# Pavlo Savushkin

**Senior Full Stack Engineer - Laravel, Vue.js**

Senior Full Stack Engineer with 10+ years of PHP and Laravel experience in scalable SaaS, fintech, and reporting platforms: REST APIs, queues, MySQL, Vue.js/Nuxt, Docker, CI/CD. Turn business requirements into production-ready solutions, owning everything from architecture to deployment. Saved ~$18k/year in infrastructure, made a key page ~7x faster, built a payments portal reporting on ~1M transactions/month. Tech lead of 2-3 engineers. Use agentic coding tools (Claude Code) in a real production codebase. Remote B2B contractor, US East overlap.


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## EXPERIENCE

### **Lead Full Stack Engineer (Tech Lead)** - Proxify AB, Remote | Mar 2024 - Present

*Greenfield CRM for a certification company (NDA). Own backend and infrastructure.*

- Designed backend architecture, database schema and REST API from scratch: Laravel, MariaDB, Sanctum, RBAC.
- Led architecture and code review for 2-3 engineers; Claude Code on the production codebase.
- Built Docker images, Ansible deployments, CI/CD testing pipelines (parallel PHPUnit), backups.
- Monitoring with Grafana Loki and Bugsnag; queues, jobs, scheduled tasks; PDF, Excel, e-signature workflows.

### **Senior Full Stack Engineer** - Svitla Systems, Inc., Remote | Dec 2020 - Aug 2023

*BlastMotion: performance reporting platform for baseball, softball and golf players.*

- Refactored legacy PHP to cut MySQL / Elasticsearch load and moved both to cheaper instances: ~$18k/year saved.
- Cut main page cold-start load time ~7x (2.5 min to 20 s) by refactoring legacy code.
- Introduced TDD (adopted by the team on my advice); added PHPUnit coverage to legacy code, reducing bugs.
- Built Docker images, CI pipelines and testing tools; ran asynchronous queue jobs and workers.

### **Full Stack Developer** - JoMedia Inc., Kremenchuk, Ukraine | Oct 2015 - Mar 2023

*Gateway Portal: fintech reporting dashboard for merchants across external bank payment processors. Joined as Junior*
*Backend Developer, promoted in 2016; part-time consultant from Dec 2020*

- Built the reporting portal from the ground up: v1 on Laravel (Blade SSR, jQuery, Vue.js 2); architected and delivered v2 (Laravel REST API + Nuxt 2 SPA) as the sole developer in a 3-person team (with a BA and DevOps).
- Portal covered ~6 bank payment processors connected through APIs, ~100 merchants (~1,000 accounts) and ~1M transactions/month; wrote payment and third-party API integrations.
- Ran queue-driven processing (jobs, workers), real-time functionality over WebSockets; AWS Redshift side projects.
- Set up CI and part of CD for v2; built all production-ready Docker images.

## EDUCATION

**Master's and Bachelor's degrees, Computer Science** - Kremenchuk State Polytechnical University | 2015 - 2020

**Software Development** - IT Academy STEP (Luhansk, Kyiv) | 2012 - 2015

## LANGUAGES

English - Upper-Intermediate
Russian - Native
Ukrainian - Native

## SKILLS

**Backend**
PHP 8 (since 5.3), Laravel 5.2 to 13, Eloquent, REST APIs, queues/jobs/workers, scheduled tasks, WebSockets, third-party API integrations, payment APIs, Sanctum, RBAC

**Frontend**
JavaScript, Vue.js 2/3, Nuxt 2/3, Blade, Livewire, Alpine.js, Tailwind CSS (TALL stack), HTML / CSS, Vite, BEM

**Databases**
SQL, MySQL, MariaDB, PostgreSQL, AWS Redshift, Elasticsearch, Redis; query optimization, schema design, indexing

**DevOps / Cloud**
Docker, Docker Swarm, Kubernetes, Ansible, Terraform (infrastructure-as-code), AWS (S3, SQS, SNS, CloudWatch), CI/CD, GitHub Actions, Nginx, Apache, Linux

**Quality / Observability**
Automated testing, PHPUnit, TDD, code review, Sentry, Bugsnag, Grafana Loki, monitoring

**AI tooling / Process**
Claude Code (agentic coding in a production codebase: custom skills, subagent code review, hooks, MCP), Git, GitHub / GitLab, Jira, Agile / Scrum