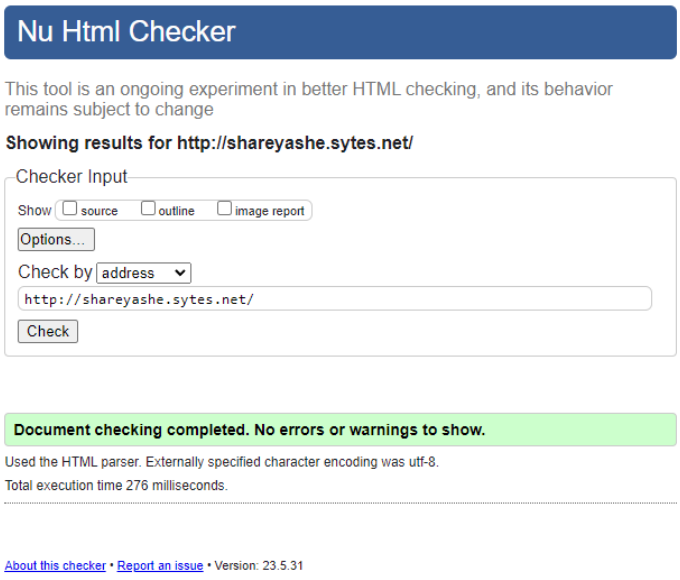


Figure 77. Results of HTML markup validation for main view.

6.3.2.1.2 ShEx document editing view

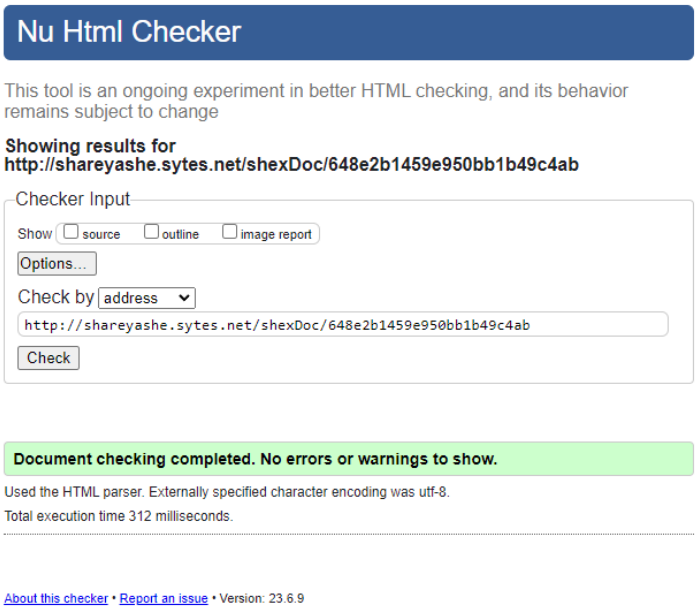


Figure 78. Results of HTML markup validation for ShEx document editing view.

6.3.2.1.3 Log-in view

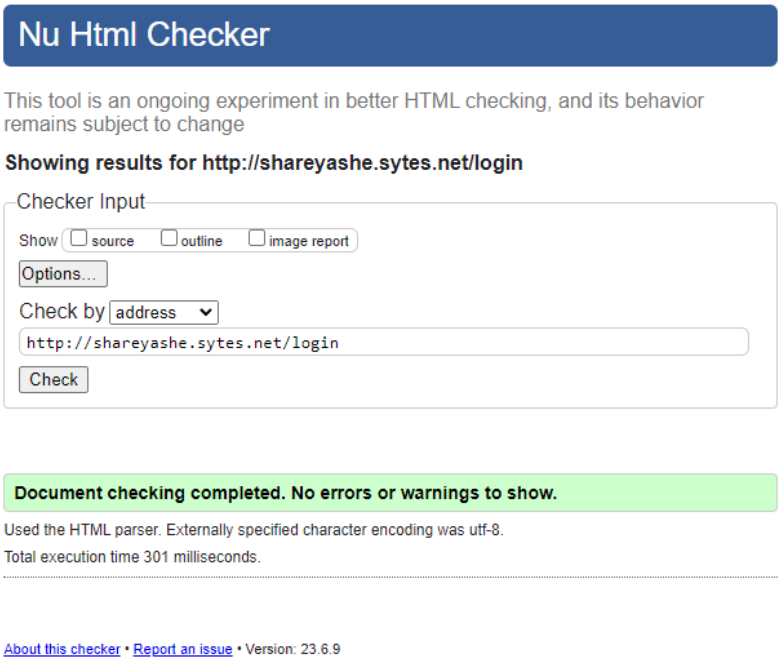


Figure 79. Results of HTML markup validation for log-in view.

6.3.2.1.4 Register view

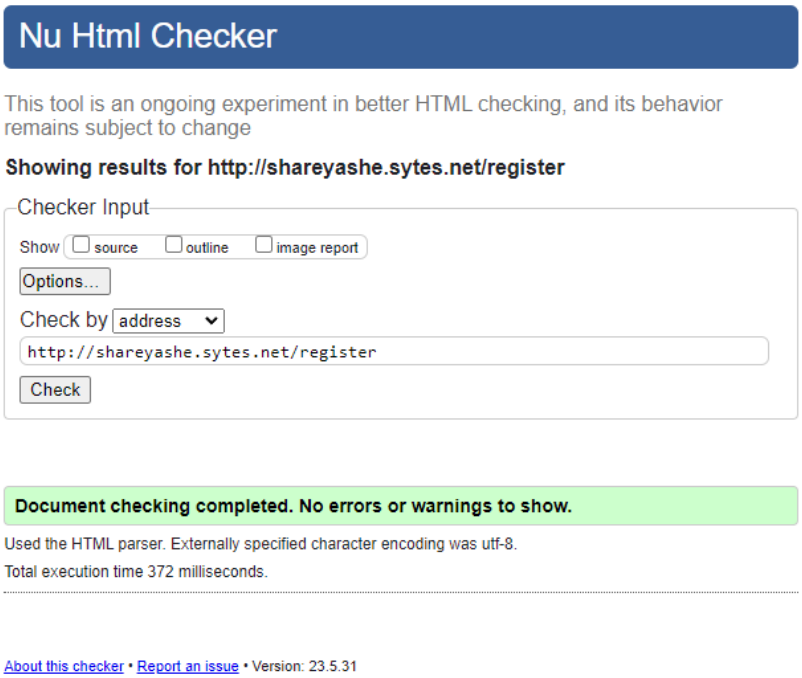


Figure 80. Results of HTML markup validation for register view.

6.3.2.2 CSS Validation

6.3.2.2.1 Main view

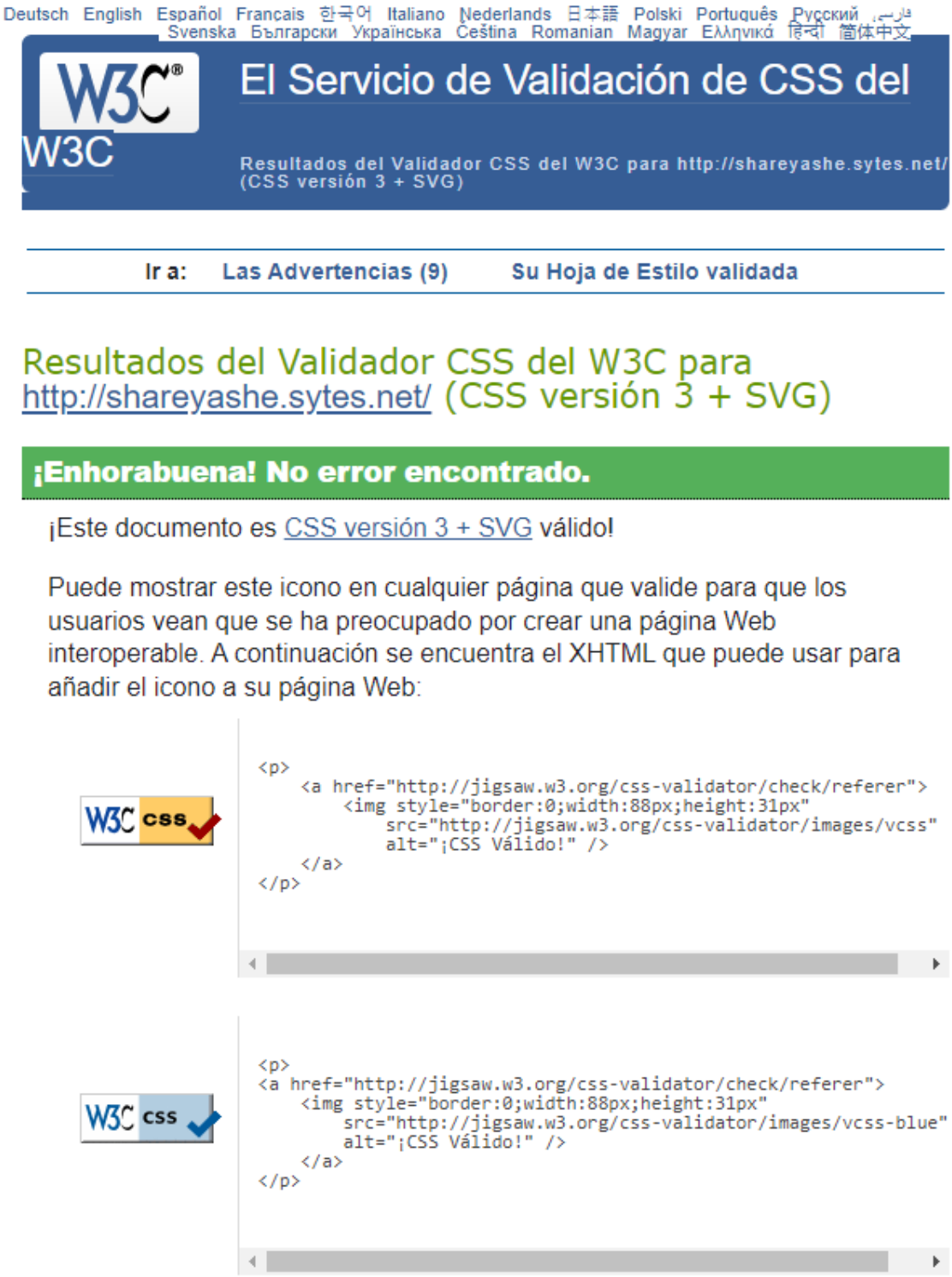


Figure 81. Results of CSS validation for main view.

6.3.2.2.2 ShEx document editing view

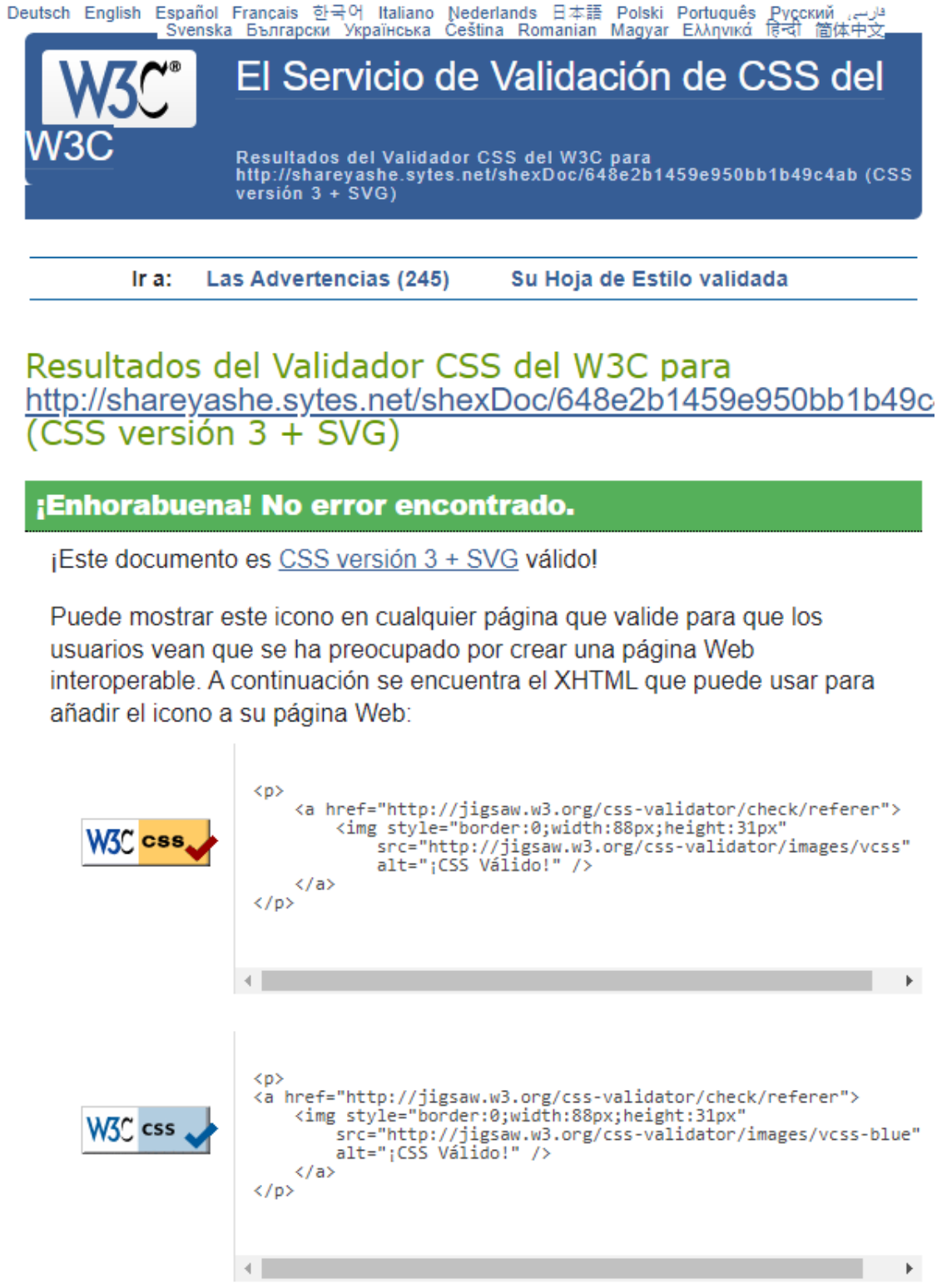


Figure 82. Results of CSS validation for ShEx document editing view.

6.3.2.2.3 Log-in view

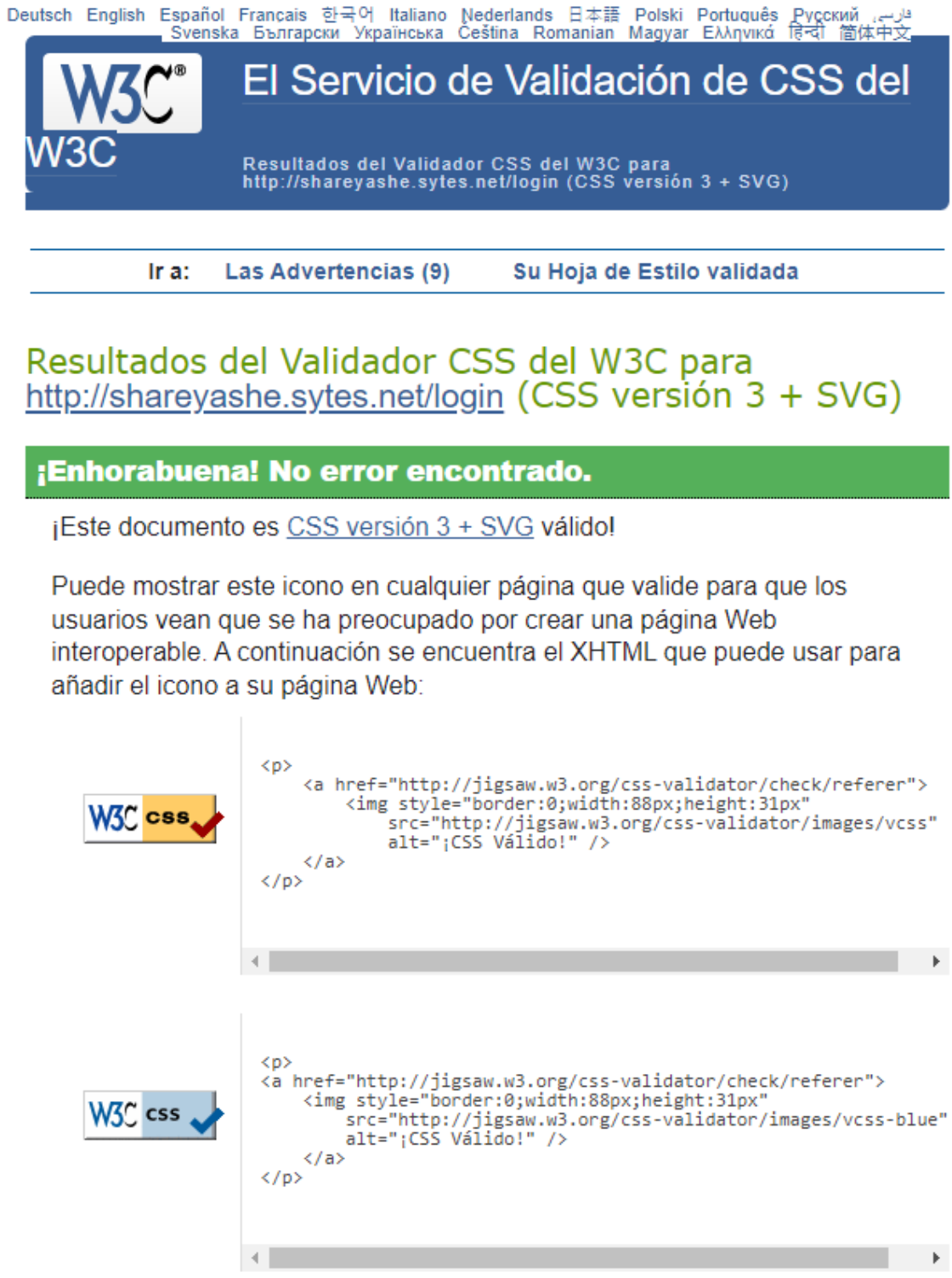


Figure 83. Results of CSS validation for log-in view.

6.3.2.2.4 Register view

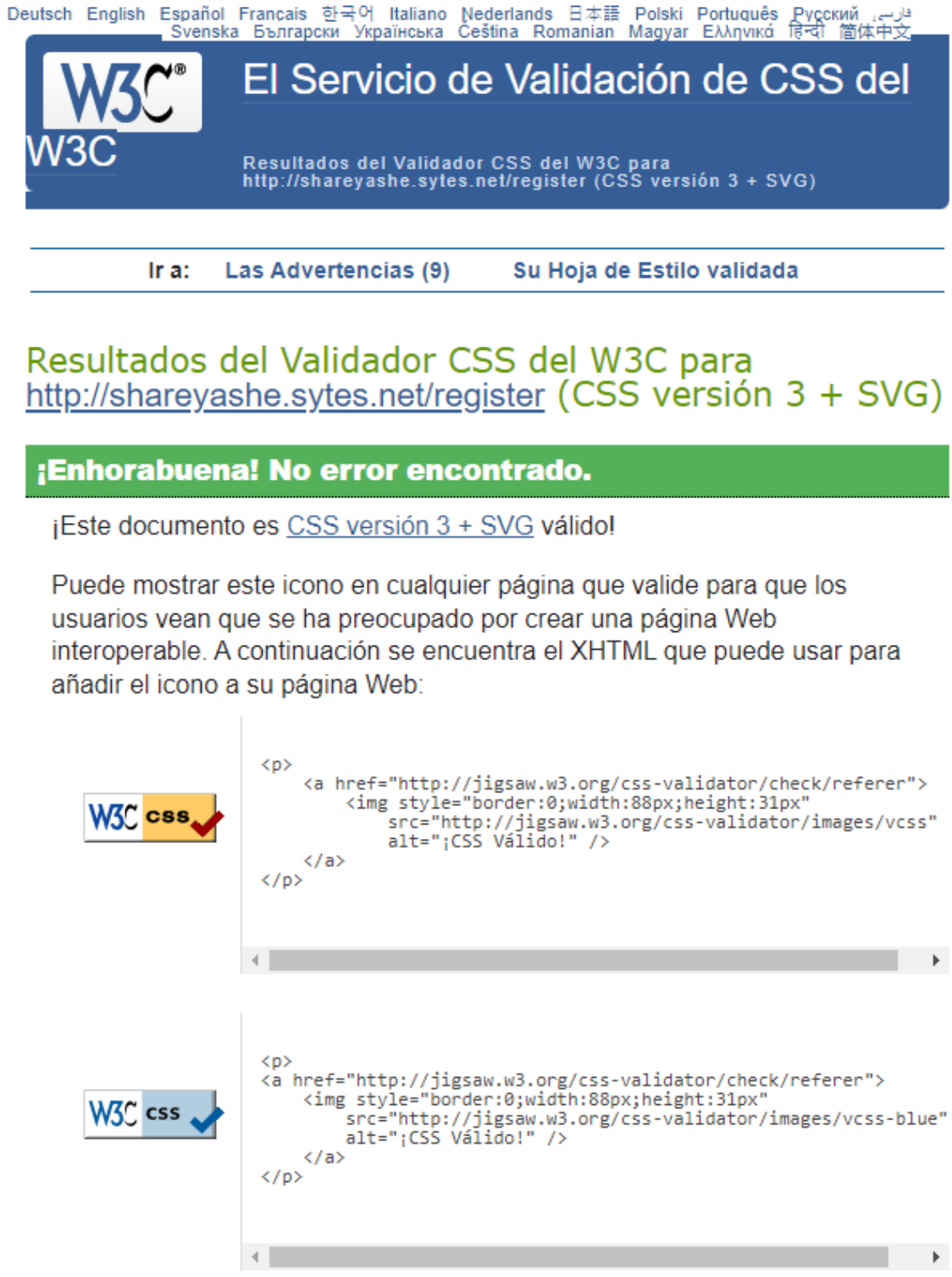


Figure 84. Results of CSS validation for register view.

6.3.2.3 Mobile Optimization Check

6.3.2.3.1 Main view

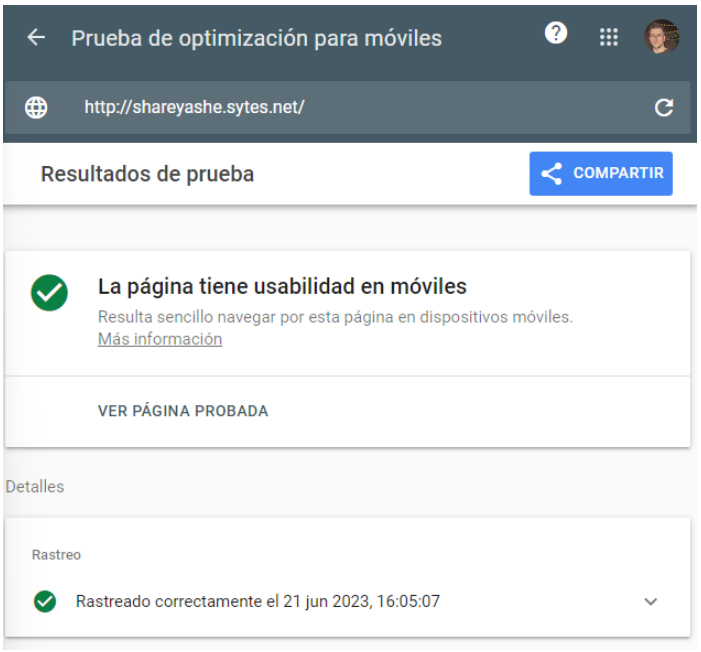


Figure 85. Results of mobile optimization check for main view.

6.3.2.3.2 ShEx document editing view

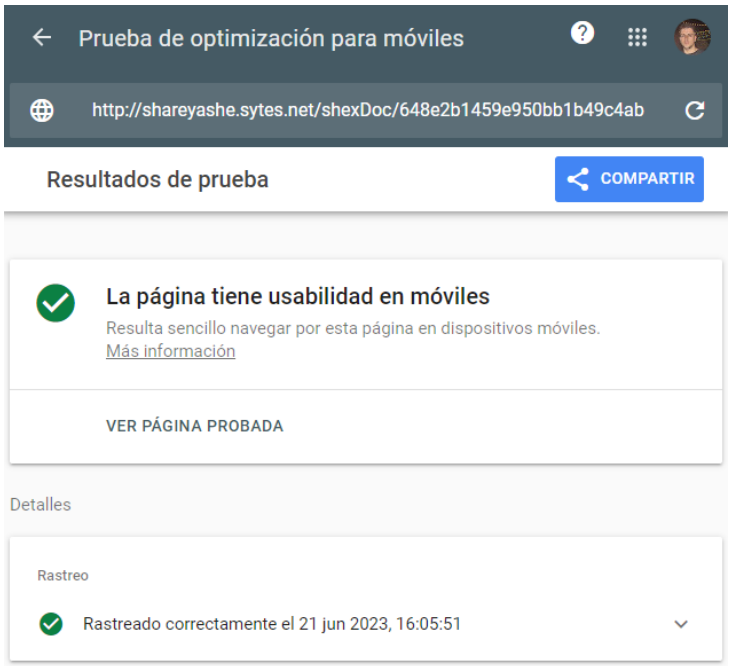


Figure 86. Results of mobile optimization check for ShEx document editing view.

6.3.2.3.3 Log-in view

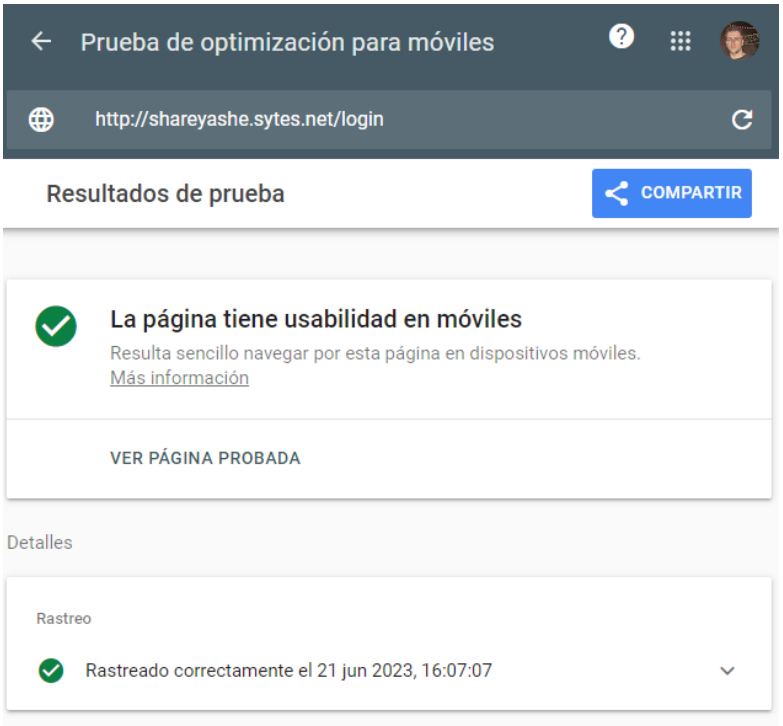


Figure 87. Results of mobile optimization check for log-in view.

6.3.2.3.4 Register view

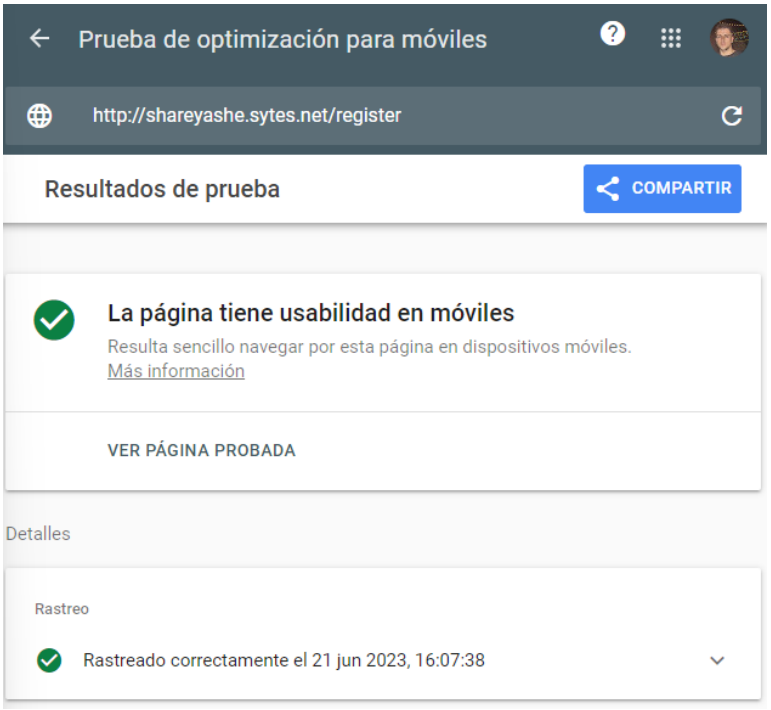


Figure 88. Results of mobile optimization check for register view.

6.3.2.4 WAVE test

6.3.2.4.1 Main view

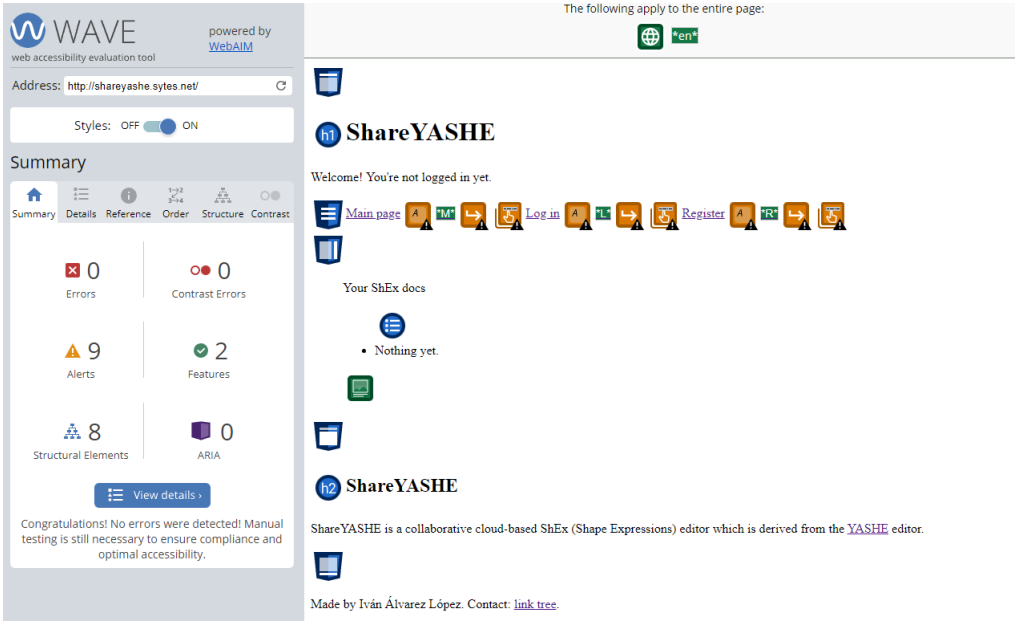


Figure 89. Results of WAVE test for main view.

6.3.2.4.2 ShEx document editing view

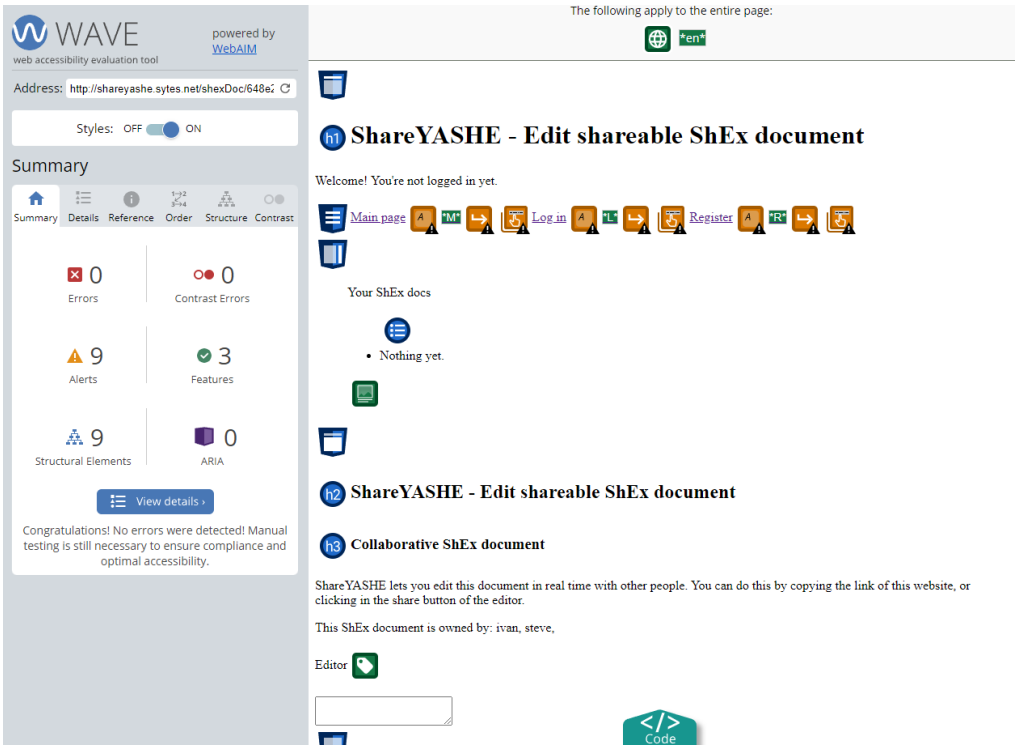


Figure 90. Results of WAVE test for ShEx document editing view.

6.3.2.4.3 Log-in view

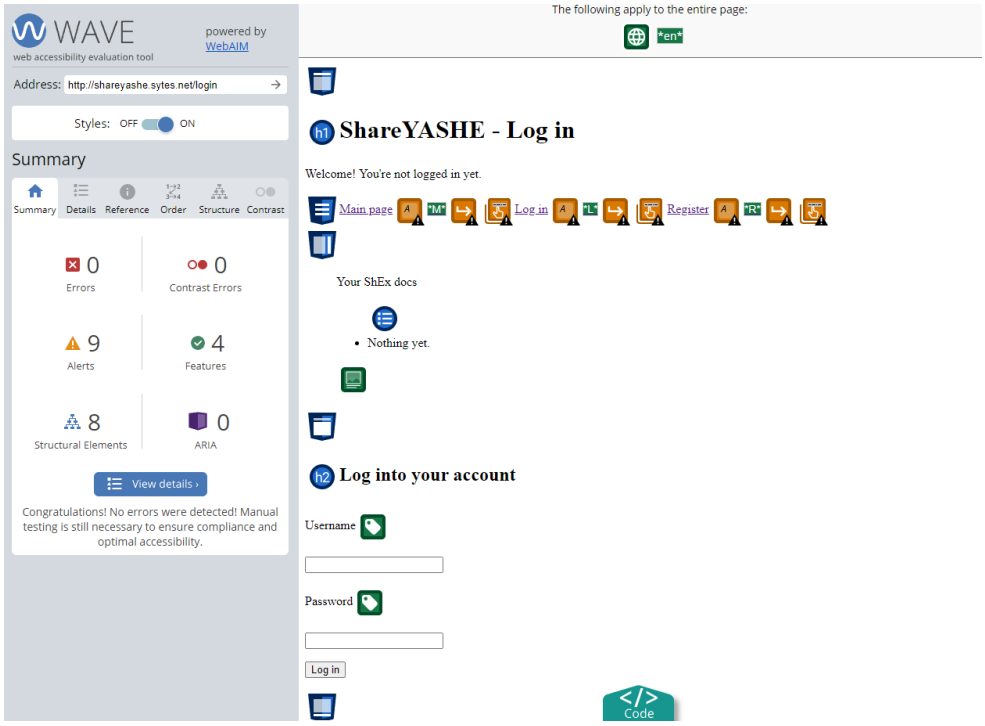


Figure 91. Results of WAVE test for log-in view.

6.3.2.4.4 Register view

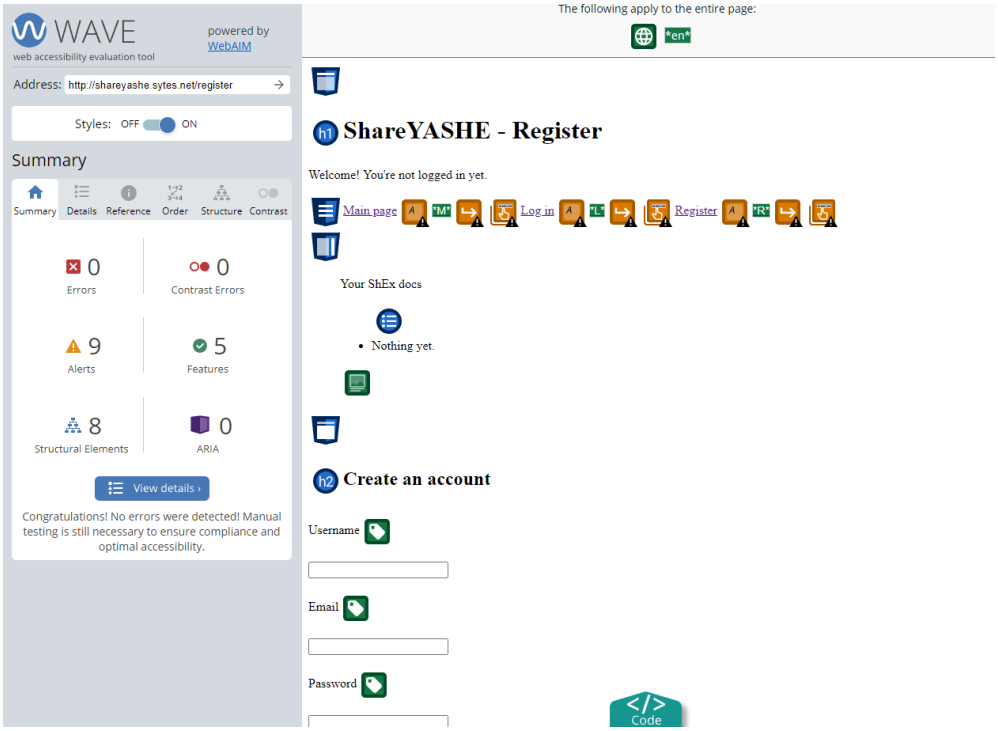


Figure 92. Results of WAVE test for register view.

6.3.2.5 aChecker test

6.3.2.5.1 Main view

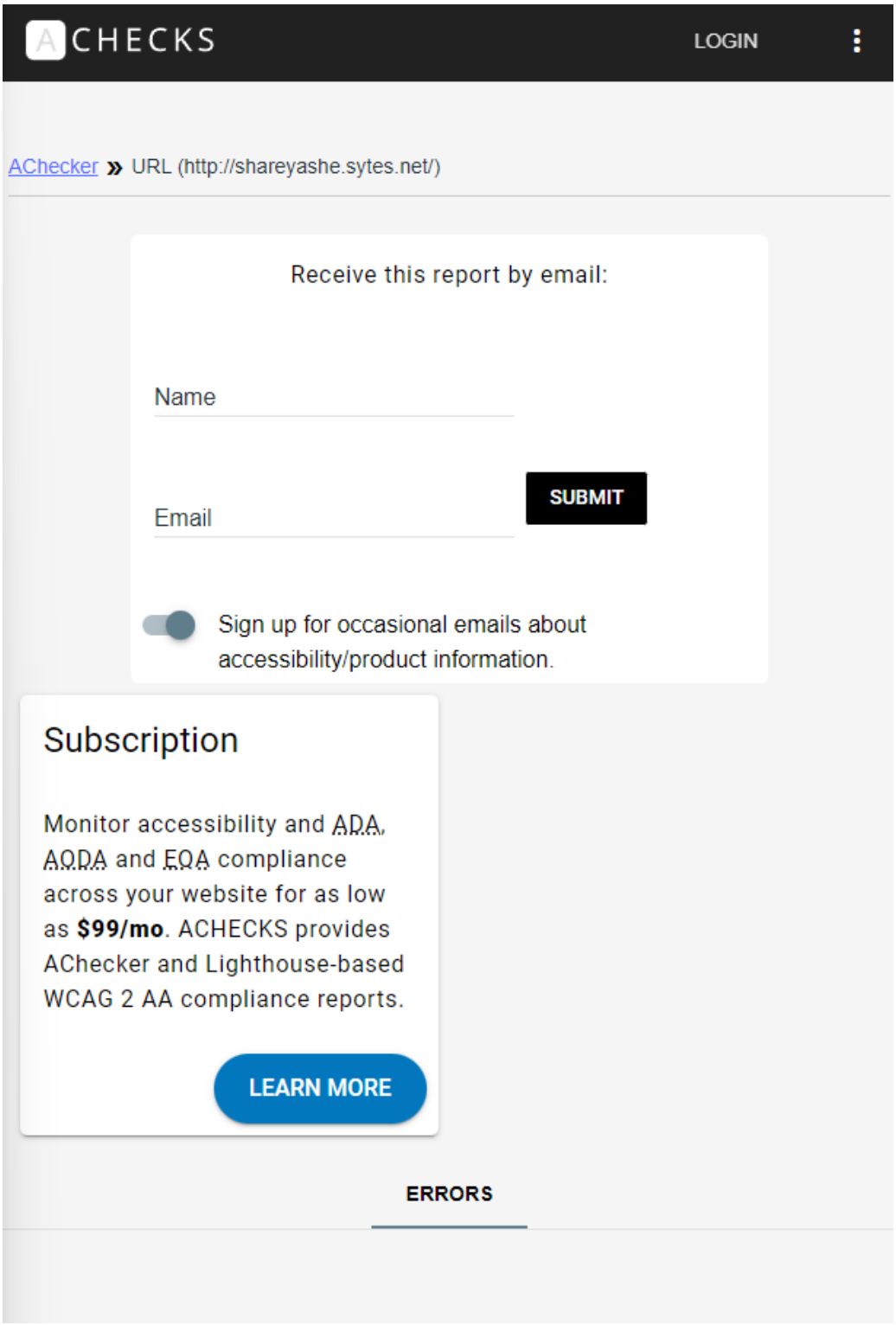


Figure 93. Results of aChecker test for main view.

6.3.2.5.2 ShEx document editing view

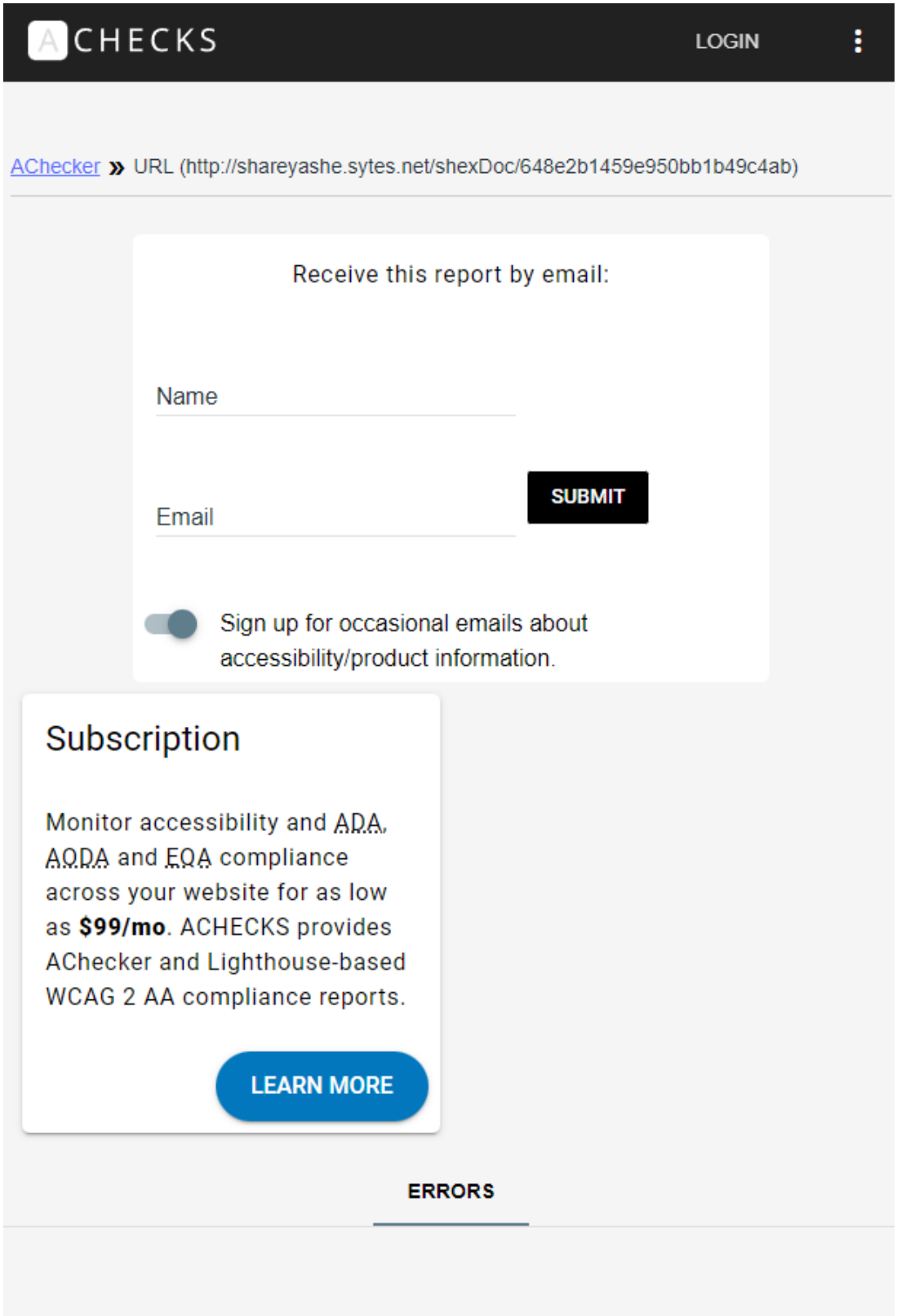


Figure 94. Results of aChecker test for ShEx document editing view.

6.3.2.5.3 Log-in view

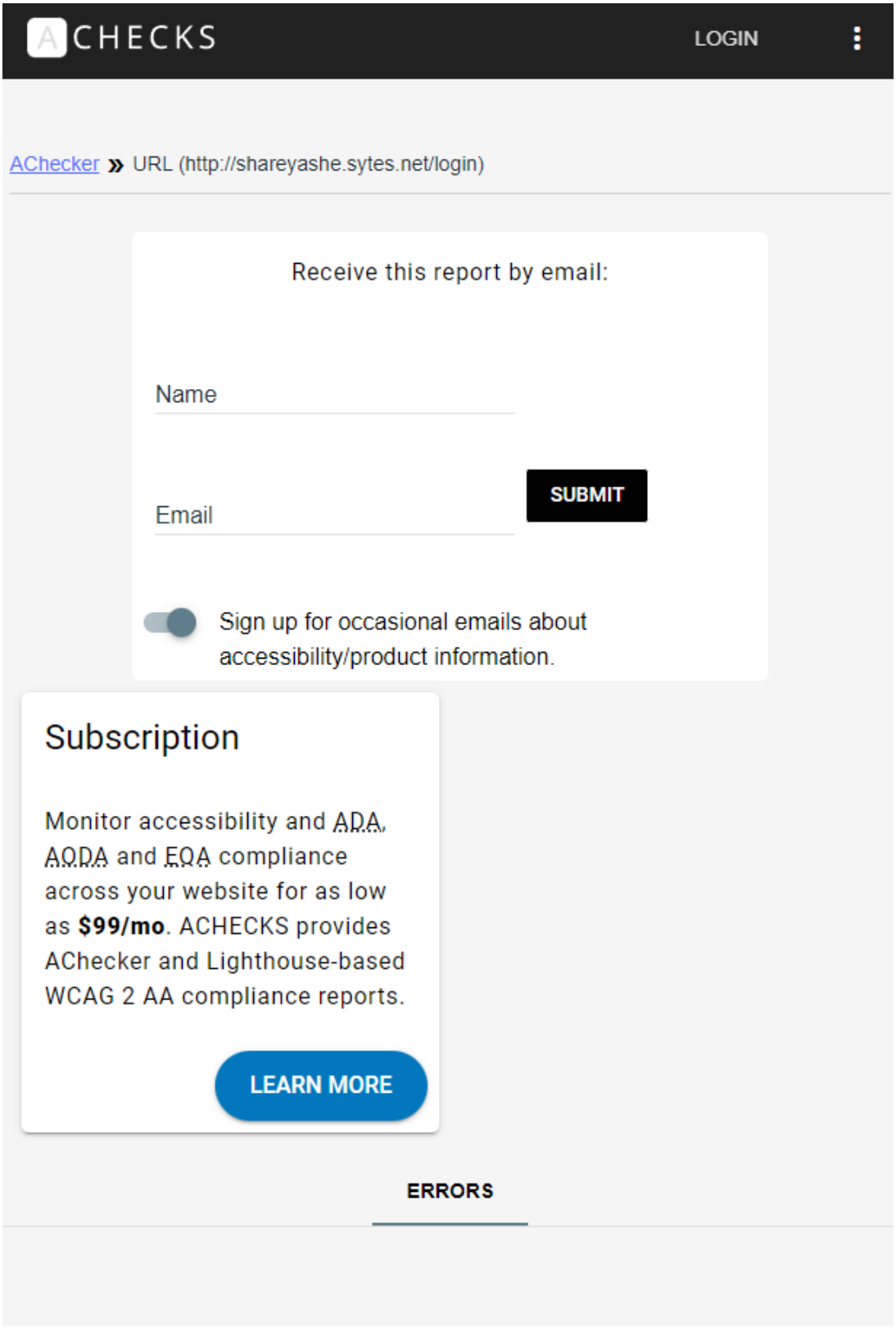


Figure 95. Results of aChecker test for log-in view.

6.3.2.5.4 Register view

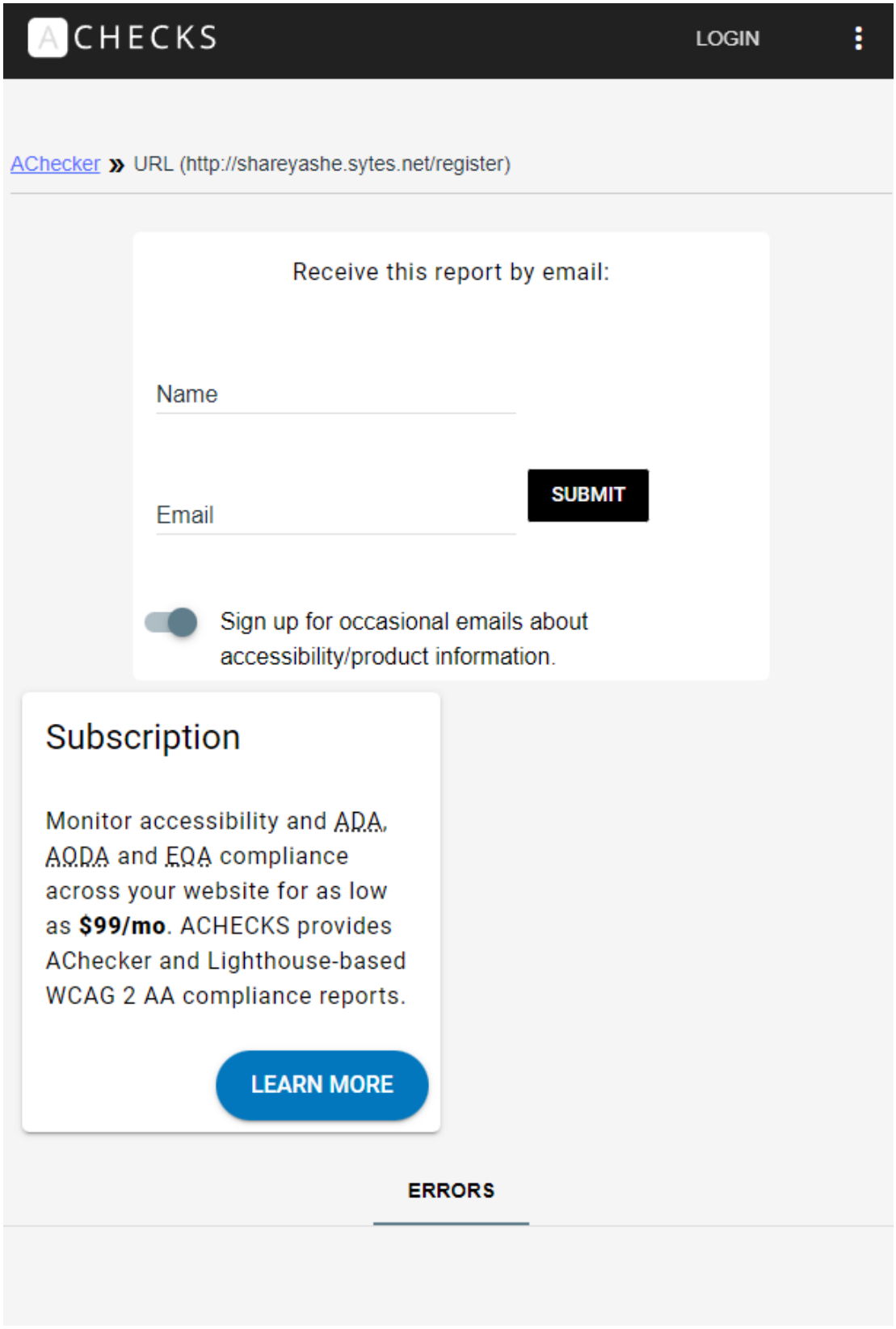


Figure 96. Results of aChecker test for register view.

6.3.2.6 TAW test

6.3.2.6.1 Main view

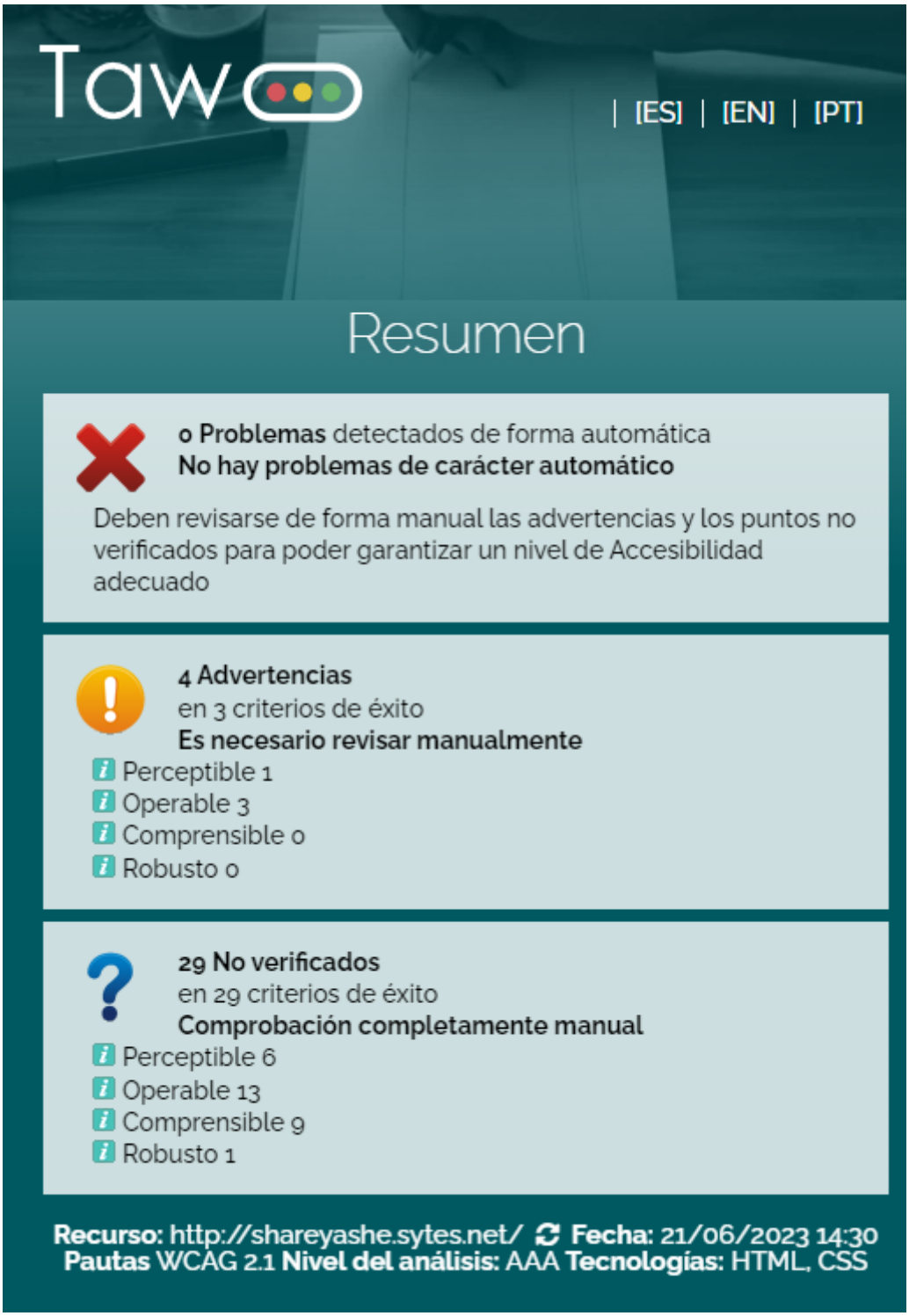


Figure 97. Results of TAW test for main view.

6.3.2.6.2 ShEx document editing view

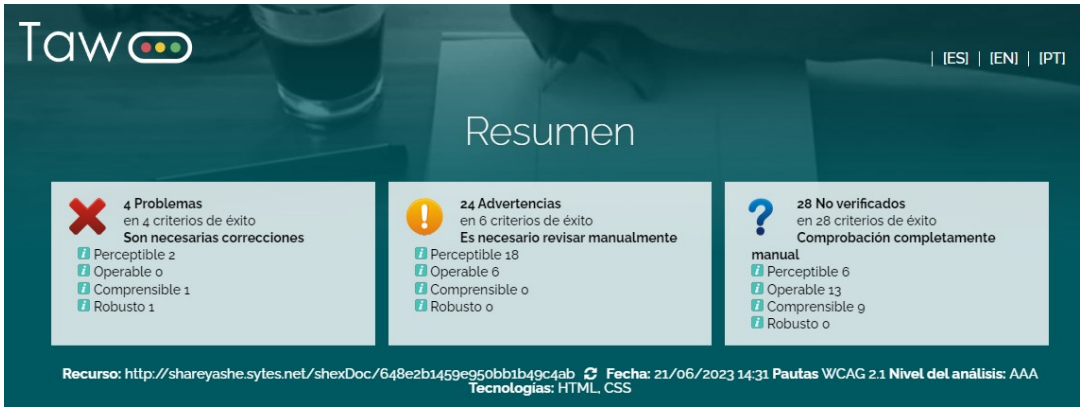


Figure 98. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (1 of 13).

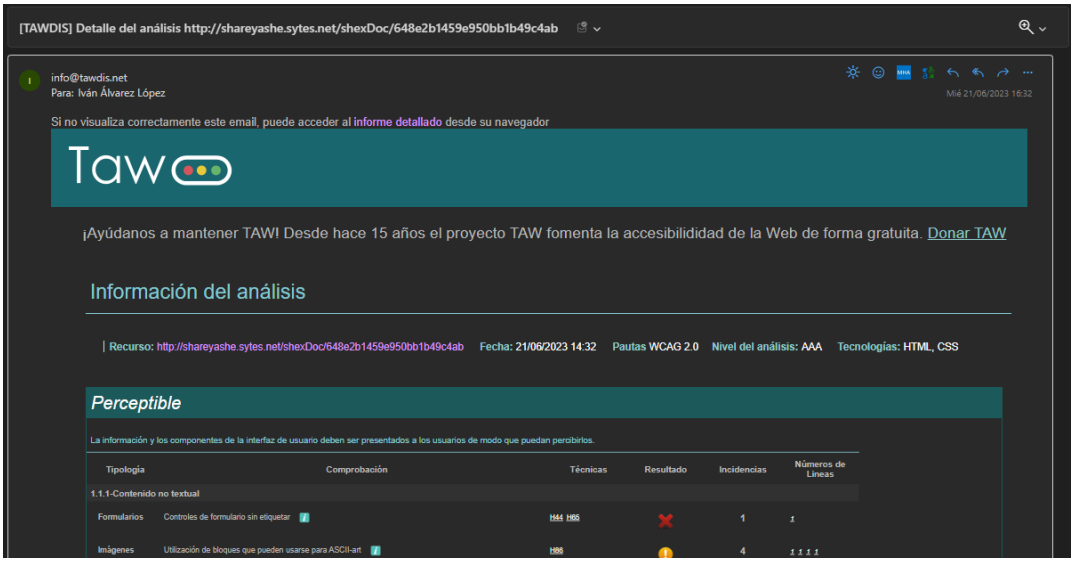


Figure 99. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (2 of 13).

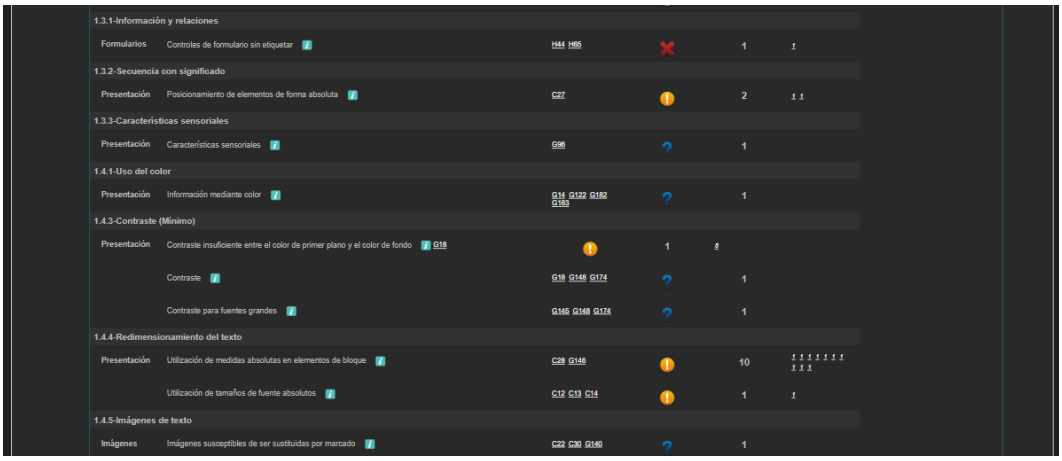
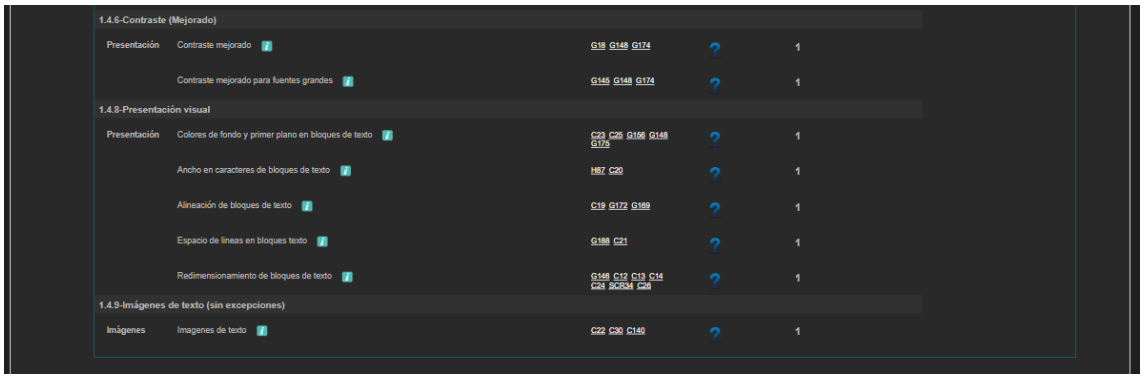
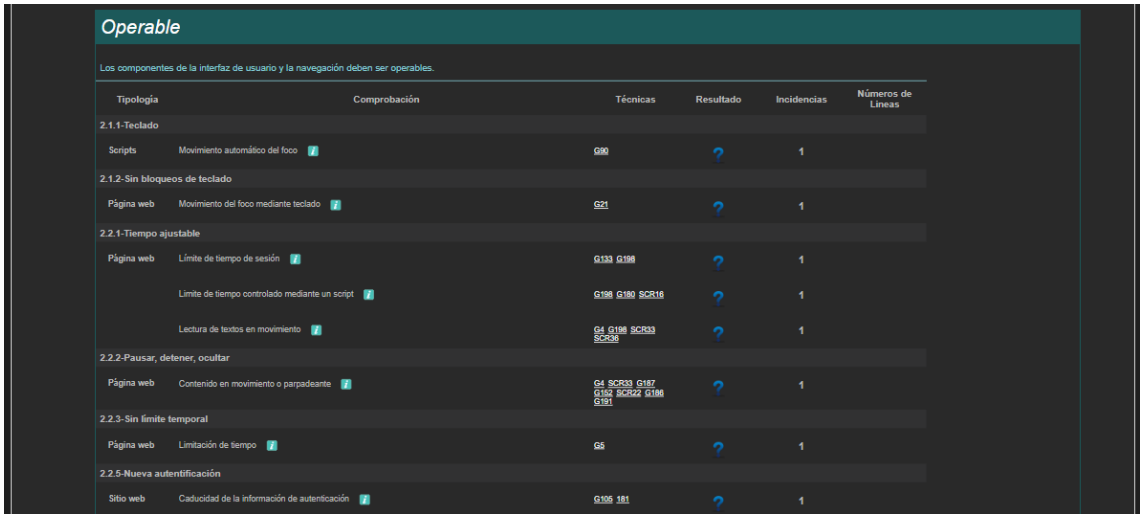


Figure 100. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (3 of 13).



1.4.6-Contraste (Mejorado)					
Presentación	Contraste mejorado	G18 G148 G174	?	1	
	Contraste mejorado para fuentes grandes	G145 G148 G174	?	1	
1.4.8-Presentación visual					
Presentación	Colores de fondo y primer plano en bloques de texto	C23 C25 G156 G148 G175	?	1	
	Ancho en caracteres de bloques de texto	H87 C20	?	1	
	Alineación de bloques de texto	C19 G172 G169	?	1	
	Espacio de líneas en bloques texto	G188 C21	?	1	
	Redimensionamiento de bloques de texto	G146 C12 C13 C14 C24 SCR34 C28	?	1	
1.4.9-Imágenes de texto (sin excepciones)					
Imágenes	Imagenes de texto	C22 C30 C140	?	1	

Figure 101. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (4 of 13).

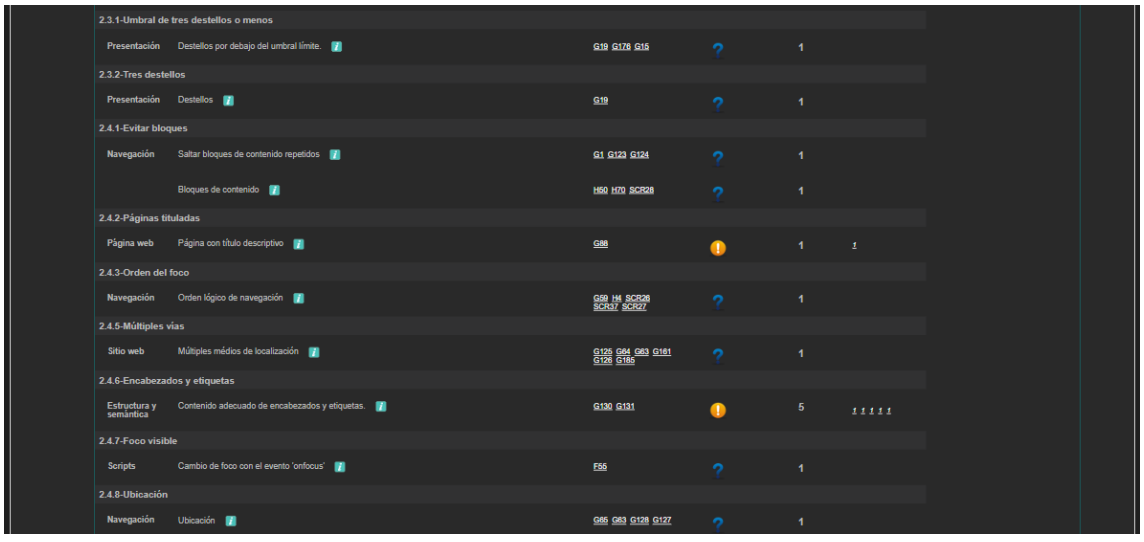


Operable

Los componentes de la interfaz de usuario y la navegación deben ser operables.

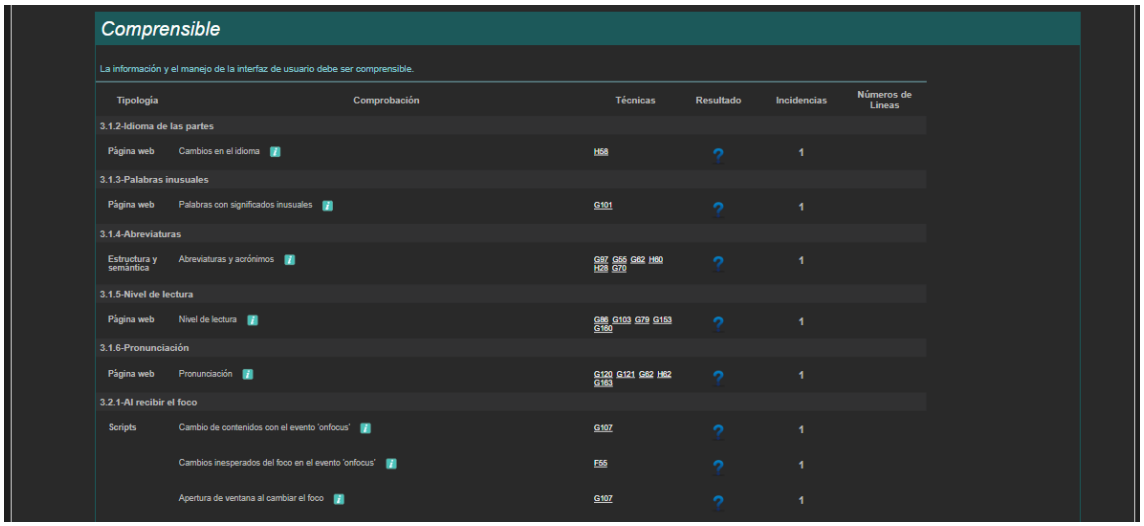
Tipología	Comprobación	Técnicas	Resultado	Incidencias	Números de Líneas
2.1.1-Teclado					
Scripts	Movimiento automático del foco	G80	?	1	
2.1.2-Sin bloqueos de teclado					
Página web	Movimiento del foco mediante teclado	G21	?	1	
2.2.1-Tiempo ajustable					
Página web	Límite de tiempo de sesión	G133 G198	?	1	
	Limite de tiempo controlado mediante un script	G198 G180 SCR16	?	1	
	Lectura de textos en movimiento	G4 G198 SCR33 SCR36	?	1	
2.2.2-Pausar, detener, ocultar					
Página web	Contenido en movimiento o parpadeante	G4 SCR33 G187 G152 SCR22 G186 G191	?	1	
2.2.3-Sin límite temporal					
Página web	Limitación de tiempo	G5	?	1	
2.2.5-Nueva autentificación					
Sitio web	Caducidad de la información de autenticación	G105 181	?	1	

Figure 102. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (5 of 13).



2.3.1-Umbral de tres destellos o menos					
Presentación	Destellos por debajo del umbral límite.	G19 G176 G15	?	1	
2.3.2-Tres destellos					
Presentación	Destellos	G19	?	1	
2.4.1-Evitar bloques					
Navegación	Saltar bloques de contenido repetidos	G1 G123 G124	?	1	
	Bloques de contenido	H50 H70 SCR28	?	1	
2.4.2-Páginas tituladas					
Página web	Página con título descriptivo	G88	!	1	1
2.4.3-Orden del foco					
Navegación	Orden lógico de navegación	G59 H4 SCR26 SCR37 SCR27	?	1	
2.4.5-Múltiples vías					
Sitio web	Múltiples médios de localización	G125 G64 G63 G161 G126 G185	?	1	
2.4.6-Encabezados y etiquetas					
Estructura y semántica	Contenido adecuado de encabezados y etiquetas.	G130 G131	!	5	1 1 1 1 1
2.4.7-Foco visible					
Scripts	Cambio de foco con el evento 'onfocus'	F55	?	1	
2.4.8-Ubicación					
Navegación	Ubicación	G66 G63 G128 G127	?	1	

Figure 103. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (6 of 13).

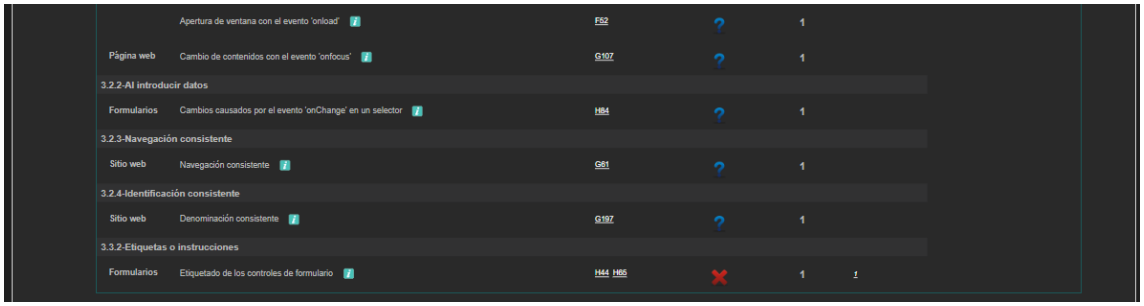


Comprensible

La información y el manejo de la interfaz de usuario debe ser comprensible.

Tipología	Comprobación	Técnicas	Resultado	Incidencias	Números de Líneas
3.1.2-Idioma de las partes					
Página web	Cambios en el idioma	H58	?	1	
3.1.3-Palabras inusuales					
Página web	Palabras con significados inusuales	G101	?	1	
3.1.4-Abreviaturas					
Estructura y semántica	Abreviaturas y acrónimos	G87 G55 G62 H60 H28 G70	?	1	
3.1.5-Nivel de lectura					
Página web	Nivel de lectura	G86 G103 G79 G153 G160	?	1	
3.1.6-Pronunciación					
Página web	Pronunciación	G120 G121 G62 H62 G163	?	1	
3.2.1-Al recibir el foco					
Scripts	Cambio de contenidos con el evento 'onfocus'	G107	?	1	
	Cambios inesperados del foco en el evento 'onfocus'	F55	?	1	
	Apertura de ventana al cambiar el foco	G107	?	1	

Figure 104. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (7 of 13).



	Apertura de ventana con el evento 'onload'	F52	?	1	
Página web	Cambio de contenidos con el evento 'onfocus'	G107	?	1	
3.2.2-Al introducir datos					
Formularios	Cambios causados por el evento 'onChange' en un selector	H84	?	1	
3.2.3-Navegación consistente					
Sitio web	Navegación consistente	G61	?	1	
3.2.4-Identificación consistente					
Sitio web	Denominación consistente	G197	?	1	
3.3.2-Etiquetas o instrucciones					
Formularios	Etiquetado de los controles de formulario	H44 H65	✗	1	1

Figure 105. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (8 of 13).

Robusto

El contenido debe ser suficientemente robusto como para ser interpretado de forma fiable por una amplia variedad de agentes de usuario, incluyendo las ayudas técnicas.

Tipología	Comprobación	Técnicas	Resultado	Incidencias	Números de Líneas
4.1.2-Nombre, función, valor					
Formularios	Controles de formulario sin etiquetar	H44 H65	✗	1	1
Página web	Nombre, rol y valor	G108 SCR21 G135 G10	?	1	

Código fuente

HTML CSS CSS

Global

Figure 106. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (9 of 13).

Figure 107. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (10 of 13).

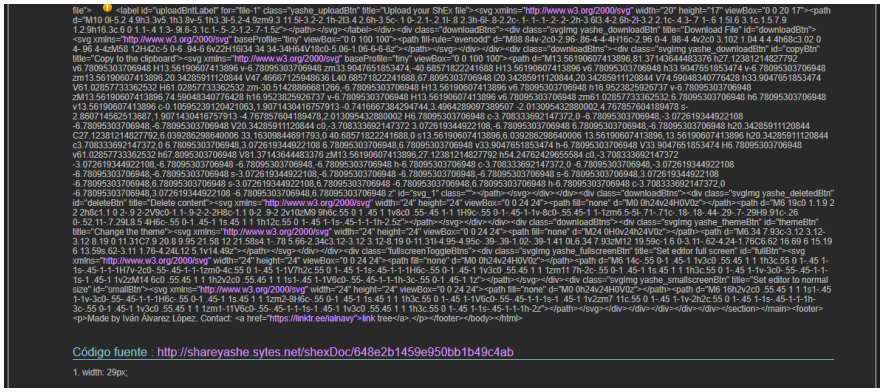


Figure 108. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (11 of 13).

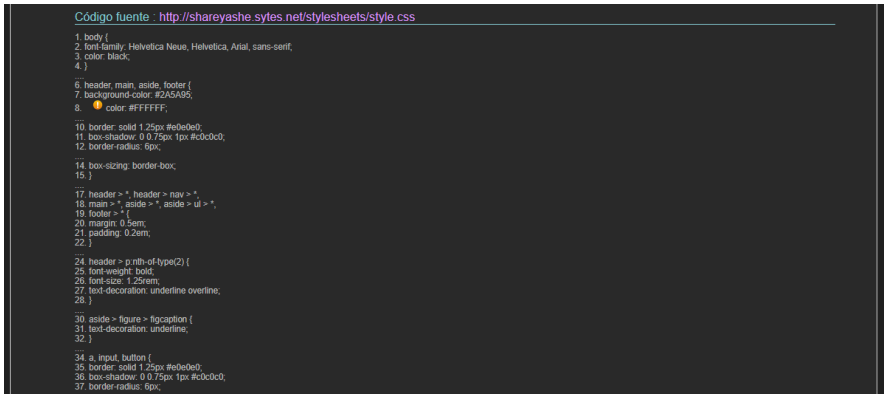


Figure 109. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (12 of 13).

Figure 110. Results of TAW test for ShEx document editing view (13 of 13).

6.3.2.6.3 Log-in view

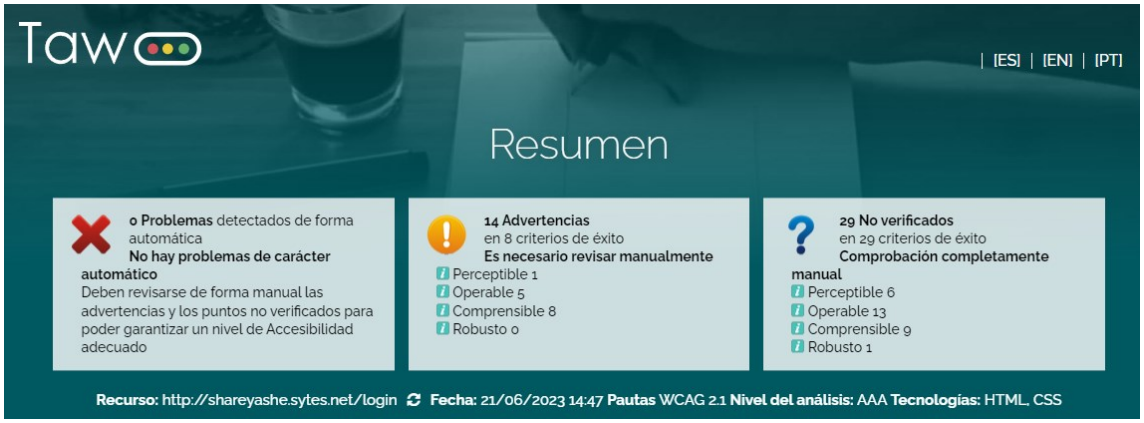


Figure 111. Results of TAW test for log-in view.

6.3.2.6.4 Register view

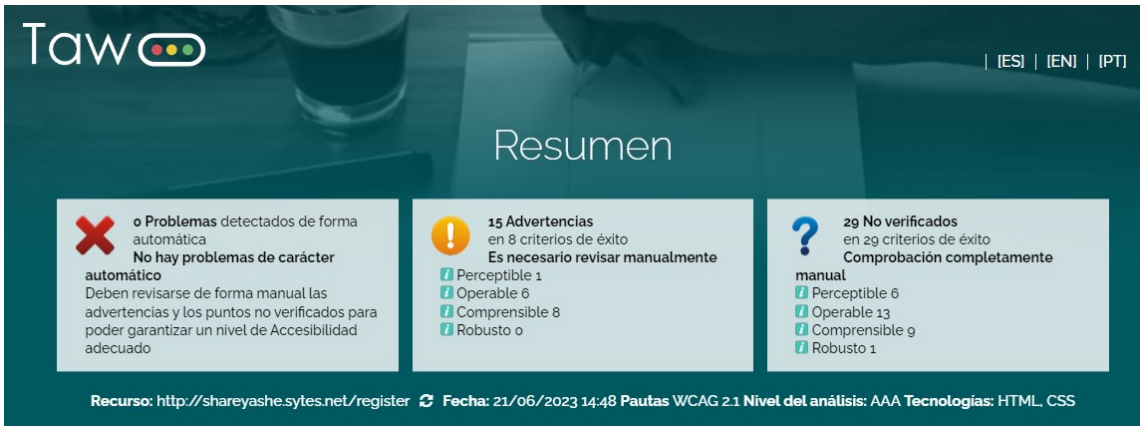


Figure 112. Results of TAW test for register view.

6.3.2.7 WebAIM Contrast Check

6.3.2.7.1 Main style

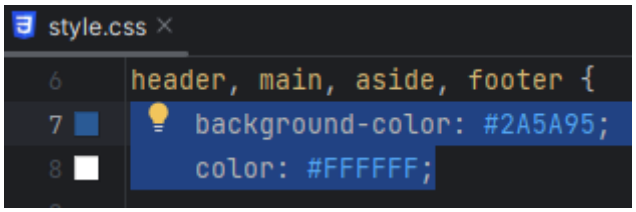


Figure 113. Main style colours.

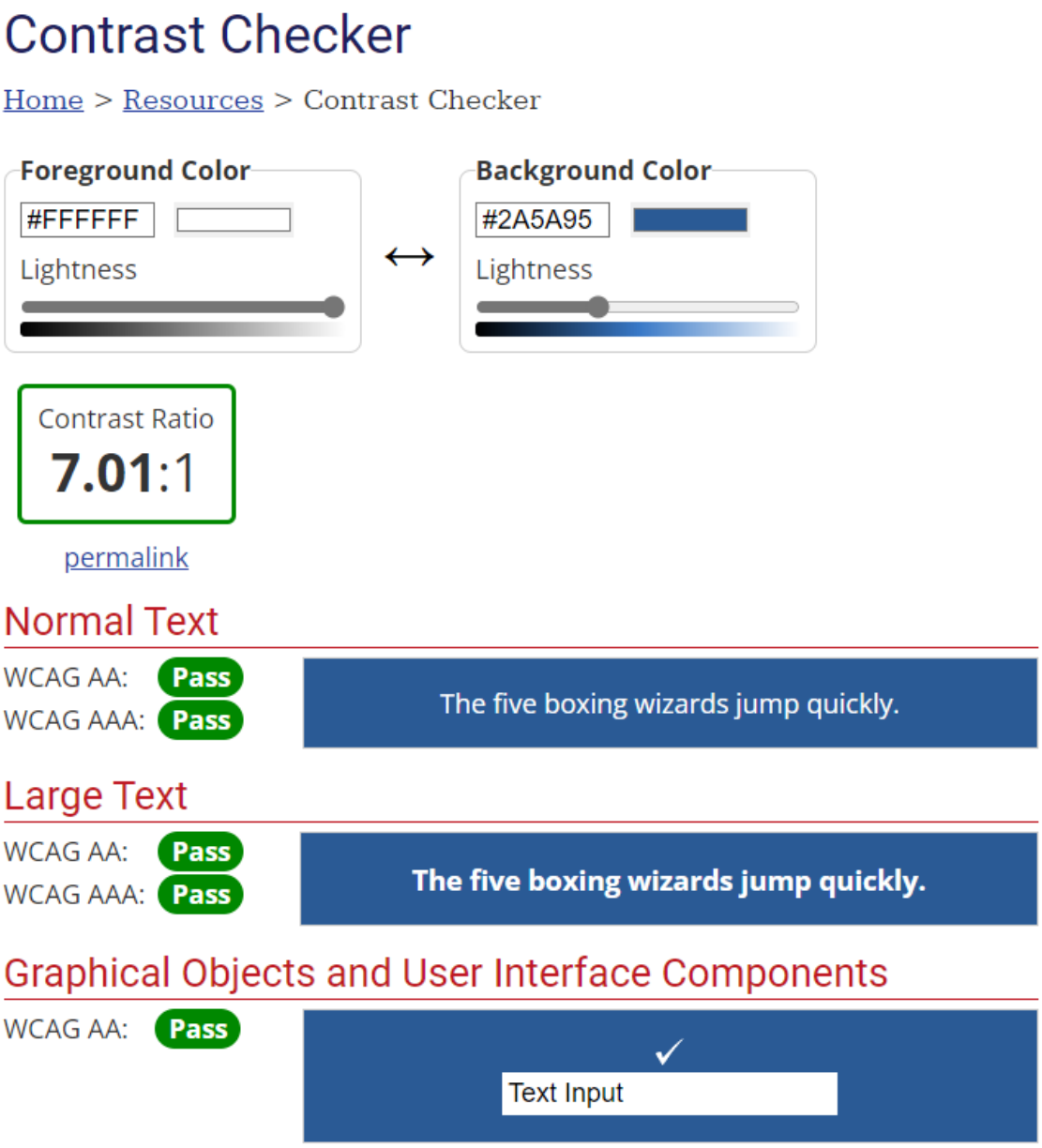


Figure 114. Main style contrast check.

6.3.2.7.2 Unused links

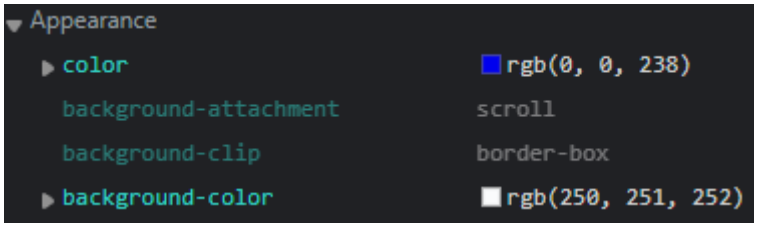


Figure 115. Unused links colours.

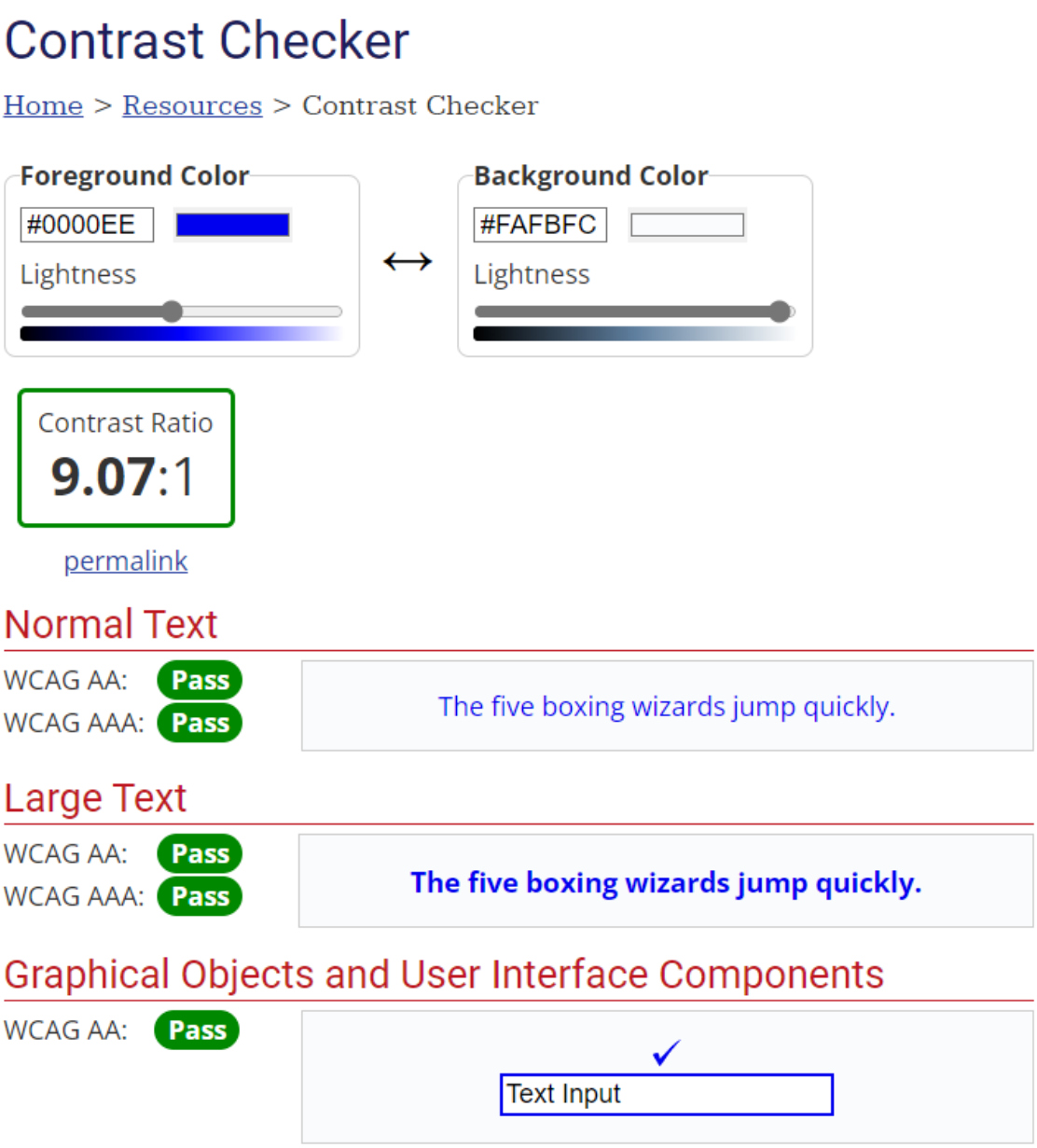


Figure 116. Unused links contrast check.

6.3.2.7.3 Unused links when hover

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43  a:hover, input:hover, button {
44      background-color: #f4f4f4;
45  }
```

Figure 117. Unused links when hover colours.

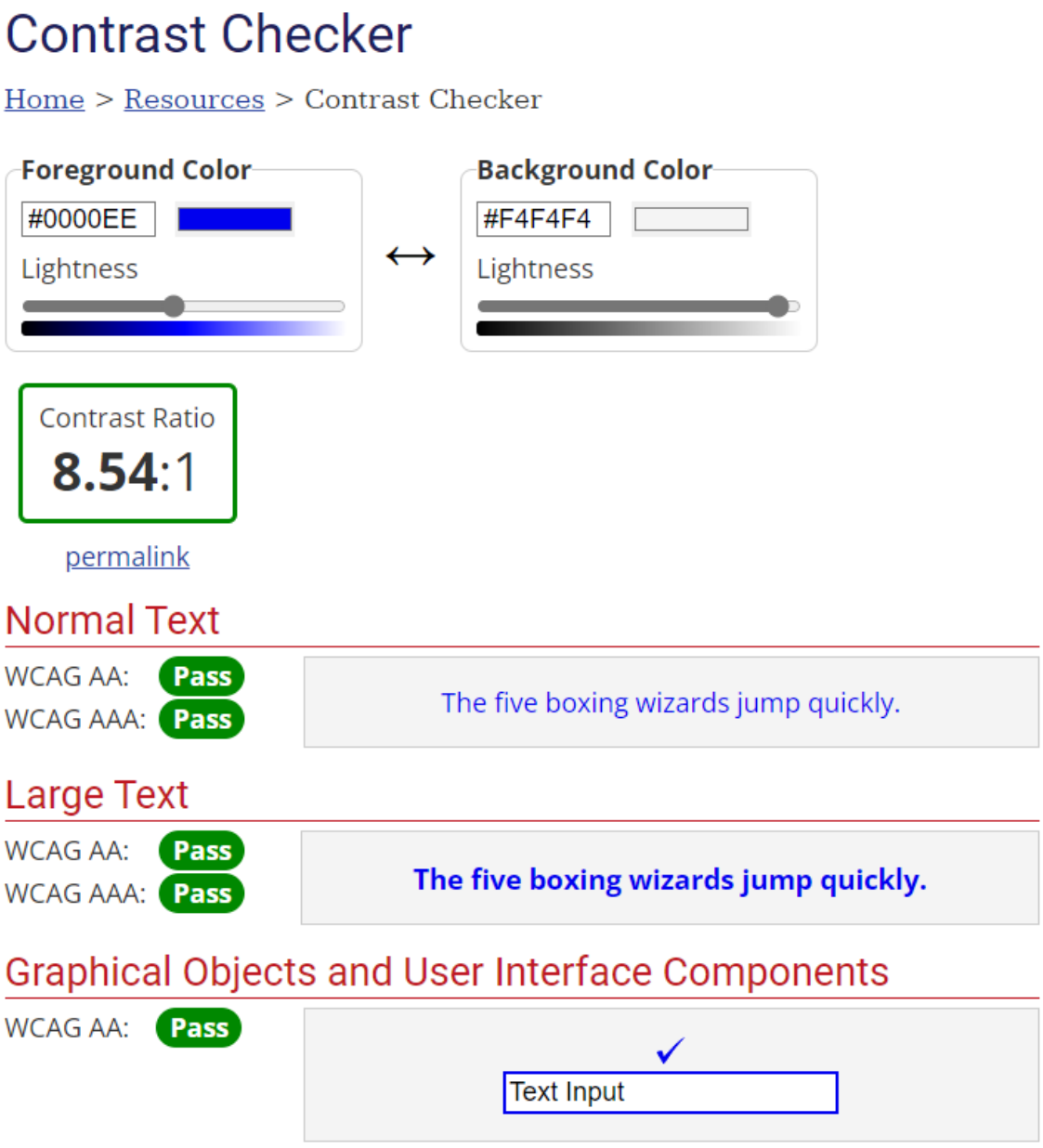

Figure 118. Unused links when hover contrast check.

6.3.2.7.4 Used links

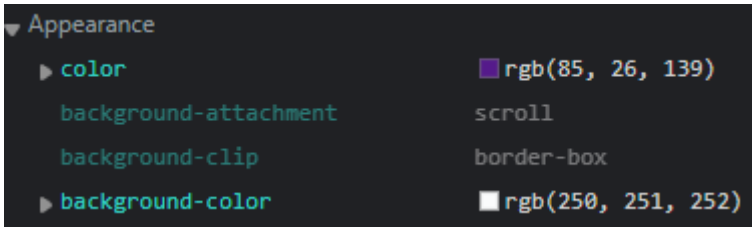

Figure 119. Used links colours.

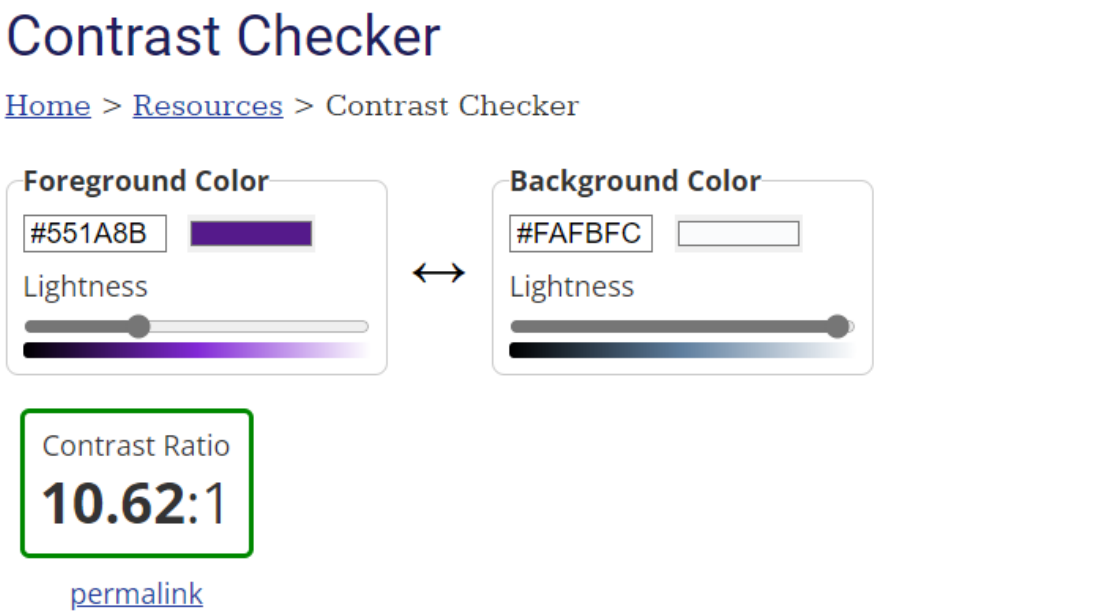

Figure 120. Used links contrast check.

6.3.2.7.5 Used links when hover

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43  a:hover, input:hover, button {
44      background-color: #f4f4f4;
45  }
```

Figure 121. Used links when hover colours.

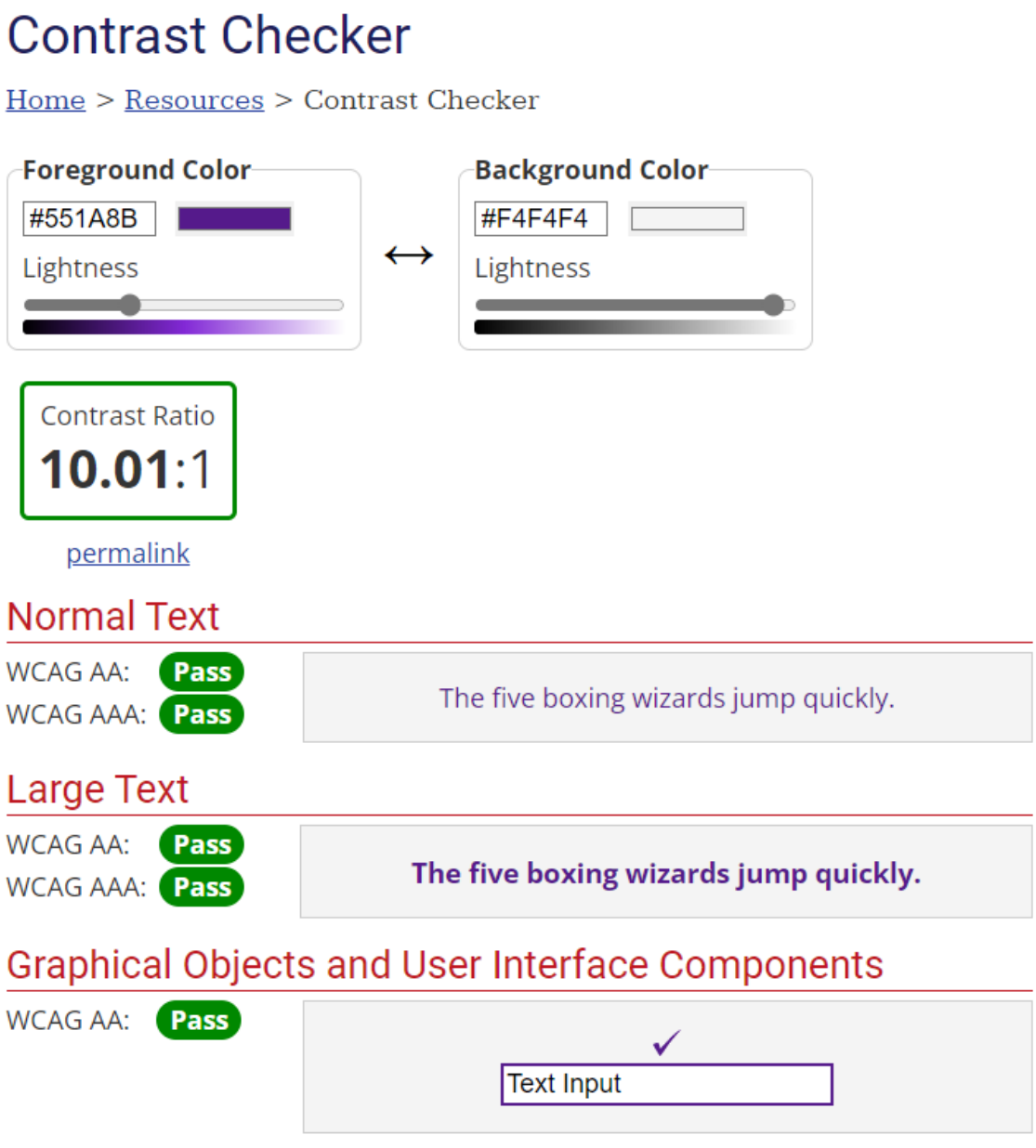


Figure 122. Used links when hover contrast check.

7 System documentation

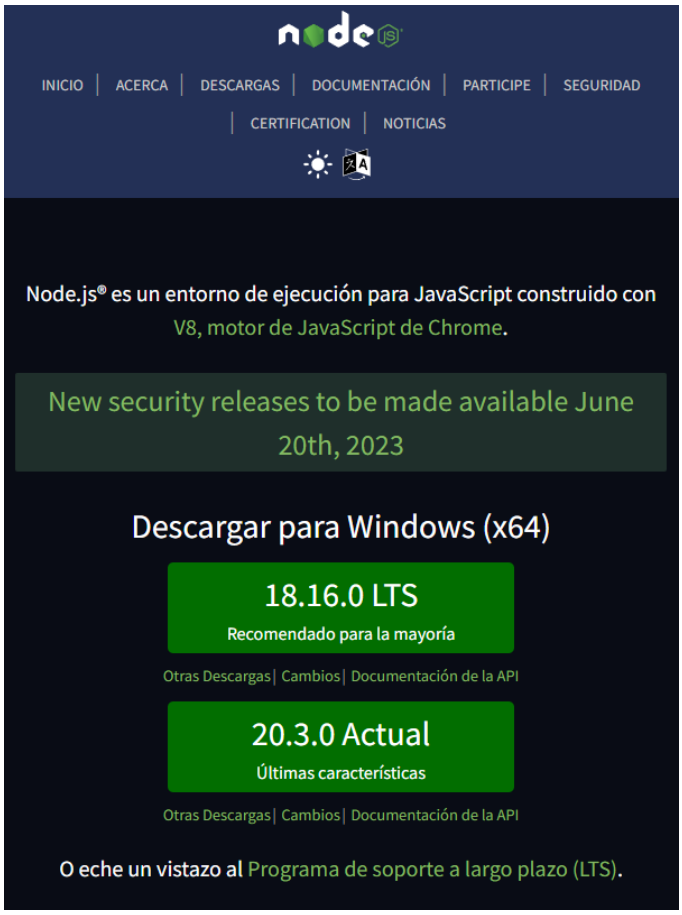
7.1 Manual of deployment on premises with Windows

ShareYASHE can be deployed in any machine capable of running Node.js. This includes Windows, Linux, macOS, and any other Unix-like Systems. Node.js is designed to be a cross-platform. In this chapter, we will see how to deploy ShareYASHE both in Windows and Linux.

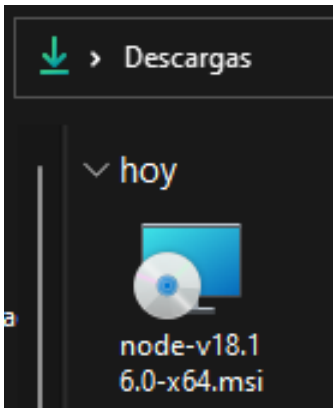
In this manual, we will be using a Windows 11 Pro 22H2 machine on premises.

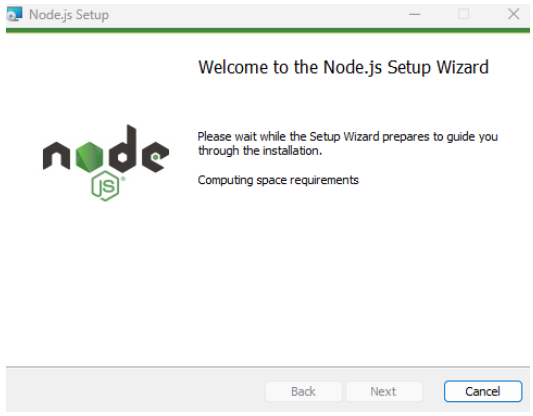
7.1.1 Install Node.js and NPM

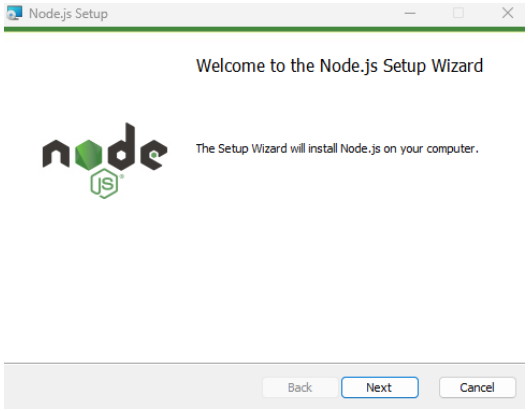
The first step for deploying ShareYASHE is installing Node.js, and its package manager: NPM. Be can obtain the installable file from the Node.js Website[Node23]. At the moment of the development of ShareYASHE, Node.js v18 was used. However, you can try installing another version, but it is unsure that ShareYASHE would run correctly.

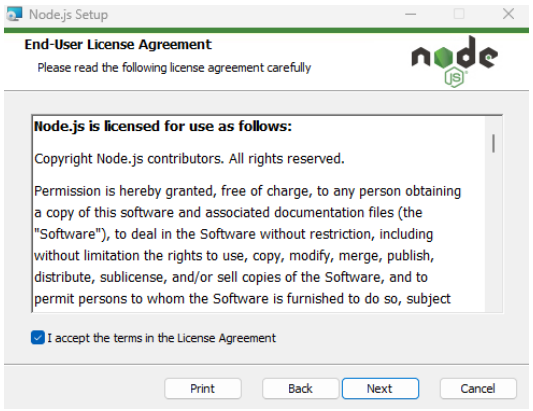


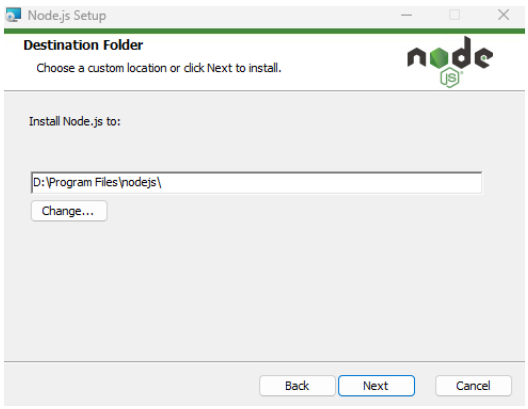
When the installable file of Node.js is downloaded, we must execute it in order to install Node.js in the machine.

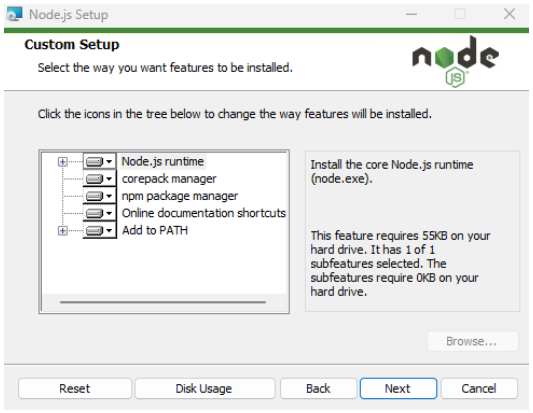


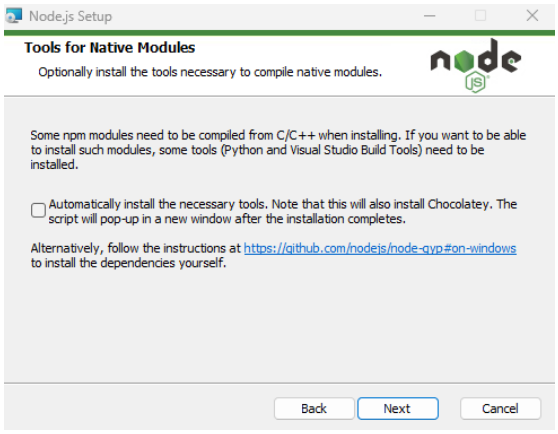


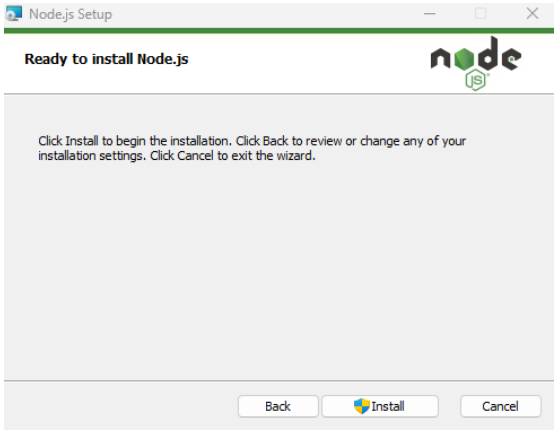


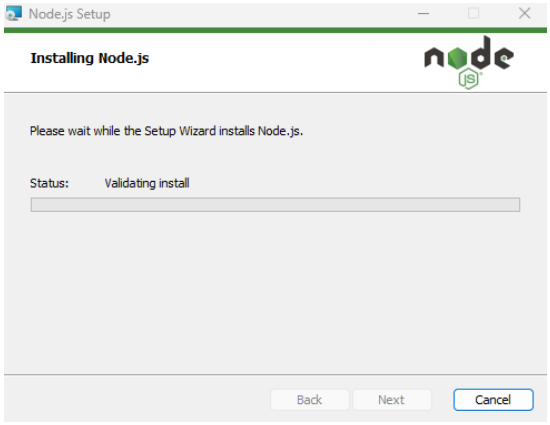


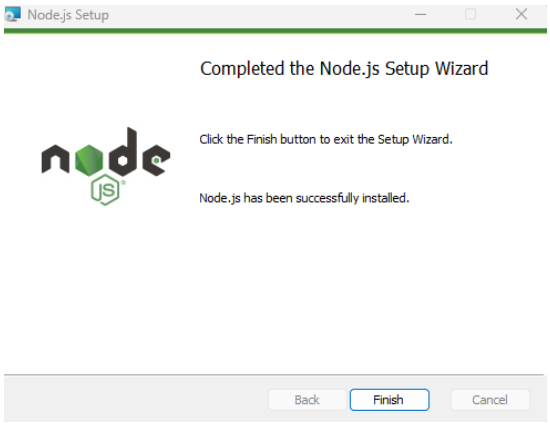




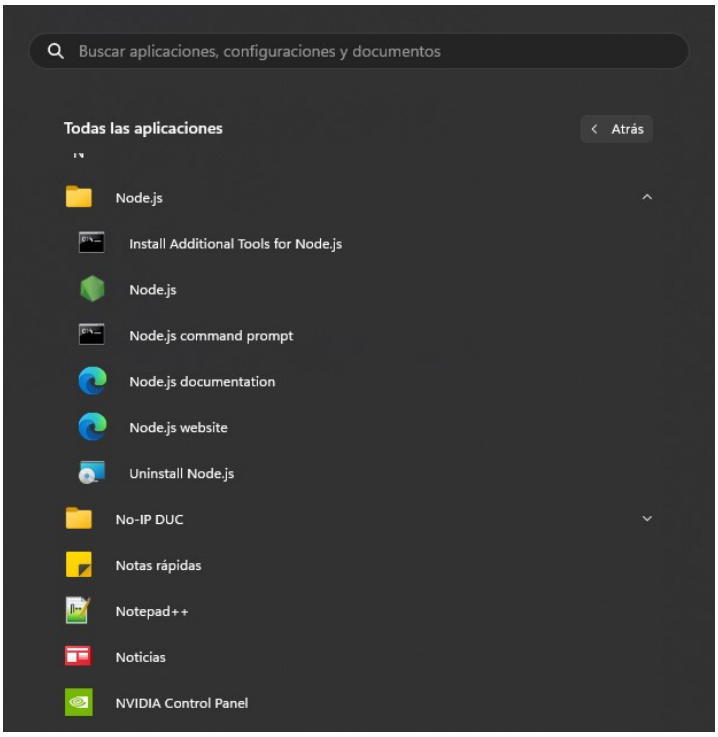




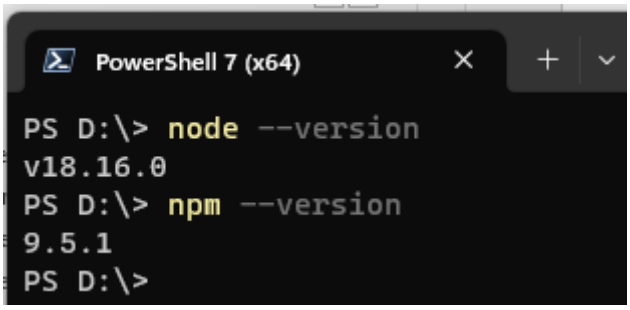




At this point, Node.js would be installed and the command prompt could be accessible from the programs list.

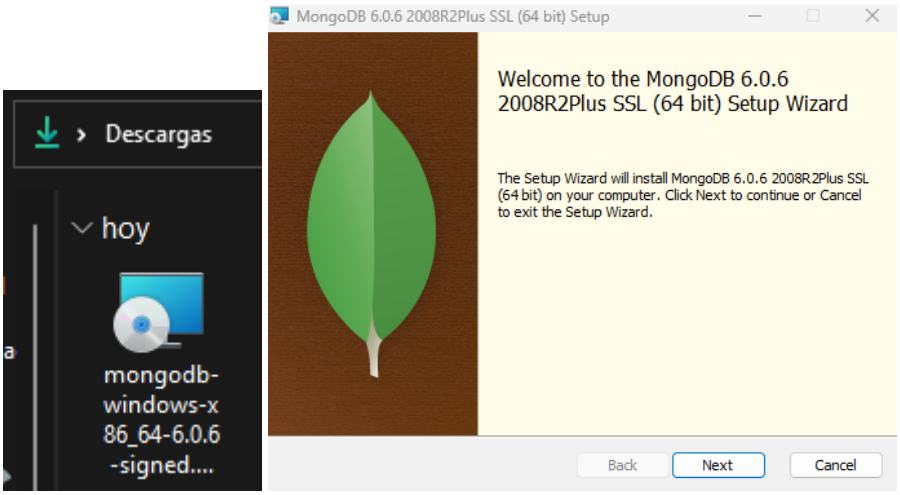


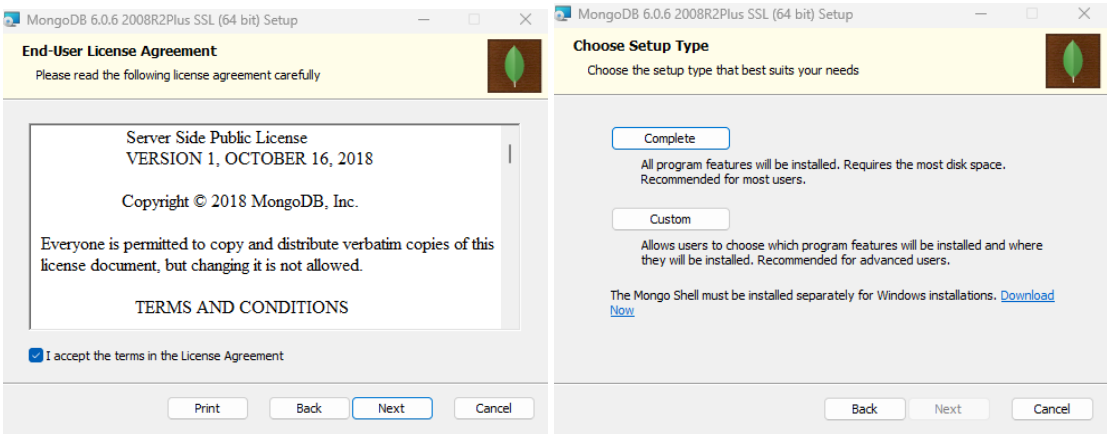
We may prefer access the Node.js functionality either through the native command prompt of Windows, or through the PowerShell 7. We can check the installation of Node.js and NPM with the following commands.



7.1.2 Install MongoDB and run it

ShareYASHE needs a MongoDB for its persistence. In this chapter, we will be deploying a local instance of MongoDB. Firstly, we may download the MongoDB Community Edition installable from its Website[Mongo23].





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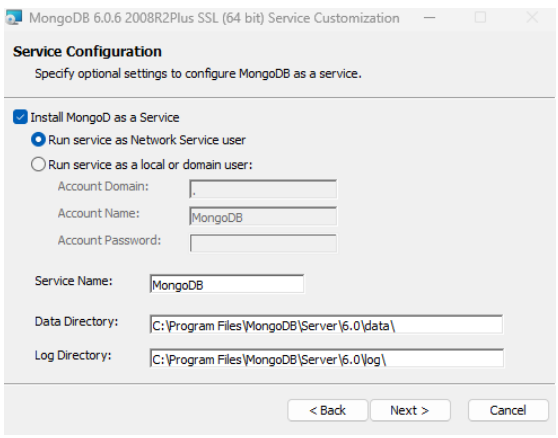
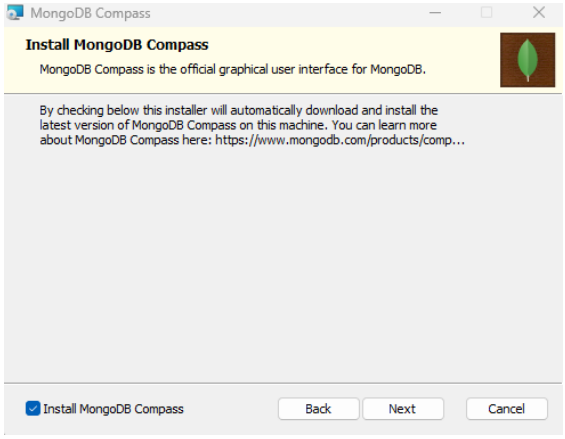
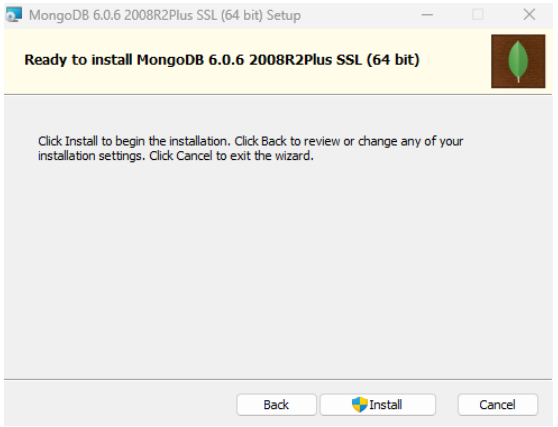
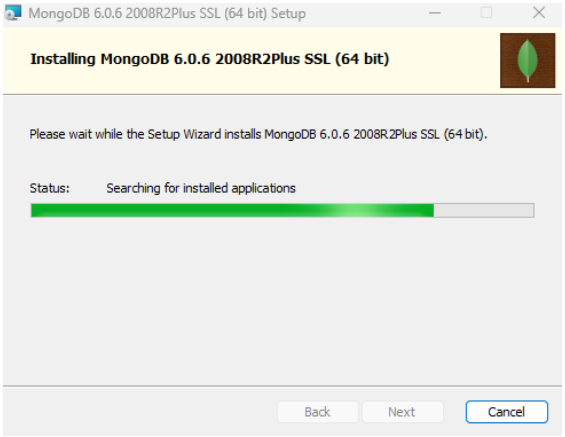
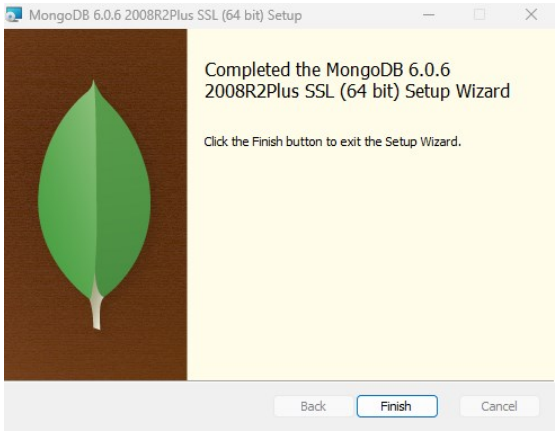








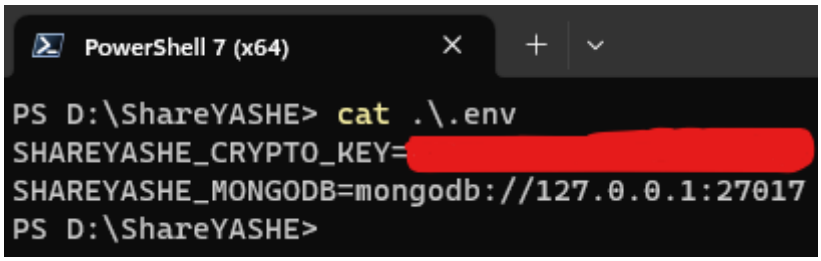


At this point, MongoDB would be fully installed, and its service would start with each System startup. Then, we can refer to the MongoDB database with the loopback address.

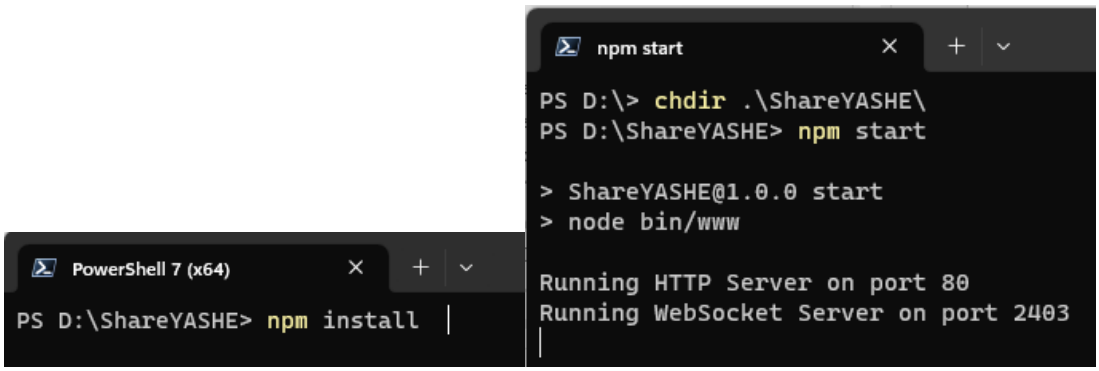
7.1.3 Obtain the ShareYASHE source code, customise its environment parameters, and run it

The code of ShareYASHE is published in a GitHub repository[Alv23] as an open-source project. We can simply download it and place it in a folder.

In the ".env" file, in the root of the project, we need to specify two parameters: SHAREYASHE_CRYPTO_KEY (an entropy word, for passwords to be encrypted), and SHAREYASHE_MONGODB (the reference to the MongoDB database).



After installing the NPM packages, we just call the script "npm start", after calling "npm install", whose steps are declared in the package.json file. "npm install" only needs to be called the first time you deploy, or every time that you change the packages.json file.

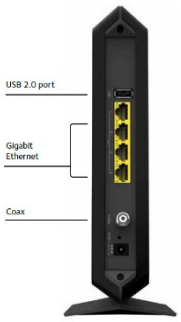


At this point, ShareYASHE would be running on your local network.

7.1.4 Access from the external network

In pursue of users from the external network accessing your ShareYASHE deployment, you must ensure that the ports are opened, both 80 and 2403, both UDP and TCP. You must also know your public IP, and you may use a DNS for making the URI of you ShareYASHE deployment to be friendlier.

7.1.5 Ensure external projection capability

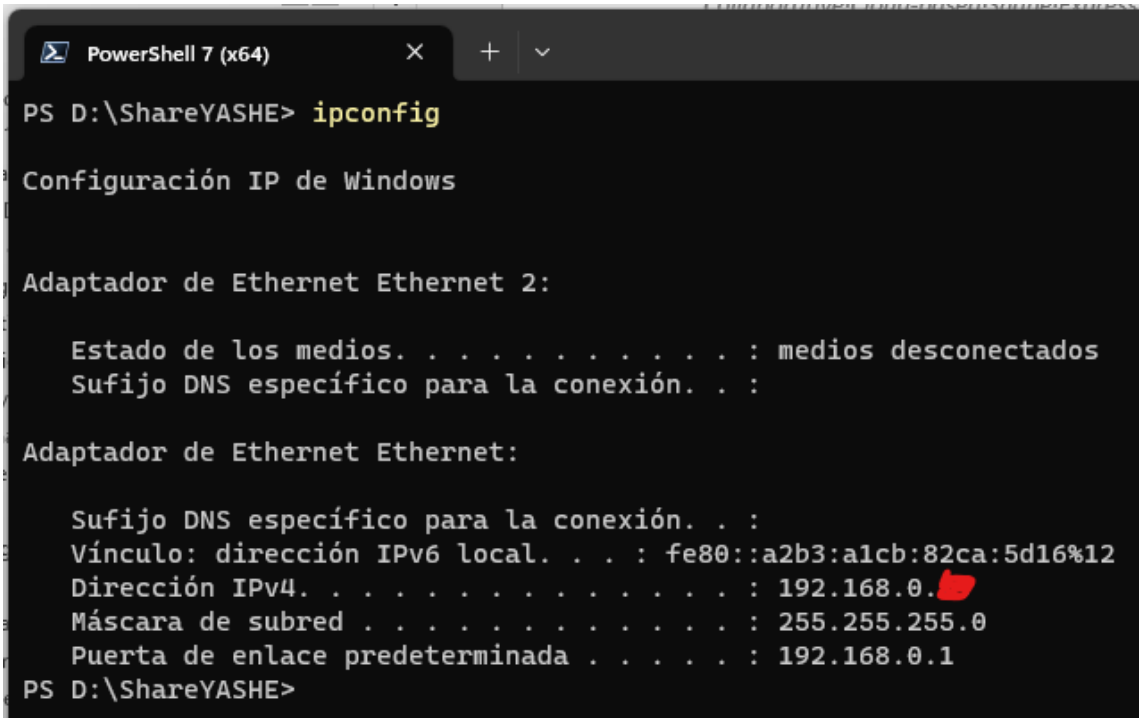


Deployment tools, or cloud-based machines, offer a variety of ways to open ports. Nevertheless, here we will be doing it as if we were deploying ShareYASHE on premises.

First of all, we must ensure that the machine, in which ShareYASHE is deployed, is connected via an Ethernet cable to a router which is directly connected to the Internet. Your router may be connected to the Internet through a coaxial cable, like that of the picture below, or maybe through a satellite antenna.

If the machine is connected in series to a chain of routers, until the last router is connected directly to the Internet, we must open the 80 and 2403 ports of each of those routers.

We may know the default access to the router configuration through the “ipconfig” command.

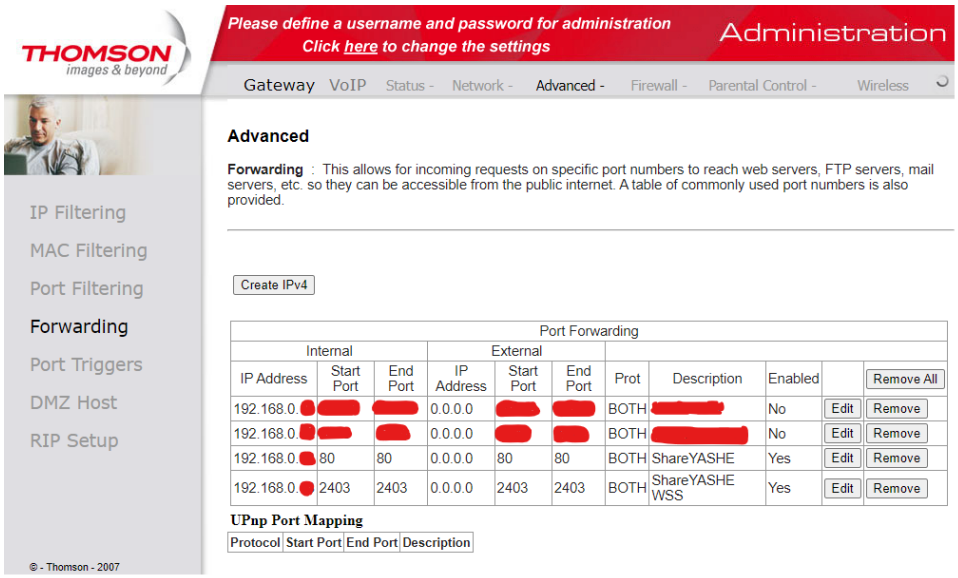


We can then access to that configuration using the address http://192.168.0.1/, because that is the address that the ipconfig command threw to me, which may be different in your case.

It is probable that a login form may be shown to us. In order to access the configuration, we must know the credentials, which may be specified in the router’s manual.

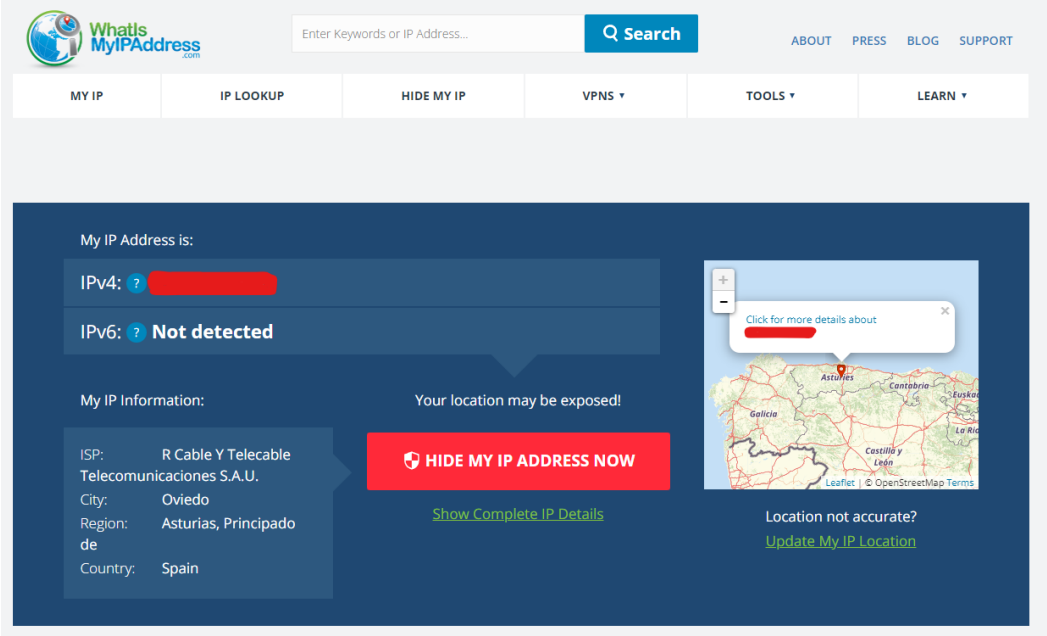
7.1.6 Open ports

Then, we must find the forwarding configuration and, using the internal IPv4 address of the machine in which ShareYASHE is running (the address that I censored in the screenshot of the ipconfig command), stablish both ports to be forwarded.



7.1.7 Get your external address

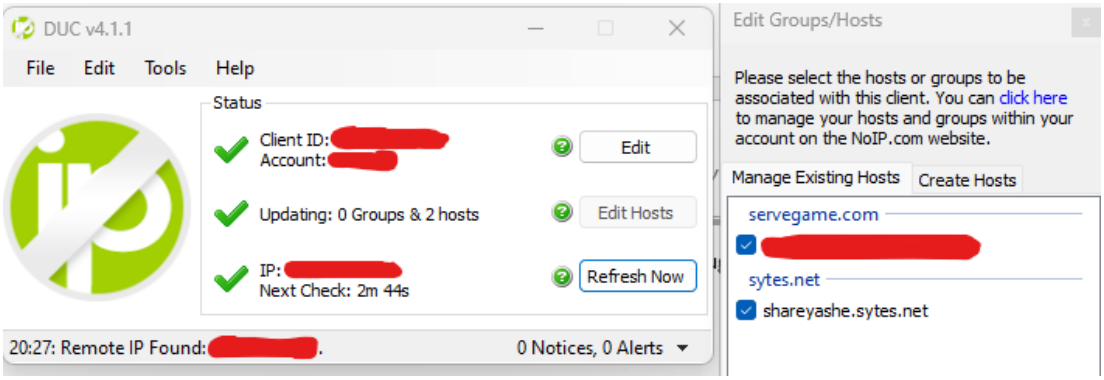
We must also find our external IPv4 address, so users can use it to connect to our ShareYASHE deployment. We can do it with several tools, such as WhatIsMyIPAddress[WIMIPA23].



For security reasons, I must censor my external IPv4 address. Imagine that it is: 55.55.55.55. Users can then access to you ShareYASHE deployment through this link: http://55.55.55.55/.

7.1.8 Set up a DNS

Furthermore, we can use a DNS tool in order to hide our external IPv4 address. In my case, I am using No-IP DUC, so I can use the following domain name for my ShareYASHE deployment on premises: http://shareyashe.sytes.net.



This does not prevent hackers to know your external IPv4 address, because they can ping the domain name and obtain your address, but it makes the domain name more friendly for the users to remind it.

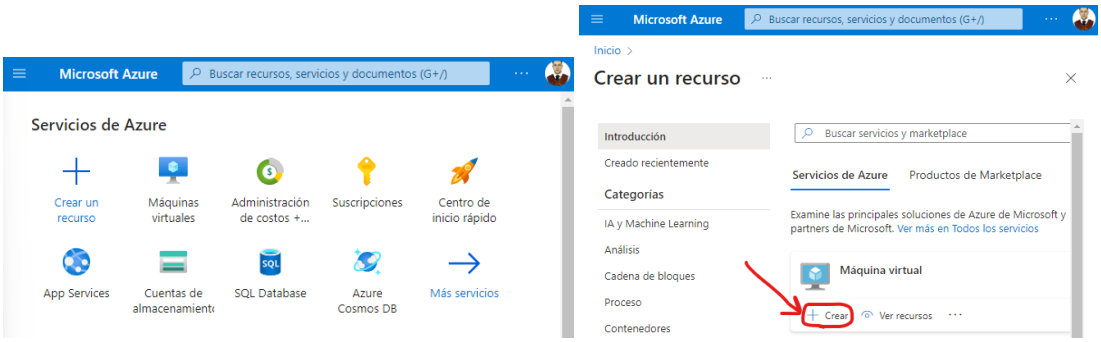
7.2 Manual of deployment on the cloud with Linux

ShareYASHE can be deployed in any machine capable of running Node.js. This includes Windows, Linux, macOS, and any other Unix-like Systems. Node.js is designed to be a cross-platform. In this chapter, we will see how to deploy ShareYASHE both in Windows and Linux.

In this manual, we will be using an Ubuntu Server 20.04 machine on a Microsoft Azure cloud.

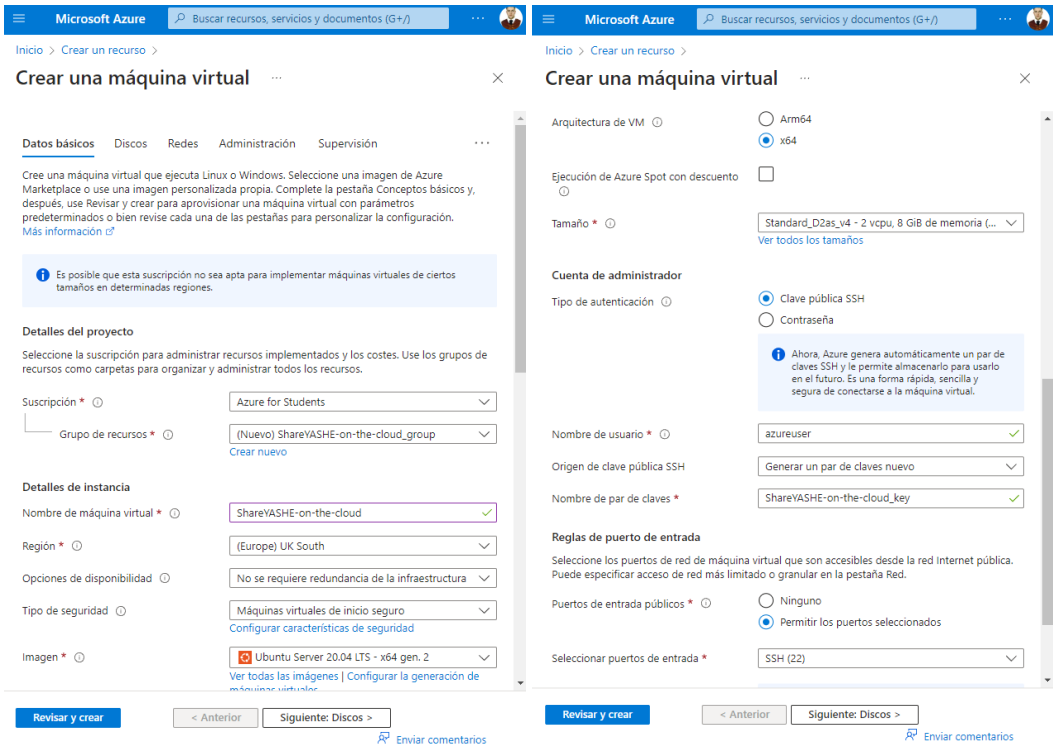
7.2.1 Set up an account in a cloud Website

Firstly, we need an account in a cloud management Website. My account from the University of Oviedo grants me some credits for Microsoft Azure, so I will be using this one. Having received the necessary credits, we must access the portal for managing cloud machines[Azure23]. We create a cloud machine with the option for creating a resource (in the screenshot: “Crear un recurso”).

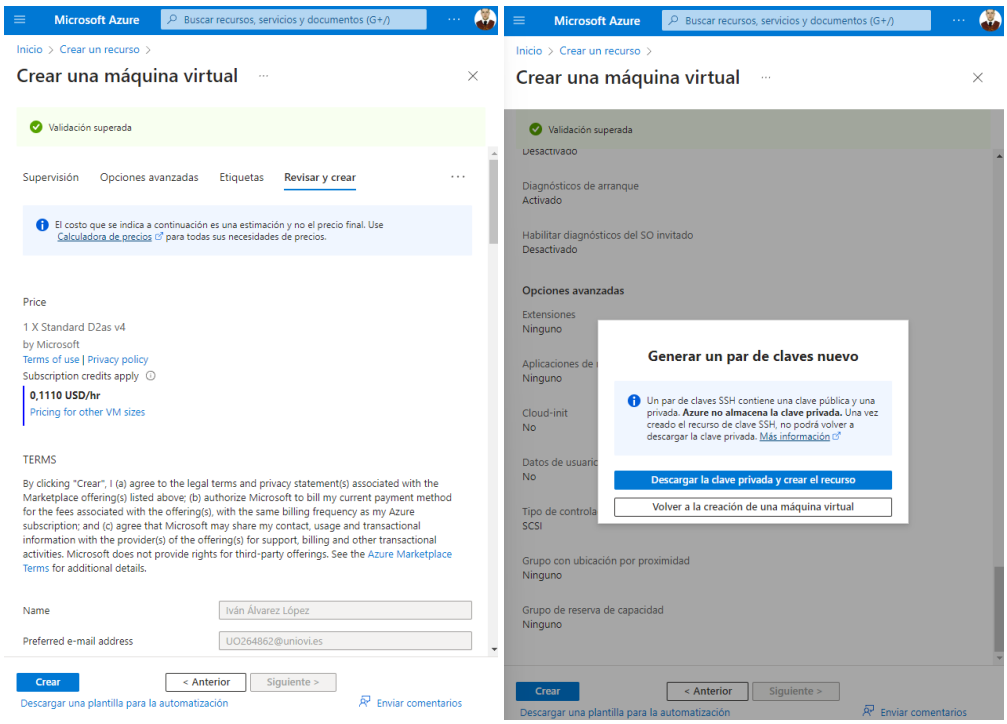


7.2.2 Create a cloud machine

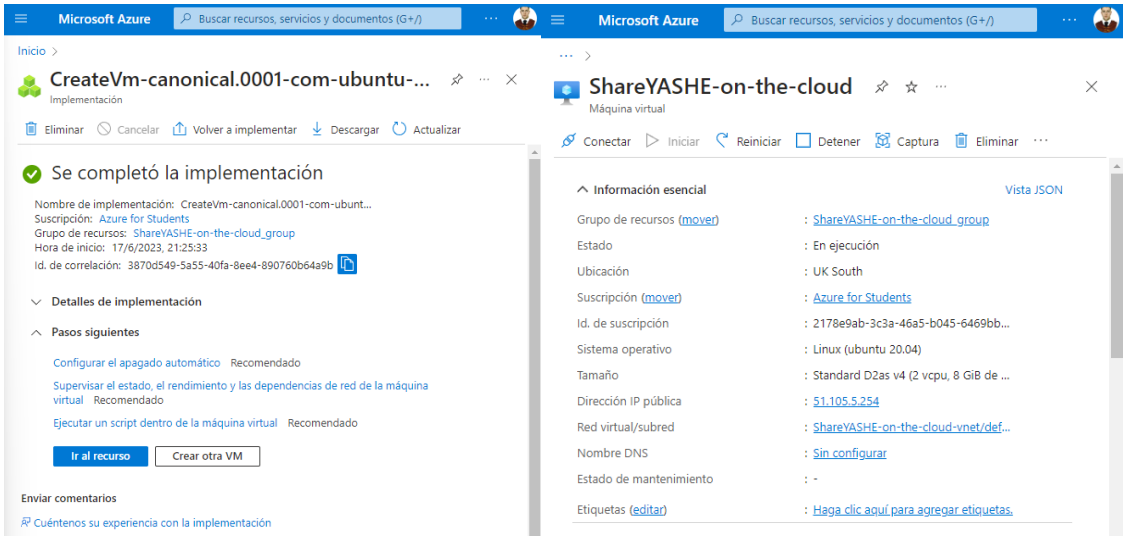
Microsoft Azure lets us create a cloud machine with a simple form. In this case, I will put a name for the virtual machine: “ShareYASHE-on-the-cloud”, and I will press the blue button at the bottom.



As we can see, running a machine on the cloud is not free. After clicking on “Create”, we must download the private SSH key, for accessing to the virtual machine.

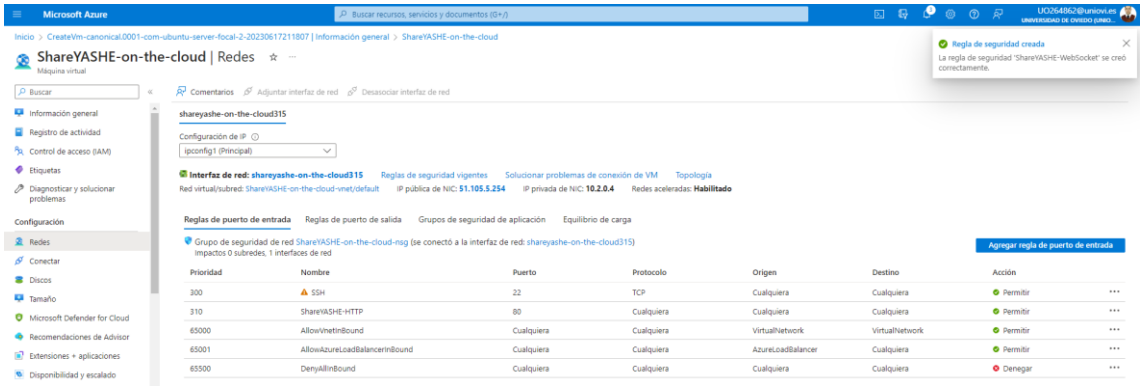


After a few minutes, the cloud would be finally created.



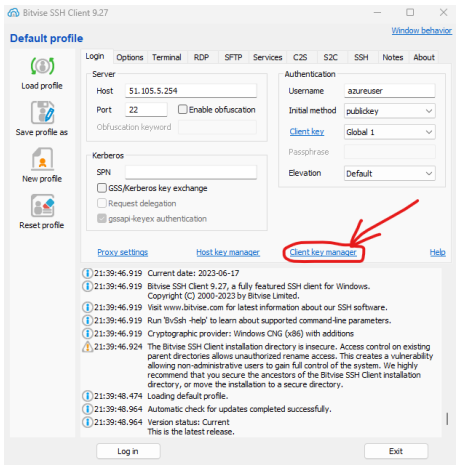
7.2.3 Open ports

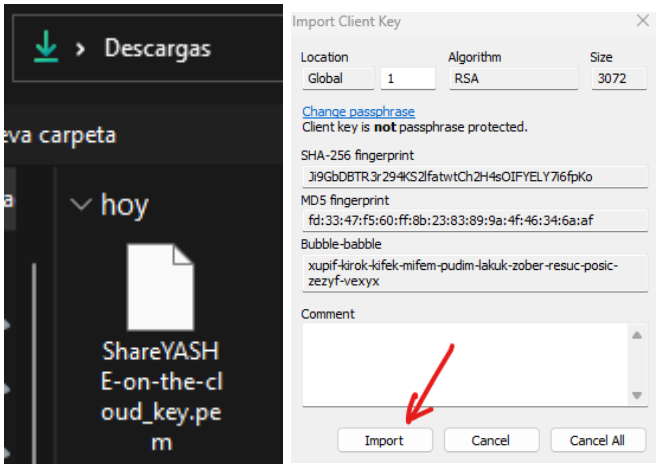
Before leaving the Microsoft Azure portal, we will open the ports needed for ShareYASHE: 80 and 2403. This purpose can be achieved in the “Networks” section, in the configuration of our cloud machine.



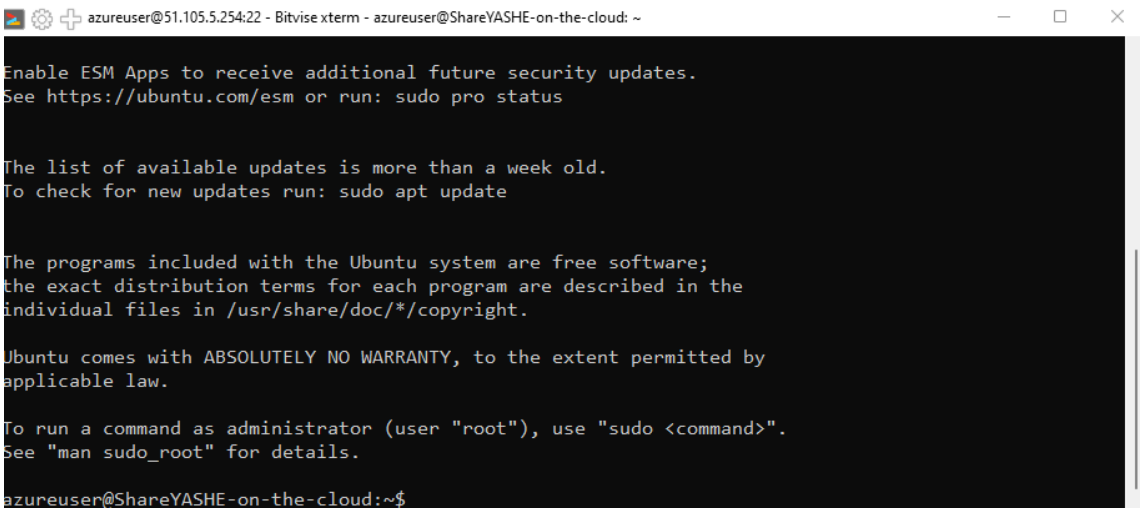
7.2.4 Access the cloud machine

This cloud machine can be accessed with tools such as Bitvise SSH Client[Bitvise23]. Having installed it on our local machine, we must import the private key that we downloaded while creating the cloud machine.



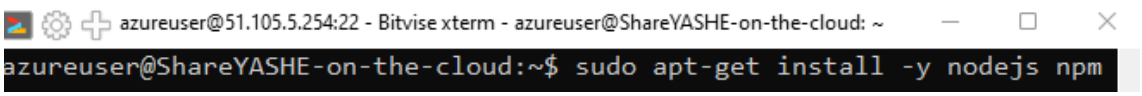


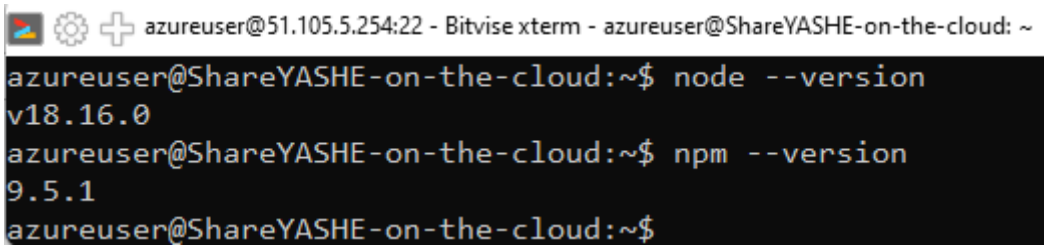
We can then click on “Log in”, and then in “Accept and save”. After this, we are able to open a new terminal window. We have then accessed to our cloud machine.



7.2.5 Install Node.js and NPM

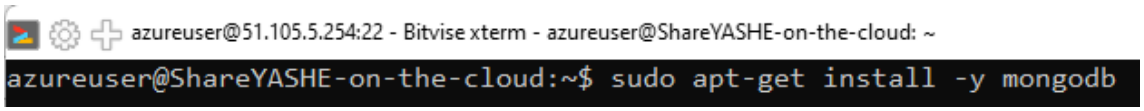
At the moment of this writing, Node.js v18 is not on the Ubuntu repository. Thus, we have to add it with the following command. Then, we will install Node.js and NPM. We can check the installation calling the commands with the "--version" option.





7.2.6 Install MongoDB and run it

For setting up the MongoDB database, we need to install its package with the following package.



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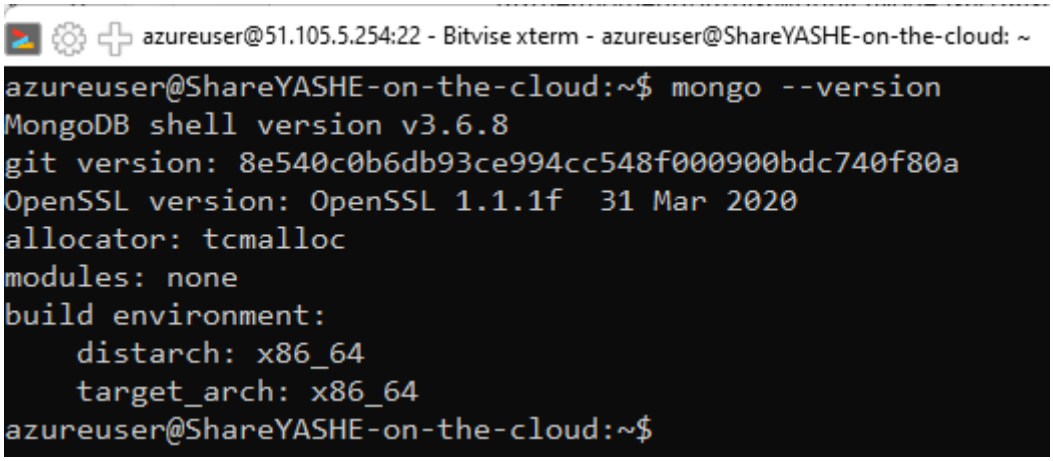
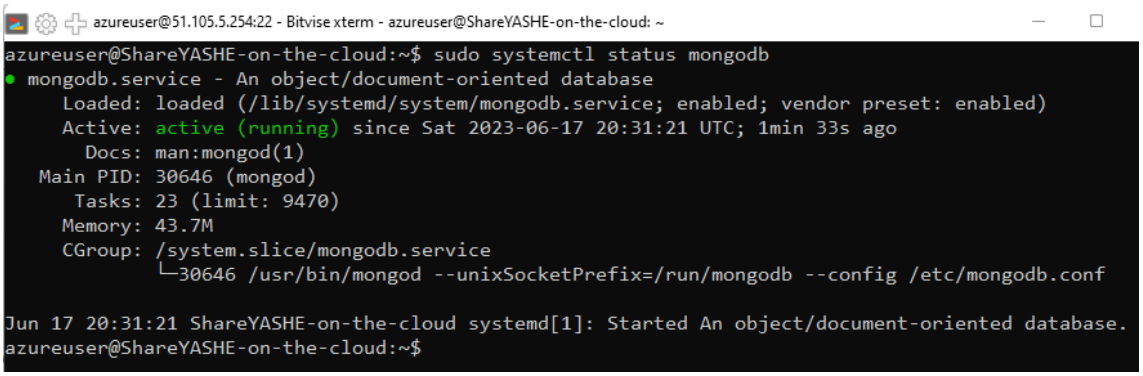
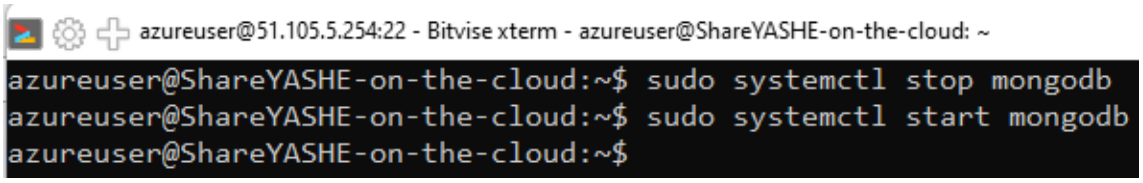


We must also check that the MongoDB service is running, with the following command.



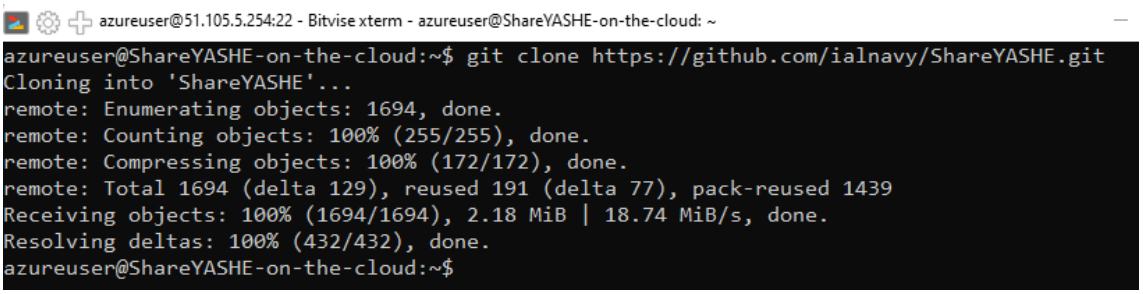
If it is not running, we can restarting it with the following commands.



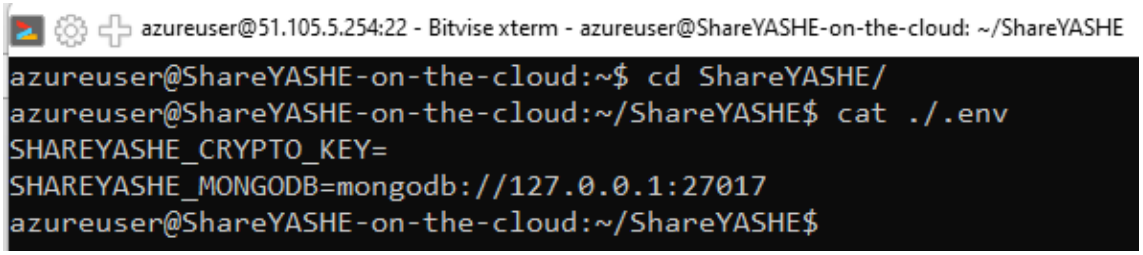
The MongoDB database would be running by now.

7.2.7 Obtain the ShareYASHE source code, customise its environment parameters, and run it

The code of ShareYASHE is published in a GitHub repository[Alv23] as an open-source project. We can download it by cloning it with the Git command.



In the ".env" file, in the root of the project, we need to specify two parameters: SHAREYASHE_CRYPTO_KEY (an entropy word, for passwords to be encrypted), and SHAREYASHE_MONGODB (the reference to the MongoDB database). We can do it with the command: "nano ./.env".



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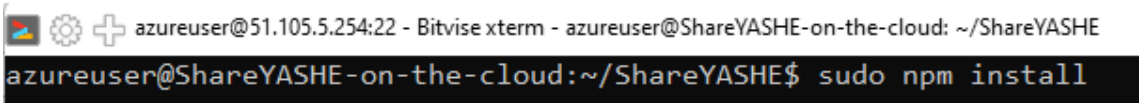
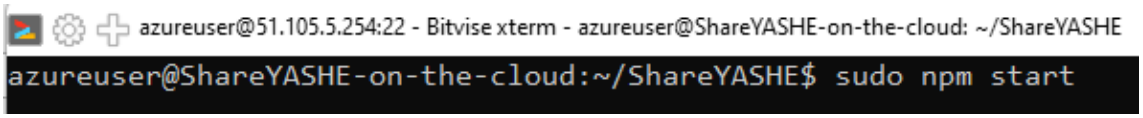




At this point, ShareYASHE would be running publicly.

We can then set up a DNS, like we did on premises, but we will not talk about this again here.

7.3 Developer's guide

In this chapter, we will review specific questions that must be taken into consideration by any developer which encounters this project, for its fixing, or for its extension.

ShareYASHE possesses a robust and well-defined architecture that serves as the foundation for its functionality and future expansion. It follows a five-layer architecture that serves as the bedrock for its expandability and future development. This thoughtfully crafted architecture adheres to industry best practices and enables seamless integration of new features and modules.

Understanding and comprehending this intricate architecture empowers developers to extend ShareYASHE by effortlessly integrating new modules, refining existing functionalities, and guaranteeing the application's overall stability, scalability, and success. Thus, I strongly recommend reading the Software design and architecture section.

However, in this section I will be giving some overall steps for extending the ShareYASHE functionality.

7.3.1 Define a new route

The most common extension could involve adding a new route. In ShareYASHE, this process is carried out in the routes layer. The developer must consider the best routes file which will handle the new route, and add it as follows:

```
app.<HTTP_METHOD> ('/NEW_ROUTE', async function (req, res) {
    await appLayerFactory.for<NEW_ROUTE>Command(req, res);
});
```

7.3.2 Define a new application command

The command classes of the application layer implement every route that is defined in the routes layer. We must create a factory method for every new route.

```
    for<NEW_ROUTE>Command: async function (req, res) {
        let CommandExecutor = (await
import('./CommandExecutor.mjs')).CommandExecutor;
        let <NEW_ROUTE>Command = (await import('./
<NEW_ROUTE>Command.mjs')). <NEW_ROUTE>Command;

        let commandExecutor = new CommandExecutor(this.app,
this.mongoClient, ObjectId);
        let <NEW_ROUTE>Command = new <NEW_ROUTE>Command(this.app,
this.mongoClient, ObjectId);

        await commandExecutor.execute(req, res, <NEW_ROUTE>Command);
    },
```

Then, we must implement that command class.

```
import {BusinessFactory} from "../../businessLayer/BusinessFactory.mjs";
import {AbstractAppLayerCommand} from "../AbstractAppLayerCommand.mjs";

class <NEW_ROUTE>Command extends AbstractAppLayerCommand {
    async execute(req, res) {
        // Do the implementation
        // Call BusinessFactory for invoking high level actions
    }
}

export {<NEW_ROUTE>Command};
```

7.3.3 Define new business methods

The more we dig into the architecture, the less probable is that changes must be made there. It is possible that a new functionality only requires creating a new application command, restricting itself to only calling existing business methods. However, it is also possible that we may need to create new business methods.

I will give you an example of how to create a new method related to the authentication business logic. Furthermore, you may need to create a new business service class.

```
import {AbstractBusiness} from "../AbstractBusiness.mjs";
import {PersistenceFactory} from
"../../persistenceLayer/PersistenceFactory.mjs";

class AuthBusiness extends AbstractBusiness {
    /* New method */
    async howeverYouMayCallIt() {
        // Functionality
    }

    /* ... */

}
export {AuthBusiness};
```

Note that the method must conveniently be noted as asynchronous. This prevents confusions, because the core of the architecture, the persistence layer, requires calling methods from the database API asynchronously. If one method of those is called, the whole chain of responsibility must be asynchronous, waiting for methods down below with the “await” reserved word.

7.3.4 Instantiate new presentation service objects

If a new view is created, the first step is creating a Pug.js view. Then, we must declare it in the interface of the business factory.

```
class BusinessFactory {
    /* New view method */
    static forRender<name_of_the_new_view>(app, mongoClient, req, res) {
        return new RenderBusiness(app, mongoClient, req, res, "- <Title
of the new view>", "howeverYouCalledThePugFile.pug");
    }
    /* ... */
}
export {BusinessFactory};
```

The “render” method has the following signature:

```
render(message, username, ownedShExDocs, shExDoc)
```

If the user is logged in, you may call this render method from the application command passing the “username” and “ownedShExDocs” objects; you retrieve them from the service objects business layer, in the application layer.

Exceptionally, the view for editing a Shape Expressions document takes the “shExDoc” object, which is the Yjs CRDT type object. Yours may use it too.

7.3.5 Define a new entity

The least likely thing that you may need is having to define a new persistent entity. If that is the case, I have good news for you: the whole CRUD functionality is implemented in a superclass: AbstractRepository.

```
class <NEW_ENTITY>Repository extends AbstractRepository {
    constructor(app, mongoClient) {
        super(app, mongoClient, "<however_the_new_entity_is_called>");
    }
}

export {<NEW_ENTITY>Repository};
```

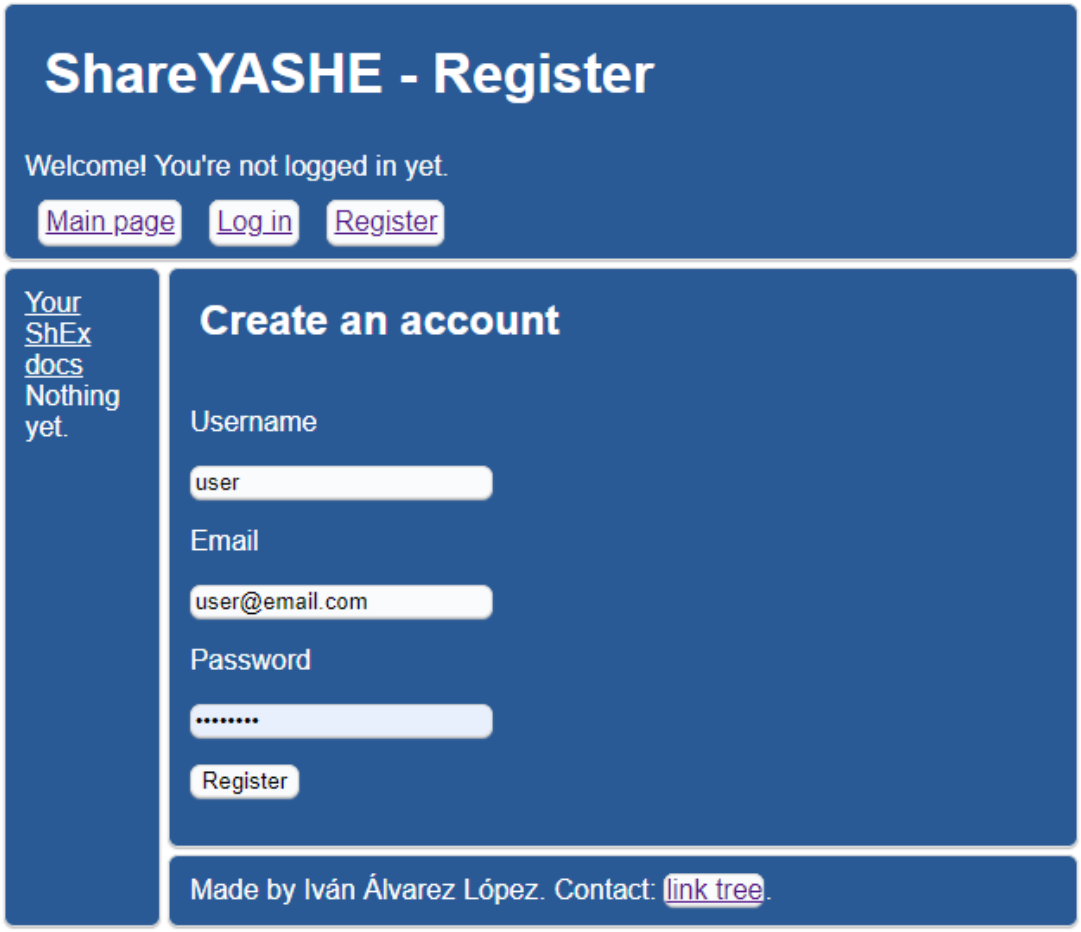
The last step is adding a new factory method in the persistence factory, and you would have a new entity added to ShareYASHE.

```
class PersistenceFactory {
    static for<NEW_ENTITY>(app, mongoClient) {
        return new <NEW_ENTITY>Repository(app, mongoClient);
    }
    /* ... */
}
export {PersistenceFactory};
```

7.4 User's manual

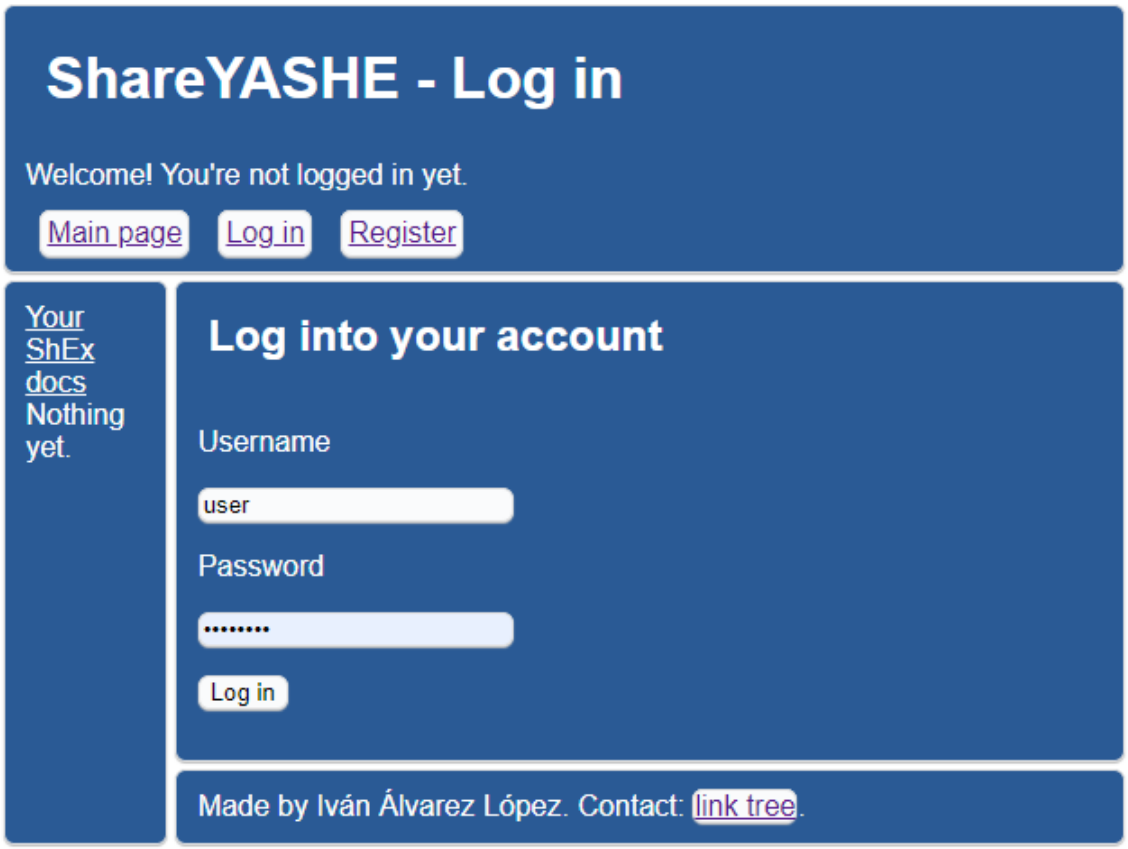
7.4.1 Create an account

If you want to create an account in ShareYASHE, you must click in the "Register" button and fill the formulary. You must specify a username and password, longer than three characters, which could not be already taken by another user. You also must write a correct email. Then, you click the button at the bottom of the formulary, and, if no message informs you on the contrary, you would be registered.


ShareYASHE - Register
Welcome! You're not logged in yet.
Main page
Log in
Register
Your ShEx docs
Nothing yet.
Create an account
Username
user
Email
user@email.com
Password
Register
Made by Iván Álvarez López. Contact: link tree.

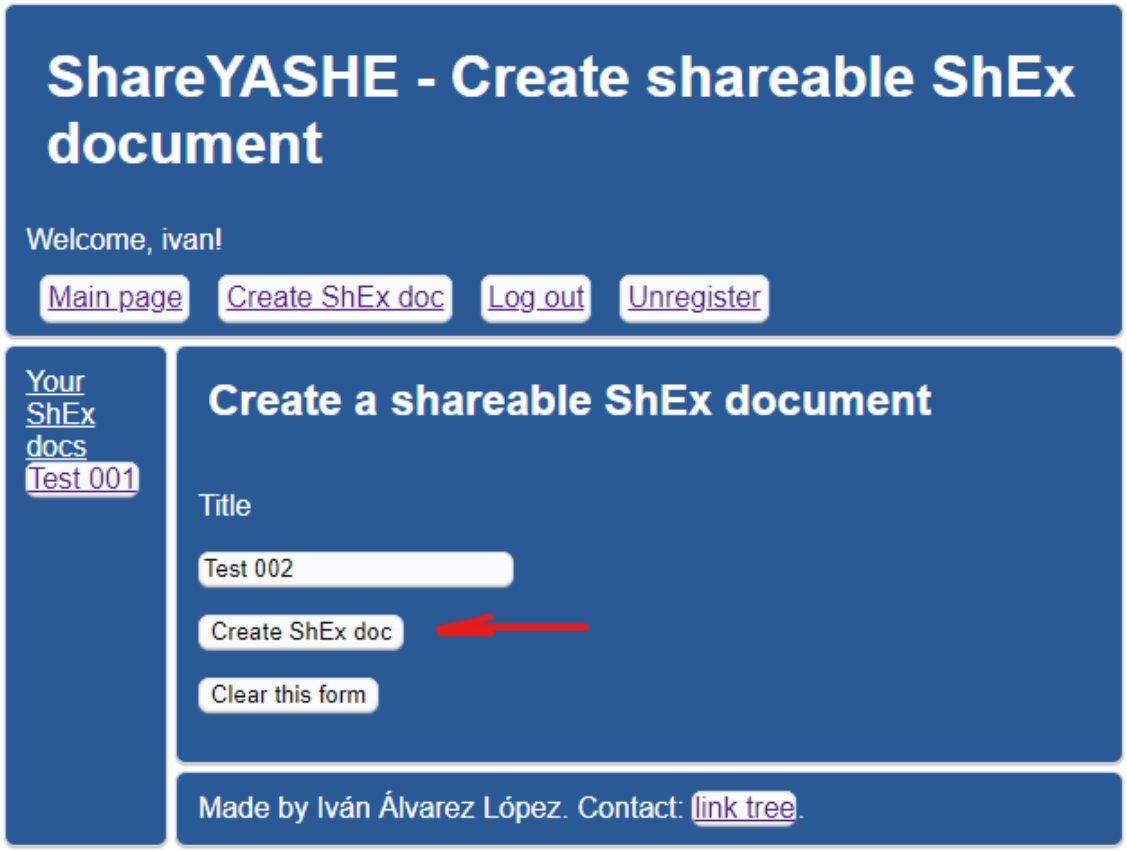
7.4.2 Login into your account

The login formulary needs you to write the information that you specified in the register form, the username and password must match with those that you used in the registration. Then, you click the button at the bottom of the formulary, and, if no message informs you on the contrary, you would be logged in.

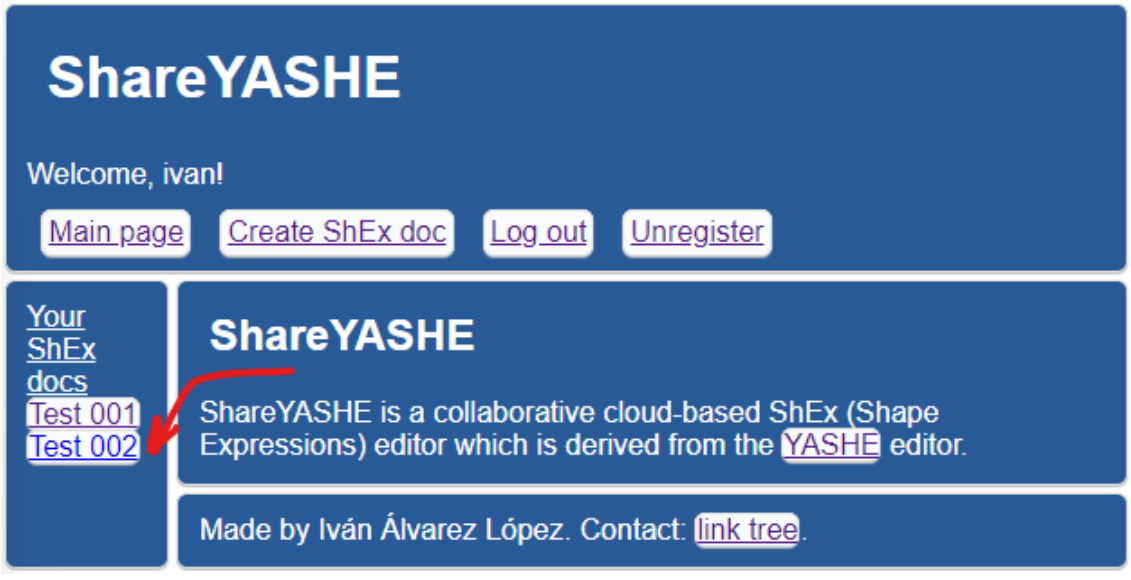


7.4.3 Create a collaborative ShEx document

For this action, you must have made the login process. You must click on the "Create ShEx doc" option, write the title of the new ShEx document, and click the button of the formulary for its creation.



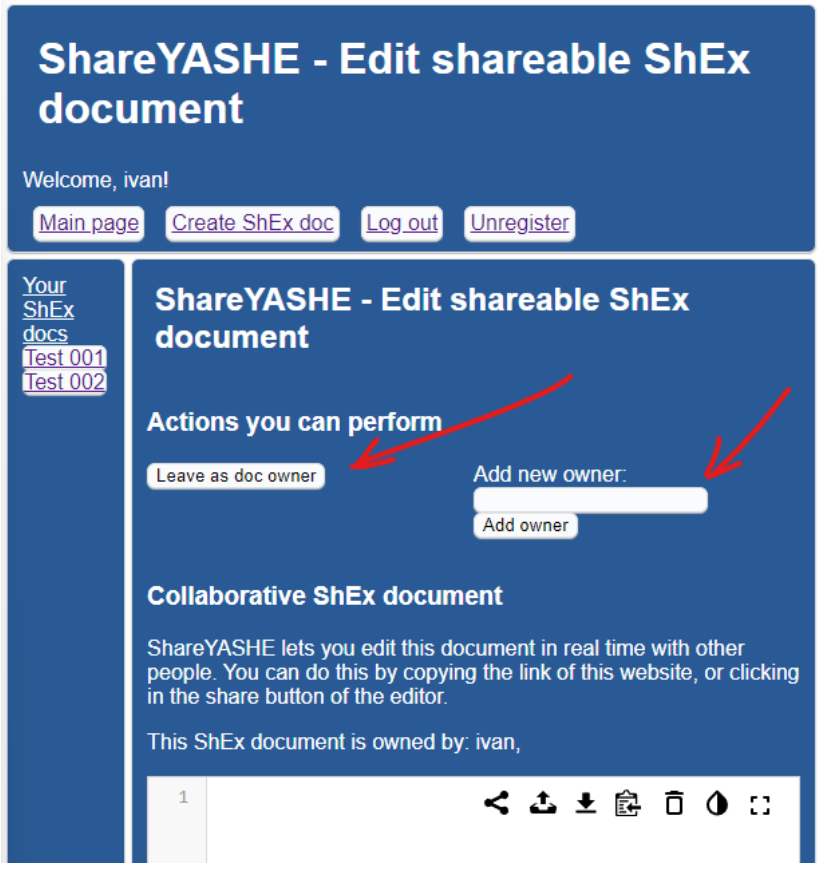
You will be redirected to the index page, and you will be able to see the new collaborative ShEx document on the left. Clicking it, you will access its edition view.



7.4.4 Access your ShEx document

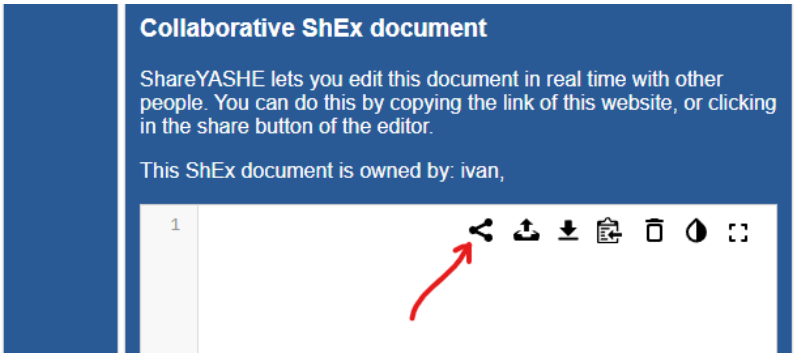
For this action, you must have made the login process, and created the collaborative ShEx document. You will always see your ShEx documents on the left of the Website, and access clicking on them.

Your view as an owner will provide you some actions, that a non-owner will not see.

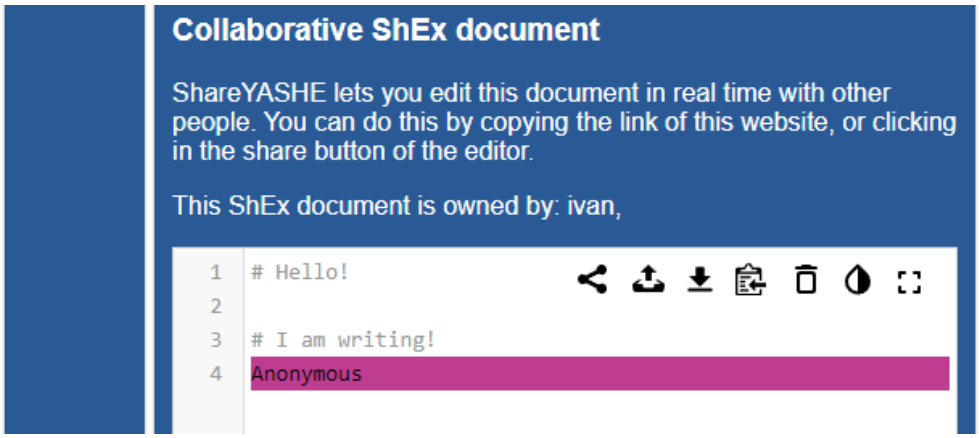


7.4.5 Share your ShEx document

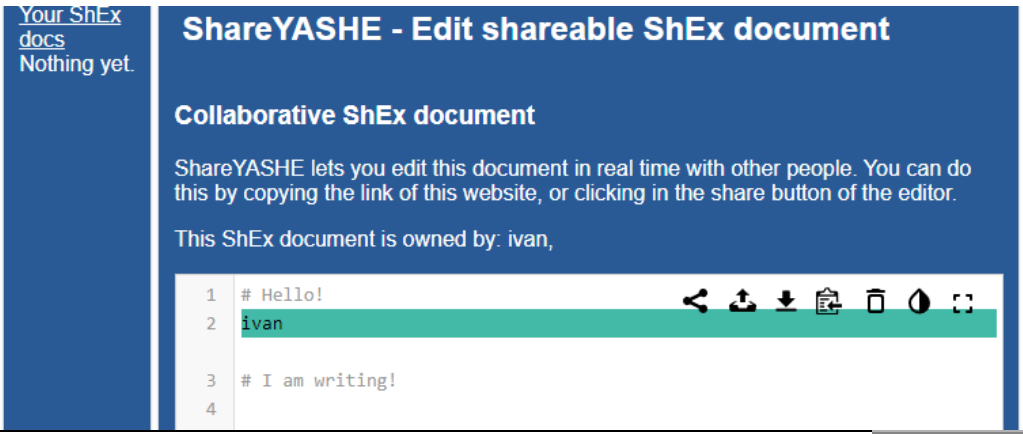
For this action, you must have made the login process, be in possession of any collaborative ShEx document, and accessed it. Sharing your ShEx document means inviting a person, who we will name as the guest, to edit the file, but not conserving it in his list at the left. By either copying the URL link, or clicking the sharing button, anybody can access the edition of your document.



The guest does not need to have made the login process, and he will be able to see and edit the ShEx document in real time. He will appear to the owner as “Anonymous”, if he is not logged in, otherwise it will prompt his username.

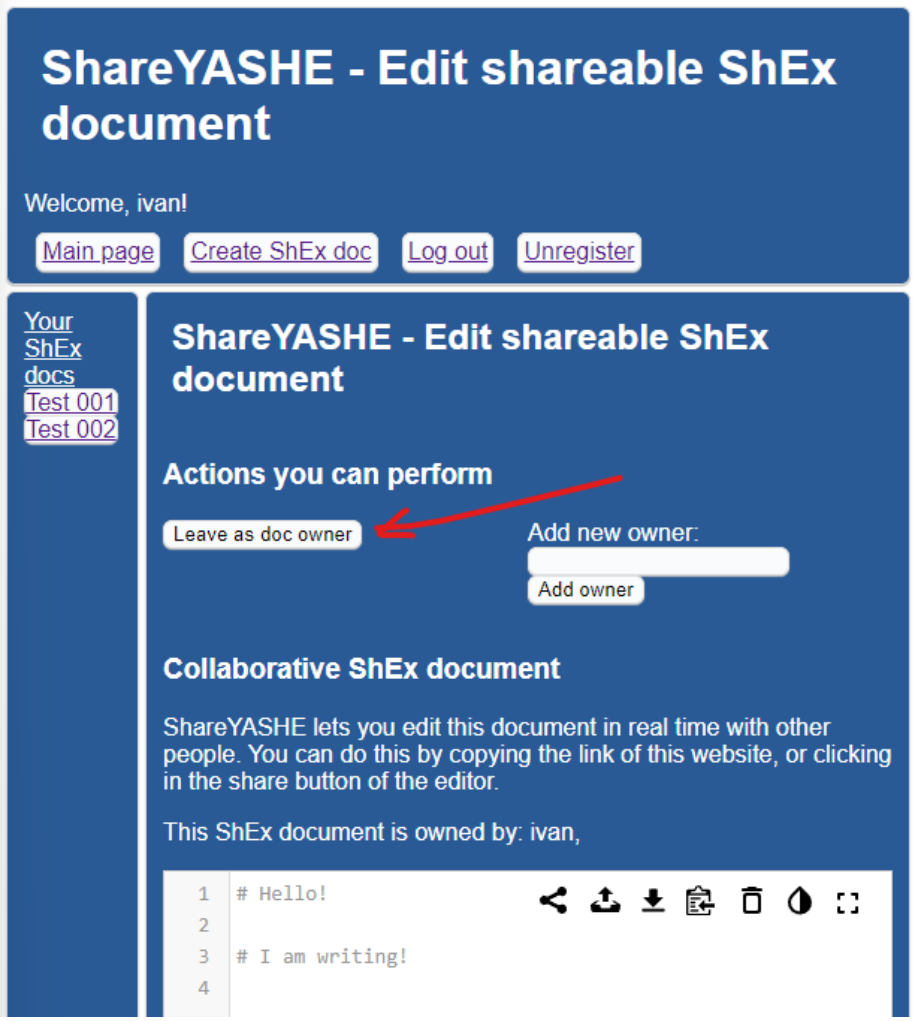


The ShEx document will not be saved in the list of the left side for the guest, and he will see your username, as follows:



7.4.6 Leave the ownership of a ShEx document

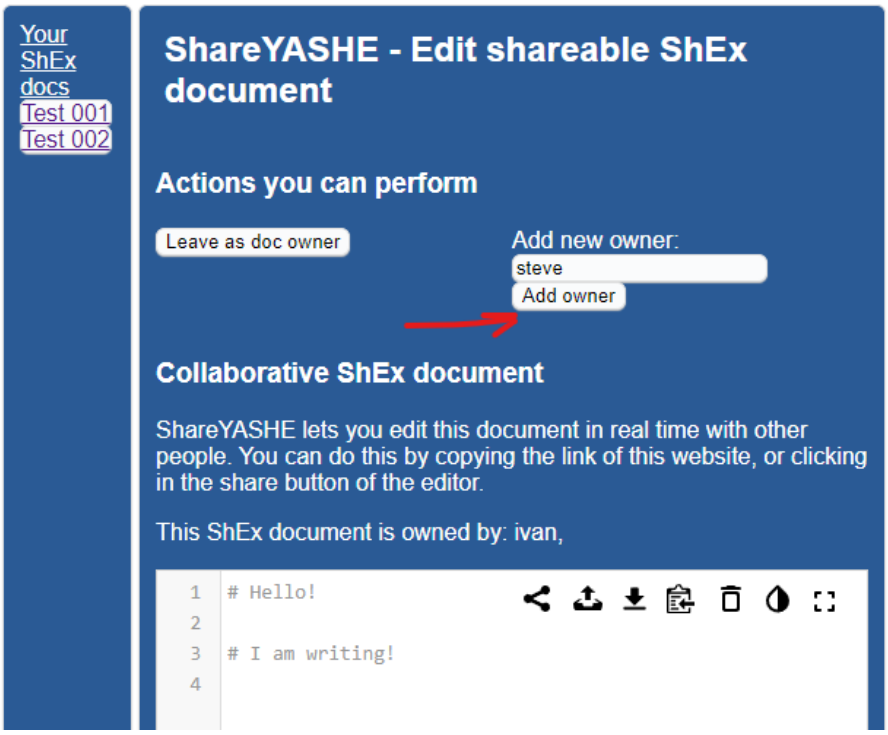
For this action, you must have made the login process, and be in possession of any collaborative ShEx document. All you have to do is clicking the button “Leve as doc owner”.



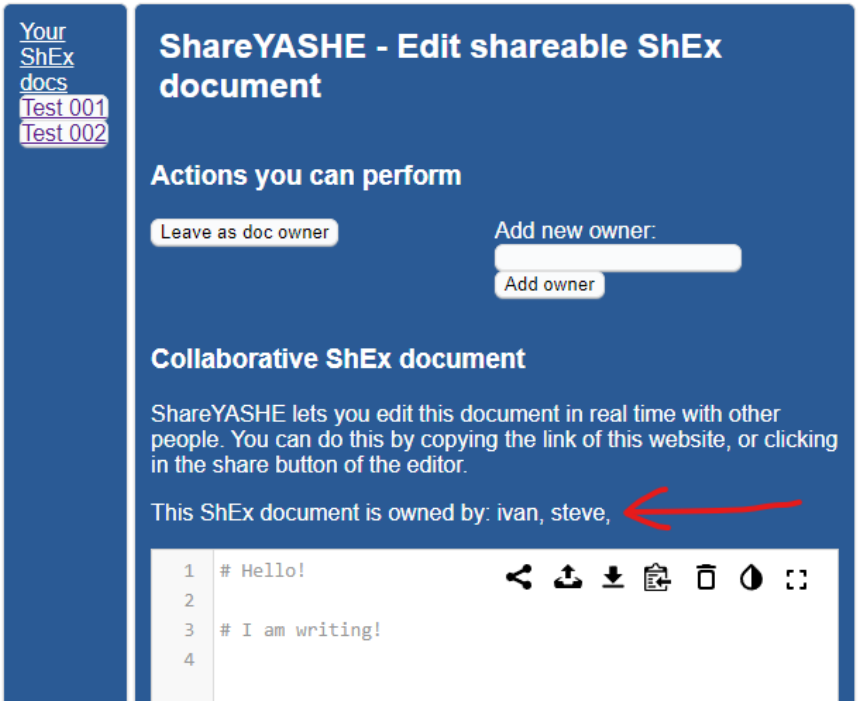
This will remove it from your list and, if nobody else owns it, it will be deleted.

7.4.7 Add an owner to a ShEx document

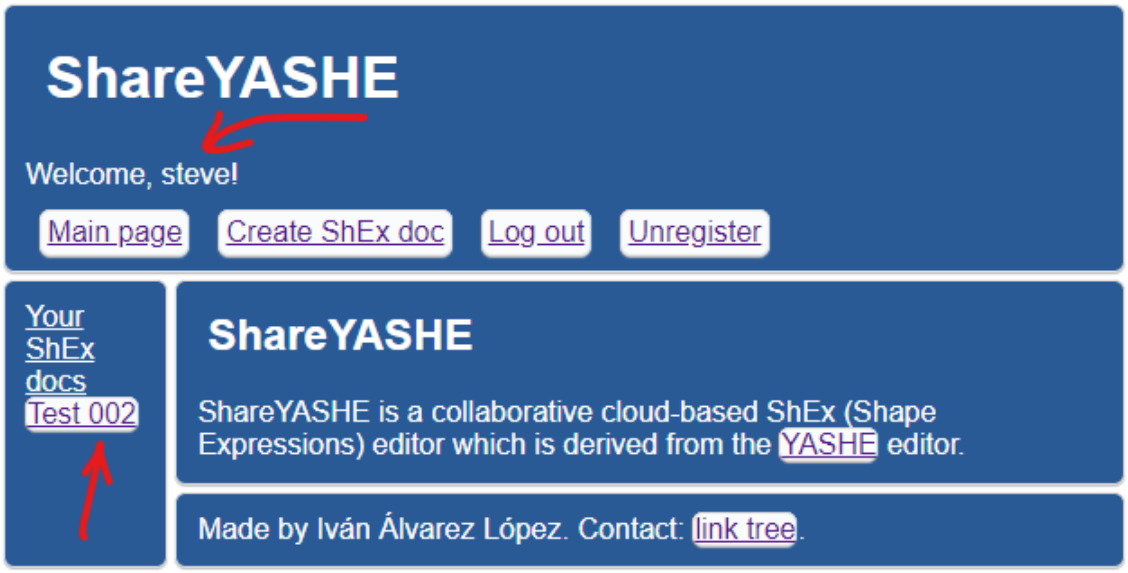
For this action, you must have made the login process, and be in possession of any collaborative ShEx document. For adding a new owner, we must specify an existing username in the formulary marked below.



If the user exists, it will appear in the owners list.

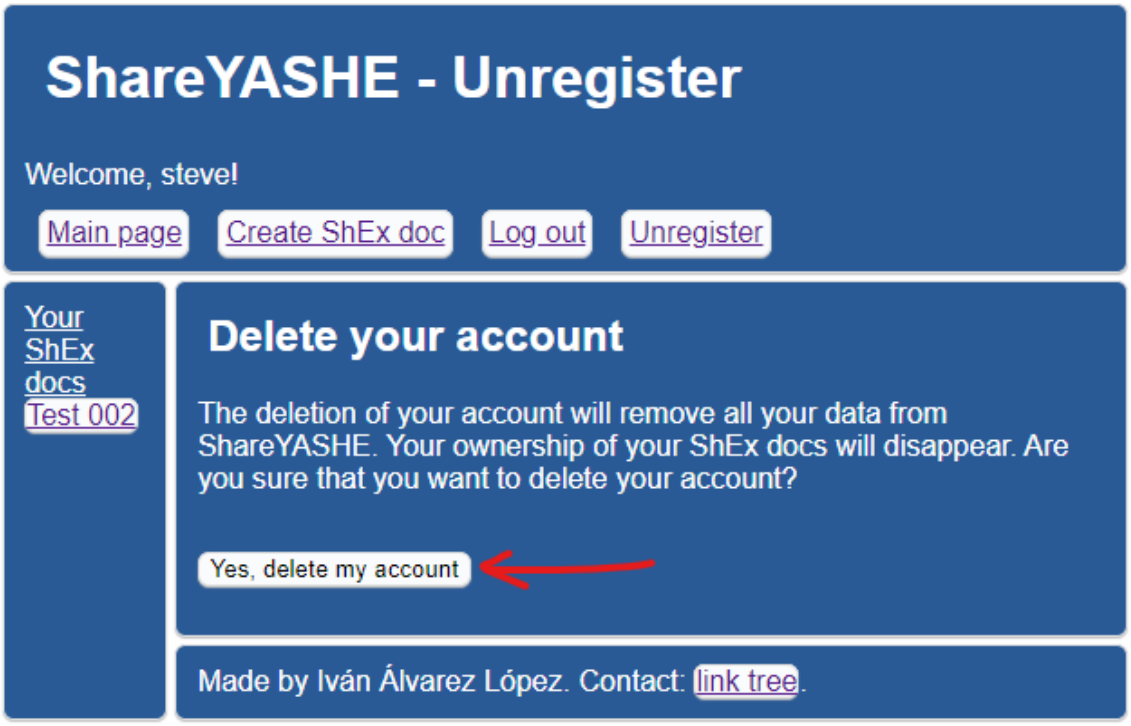


The added owner will be able to see the ShEx document in its lists of the left. One ShEx document can have an indefinite number of owners.



7.4.8 Delete your account

For this action, you must have made the login process. Clicking the "Unregister" button, you will be redirected to a confirmation view. This is a terminative action which will imply the deletion of all your user information, as well as the removal of your ownership of any ShEx document, and its erase if it has no more owners left.



8 Concluding remarks

8.1 Conclusions

The result of this project is a remarkable Software application which has been designed for having a flexible and scalable architecture. Despite of the moderate size of the project, the conception of the product, as well as this documentation, evidences my accomplishment of becoming a Software engineer.

In the beginning, I meant to draft a very specific piece of Software as a degree project, which I could emphasise Software architecture with. I am currently interested in fields such as SDV (Software Defined Vehicles), or distributed systems in general. However, I realised that this could have been an ambitious job that I would better leave for my future.

Eventually, my expectations were thoroughly met with ShareYASHE. Carrying out this project, I intended to demonstrate that any good Software development practise, especially object-oriented ones, could be achieved, independent of which programming language or which tool is used. I made the most of standards and recommendations, which were the key to peak this goal.

Not easily have I come to this point of my career. These have been very demanding years, given the pandemic, and other familiar issues that I will not bother you with. Being the beginning of my professional career, this project is not the last milestone of my student life. Software professionals must be constantly learning, and that is what I will do. ShareYASHE is my first creation and will not be the last. Indeed, I will hold all the knowledge that I was provided by this degree, and I will strive to become an excellent Software engineer.

8.2 Contemplated upgrades

Further functionality could be implemented in this project. ShareYASHE has a straightforward purpose, giving support for ShEx editing, so few upgrades may be contemplated. However, they could be added to the application, if necessary, in the future. These following ideas were not taken into consideration because they exceeded the scope of the project for this period, or they were thought after the development of ShareYASHE.

- Automatically send a message to verify user's email at his registration.
- Creating invitation requests rather than suddenly adding another user as owner of a ShEx document.
- Dynamically represent Shape Expressions using graphs, while ShEx code is written.
- Support for other programming languages besides ShEx.

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Appendix I. Contents attached to this submission

Along with this document, it will be submitted a .zip file which contains the source code of ShareYASHE. The content of this .zip file is listed below.

Location	Content
ShareYASHE.gan	Gantt chart containing a scheme of the initial project planning.
README.md	This is a read-me file, used as a Copyright disclaimer.
package.json	This file is used by Node.js for knowing which libraries to install.
package-lock.json	Idem "package.json".
.env	This file contains the definition of the required environment variables.
app.js	This file contains the root source code of the ShareYASHE server application.
bin/www.js	This file is a script which deploys the main ShareYASHE server. The "npm start" command will begin executing this script.
wsServer/	This folder contains some *y-websocket* utilities, which were taken from the Yjs GitHub page, and modified a little bit.
diagrams/	This folder contains the diagrams shown in this document, both in format .svg and .plantuml.
routes/	This folder contains the source code of the routes layer.
applicationLayer/	This folder contains the source code of the application layer.
businessLayer/	This folder contains the source code of the business layer, and the presentation layer.
persistenceLayer/	This folder contains the source code of the persistence layer.

Figure 123. List of contents attached to this submission.

Note that ShareYASHE needs more assets in order to be ran: the Node.js engine, a deployed MongoDB database, and the "node-modules" installed (see any guide of deployment).

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