

Casey Builds It FAQ: Custom Website Development

Answers to common questions about ditching WordPress for a custom-built site.

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

Q: Why did you switch from WordPress to a custom-built website?

A: WordPress plugins, while convenient, introduce dependencies, security risks, and potential breakage with updates. Building custom allows for exactly what's needed without relying on external roadmaps.

Q: What technology stack are you using for your custom website?

A: The site runs on Google App Engine for hosting, with a custom backend. Cursor is used for AI-assisted coding, debugging, and troubleshooting, and Google Cloud provides hosting and database services.

Q: How does Cursor help in building your custom website?

A: Cursor assists with writing code, debugging errors, and troubleshooting issues by reading screenshots of problems and suggesting fixes in real-time.

Q: What is the role of Google Cloud in your custom website setup?

A: Google Cloud is used for hosting the website on Google App Engine and managing databases. It provides the infrastructure for full control over performance and backend logic.

Q: Can you give an example of a custom automation tool you've built?

A: Yes, a tool was built to automatically generate descriptions, comments, thumbnails, and shorts for uploaded videos. It then creates a blog post and publishes it directly to the site's CMS.

Q: How does the custom automation tool streamline content publishing?

A: It eliminates manual copy-pasting and the need for separate tools by taking an uploaded video and automatically generating all necessary content and publishing it to the website's CMS.

Q: What does the custom admin dashboard include?

A: The custom admin dashboard features a media library for assets, downloadable lead-generation tools built into the backend, and a feature for tracking future project ideas.

Q: Does your custom admin dashboard rely on any plugins?

A: No, the entire custom admin dashboard was built from scratch and does not rely on premade plugins or third-party dashboard tools. It's tailored to the specific workflow.

Q: What are the benefits of building a custom website with AI tools and cloud platforms?

A: The benefits include faster development cycles, complete customization of features and structure, and automation that leads to significant time savings.

Q: Is building a custom site instead of using WordPress worth it?

A: For those willing to learn to code, it's a viable option offering faster builds, full customization, and automation that saves real hours weekly, as demonstrated by this build.

Q: What are the main drawbacks of WordPress plugins mentioned?

A: The article highlights that plugins are dependencies, introduce security risks, and can break when other software updates, limiting control and flexibility.

Q: How do you handle errors and troubleshooting in your custom build?

A: Cursor is used to troubleshoot live issues, including connecting custom APIs and resolving authorization errors, by analyzing screenshots of the problems.

Q: What does 'full control' mean in the context of your custom website?

A: It means having complete command over the website's performance, structure, features, hosting, and backend logic without being constrained by a platform's limitations or plugin dependencies.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for these FAQs:

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

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