INTERN CAREER Web Development Internship

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Task 2: Build a Blog Application Documentation

Overview

This document provides an overview of the simple blogging platform project. The goal of this project is to create a blogging platform that allows users to read, create, edit, and delete blog posts. Both front-end and back-end components are developed to ensure seamless user interaction and data management.

GitHub Link: https://github.com/SihleMbonani/TASK-INTERN-CAREER-2.git

Front-End Development:

1. **User Interface Design**
    - The front-end includes a user-friendly interface designed to enhance user experience.
    - Features such as a navigation menu, user authentication forms, and a blog post editor are incorporated to facilitate easy interaction.
2. **User Authentication**
    - User registration and login functionality are implemented to ensure secure access to the platform's features.
    - Users can register with unique credentials and log in securely to create and manage their blog posts.

Back-end Development:

1. **Server Setup:**
    - A back-end server is built using Express.js, a web framework for Node.js, to handle HTTP requests and responses.

- The server is responsible for managing the application's logic and interacting with the database.

2. **RESTful APIs:**
   - RESTful APIs are created to handle CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) operations for blog posts.
   - Endpoints are designed to facilitate communication between the front-end and back-end components, allowing users to perform actions on blog posts.
3. **User Authentication and Authorization:**
   - User authentication and authorization mechanisms are implemented to control access to editing and deleting posts.
   - Only authenticated users with appropriate permissions can perform these actions.

Database:

1. **Database Setup:**
   - A database management system (DBMS) such as MongoDB is selected and configured to store blog posts and user data.
   - Tables or collections are created to organize and manage the data effectively.

User Interaction:

1. **Blog Post Management:**
   - Users can create, edit, and delete blog posts using the provided interface.
   - An intuitive blog post editor allows users to format text, add images, and include other media in their posts.
2. **Commenting System:**
   - Users can engage with blog posts by leaving comments and feedback.
   - Comments are associated with specific blog posts and can be viewed and moderated by the post's author or platform administrators.

Responsiveness:

1. **Responsive Design:**
   - The blogging platform is designed to be responsive and accessible on various devices, including desktops, laptops, tablets, and smartphones.
   - Media queries and flexible layouts are employed to adapt the interface to different screen sizes and resolutions.

Testing Procedures:

Thorough testing was conducted to identify and fix any bugs, broken links, or design inconsistencies in the website. Testing procedures included:

1. Cross-browser compatibility testing to ensure the website performs consistently across different web browsers such as Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Edge.
2. Device testing on various devices including desktop computers, laptops, tablets, and smartphones to ensure responsiveness and compatibility.
3. Extensive testing is performed to identify and resolve issues in both front-end and back-end components.
4. Unit tests, integration tests, and end-to-end tests are conducted to ensure the functionality and stability of the platform.
5. Testing frameworks and tools may be used to automate testing processes and streamline debugging efforts.

Deployment:

The blog application is hosted on GitHub, to make it accessible online. The deployment process involved:

- Uploading the website files to a repository on the chosen hosting service.
- Configuring the necessary settings and domain if applicable.
- Testing the deployed website to ensure proper functionality and accessibility.

Design layout

This section includes images of the blog application developed by the intern. The images include the code developed in Visual Studio Code, the database where the user data is stored using MongoDb and lastly, images of the blog application's home page, the user's posts, their edit and delete page and the page where the user can edit their account.

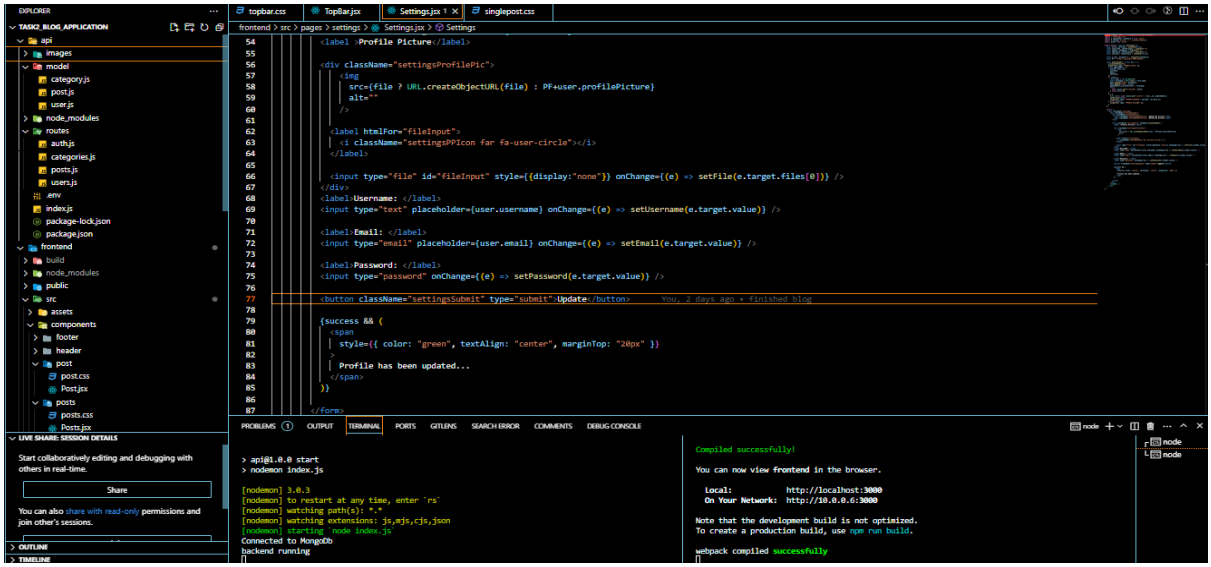


Image 1: blog application code, folders of the api and the terminal showing hoe the app is running successfully.

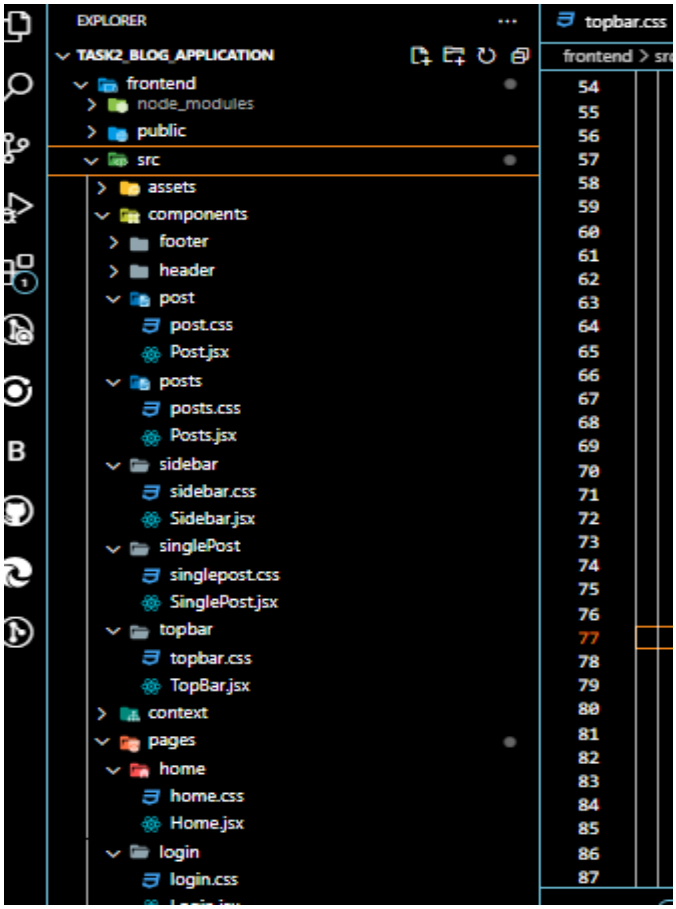


Image 2: blog application code, folders of the frontend using React & Node.js.

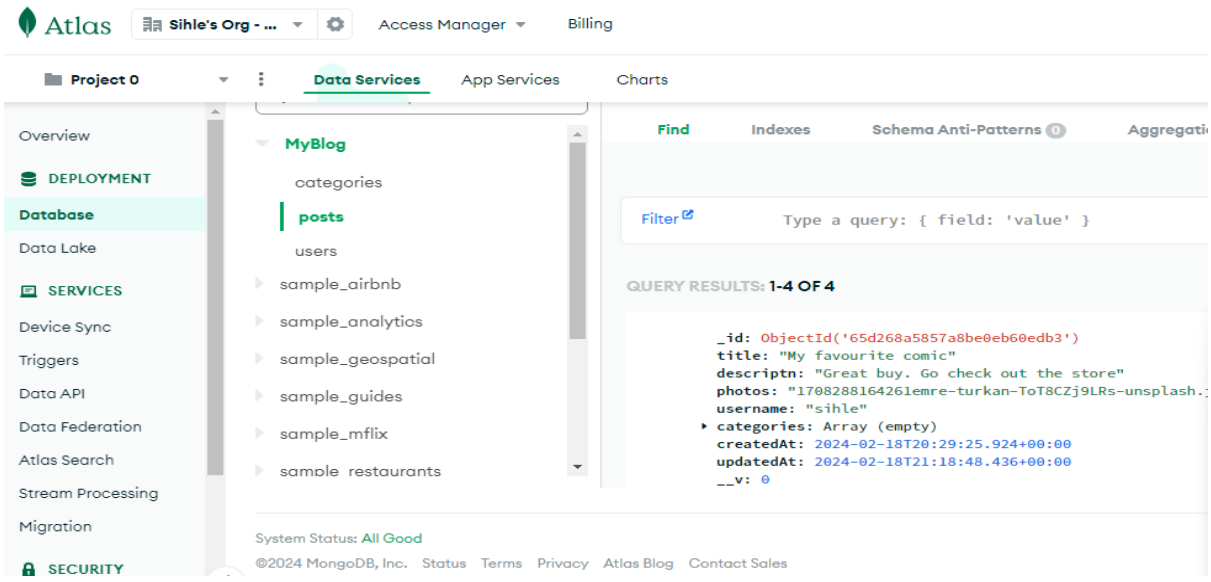
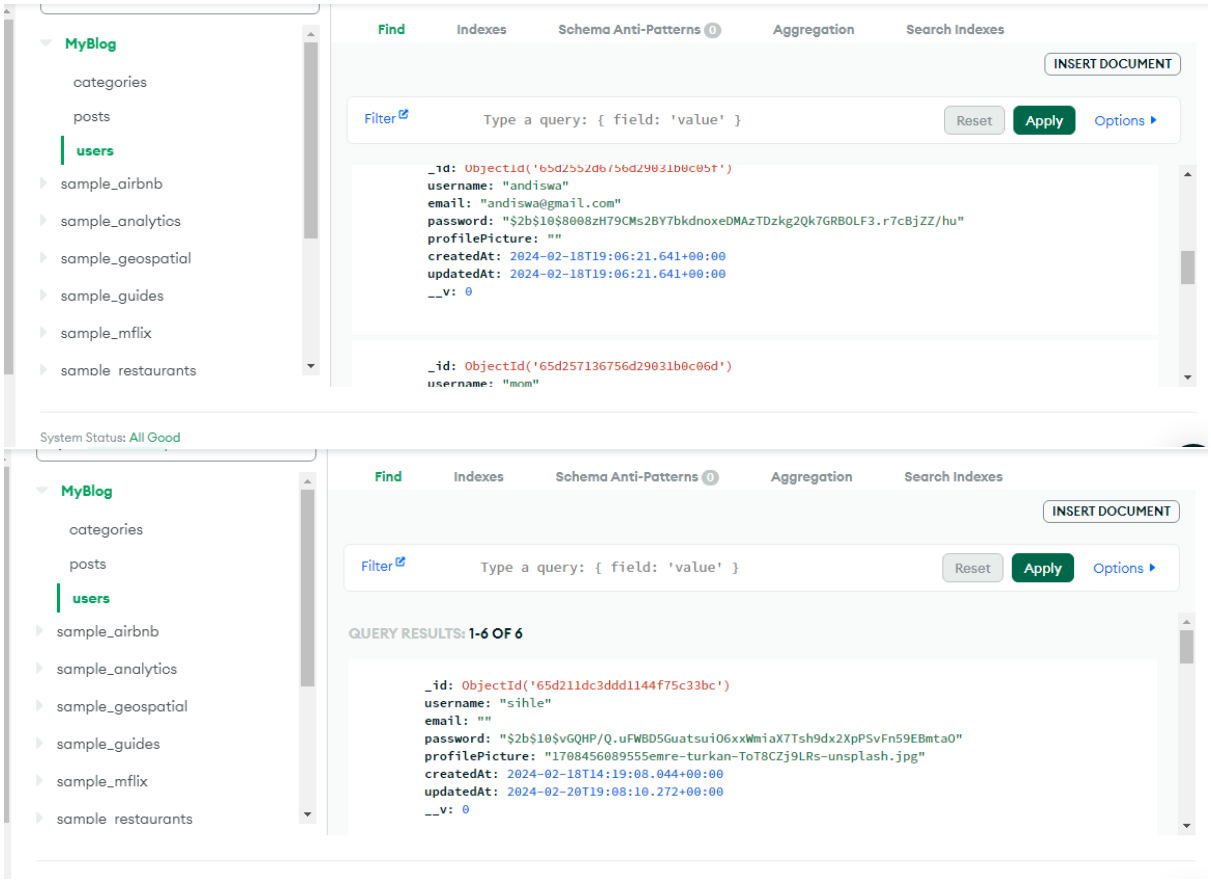


Image 3: My "MyBlog" database using MongoDB to store the blog posts, user and category data.



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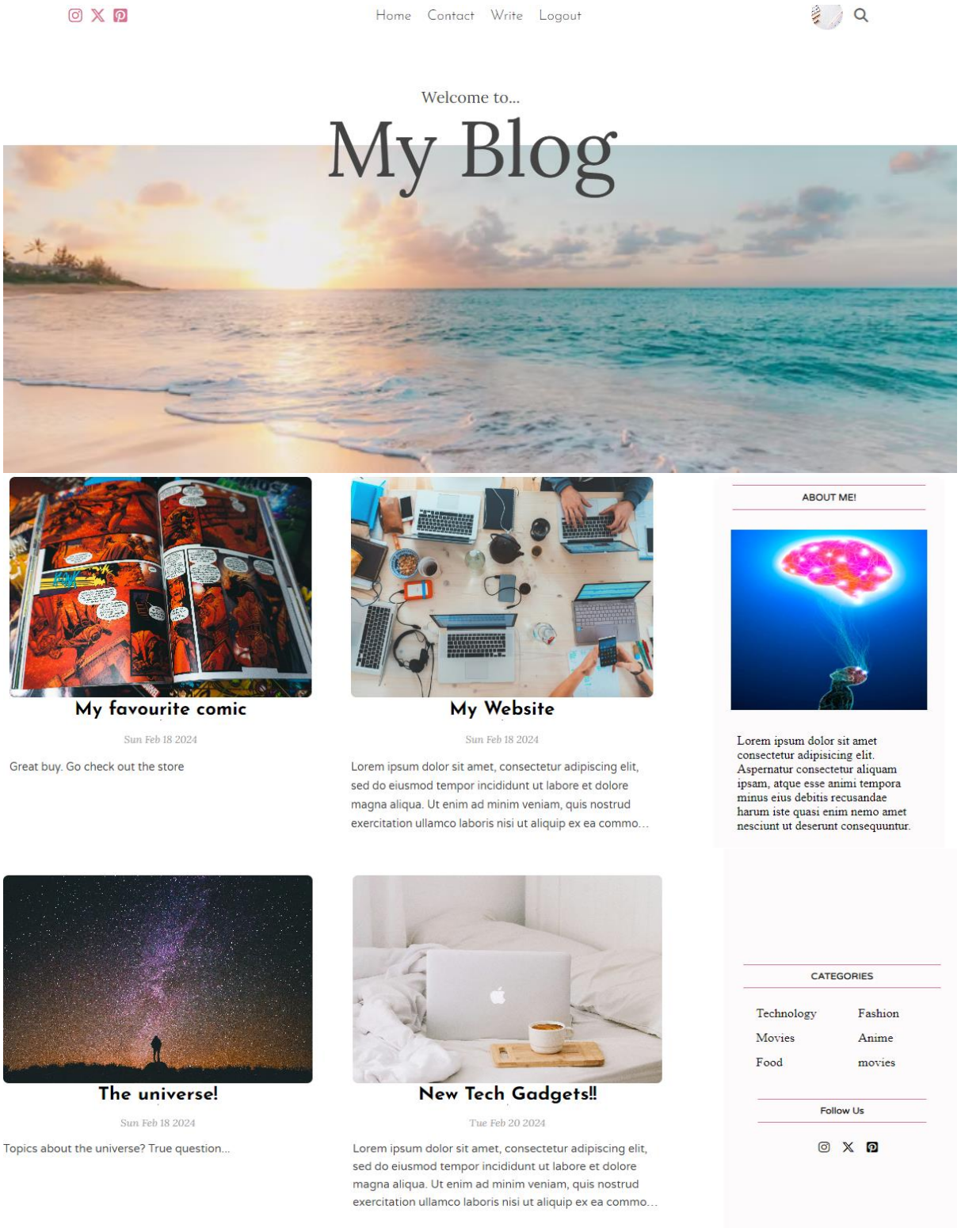

Image 6: My blog application homepage, where you can view the user's social media links, the navbar items where you can write a post, the user's posts, post date & description, the About section and the category items.

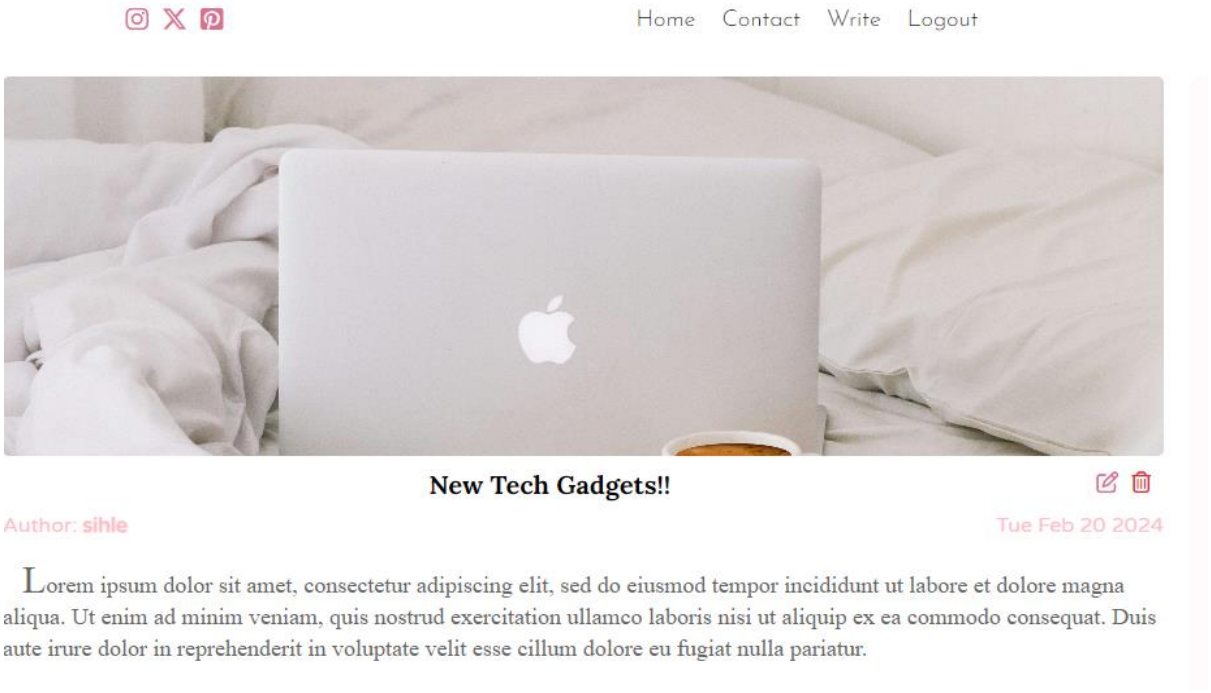

Image 7: The user's individual post where you can edit and delete the post.

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Image 8: The user's account page where the user can edit their account details or delete their account.

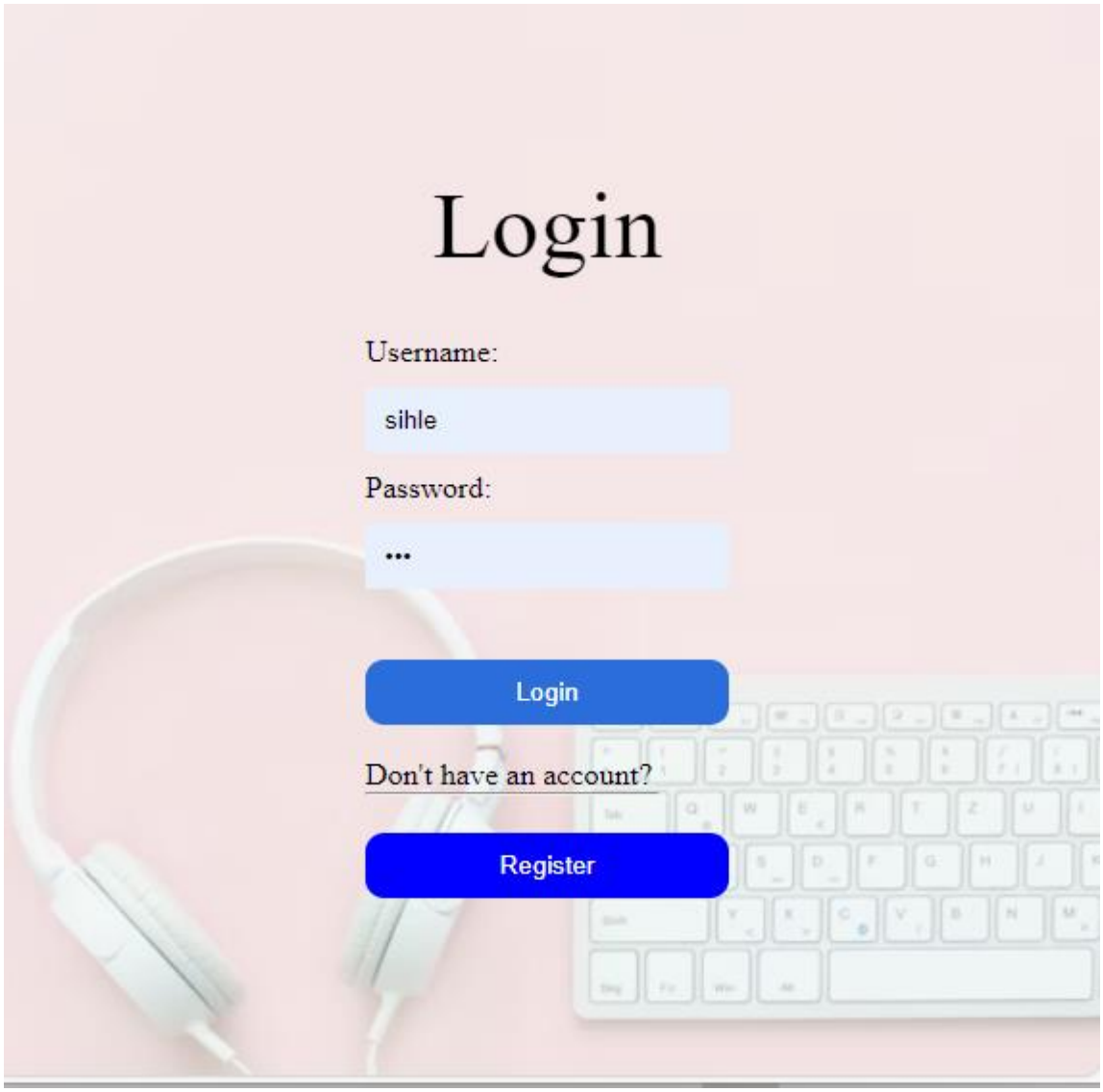

Image 8: The login page.

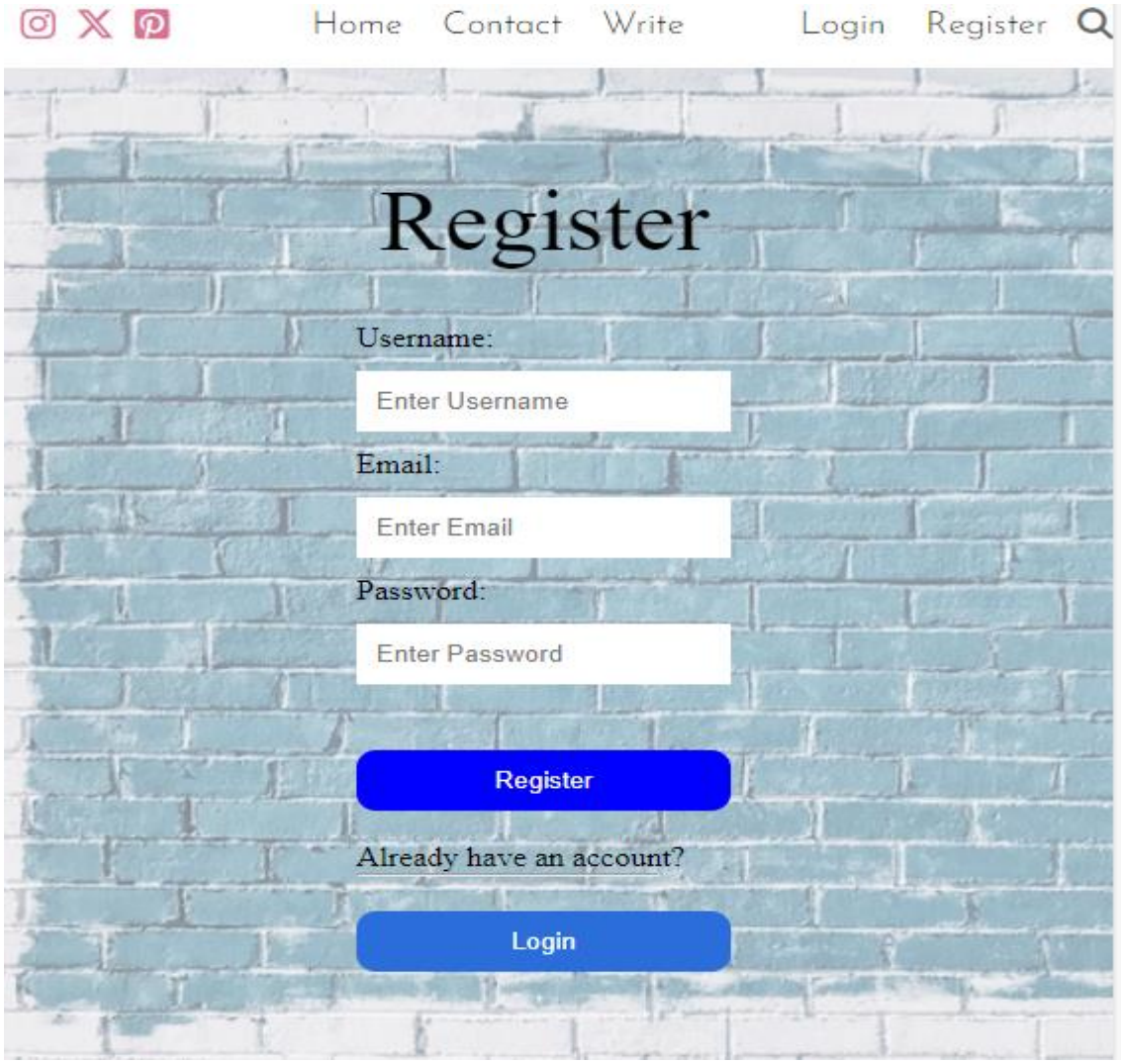

Image 9: The register page if you are a new user.

Conclusion:

This documentation serves as a guide for developers and stakeholders involved in the development and deployment of the blogging platform. It outlines the key features, components, and technologies utilized to create a robust and user-friendly blogging experience. The website serves as a showcase of the web development intern's skills and projects, designed to provide a seamless user experience for visitors.