

Casey Builds It: Custom Site Cheatsheet

Ditching WordPress for a custom stack with Cursor & Google Cloud

Based on [Why I Ditched Wordpress For A Custom Built Website Cursor Google Cloud](#) by Casey Builds It

Why Ditch WordPress? • Plugins add convenience but also risk and limitations. • Each plugin is a dependency and potential security vulnerability. • Updates can break plugin functionality.	The Custom Stack • Website hosted on Google App Engine. • Custom backend built and managed by the owner. • Cursor used for AI-assisted coding and debugging.
AI-Assisted Development with Cursor • Speeds up custom development. • Aids in debugging and troubleshooting. • Can read screenshots to suggest fixes.	Google Cloud Benefits • Provides full control over hosting. • Manages databases and backend logic. • Enables custom infrastructure.
Custom Automation Example • Tool automates video to blog post publishing. • Generates description, comment, thumbnail, shorts. • Creates and publishes blog posts directly.	Custom Admin Dashboard Features • Media library for asset management. • Downloadable lead-gen tools. • Build suggestions for project ideas.
Benefits of Custom Build • Faster development cycles. • Complete control over features and structure. • Significant time savings through automation.	

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides to pair with this cheat sheet:

■ Ditch WordPress: Build Your Custom Site with Cursor & Google Cloud (Action Sheet)

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■ Ditching WordPress for a Custom-Built Site (Infographic)

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