

Casey Builds It: Custom Website FAQ

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 development, and Google Cloud provides hosting and database services.

Q: How does Cursor help with building a custom website?

A: Cursor assists with writing code, debugging errors, and troubleshooting issues by analyzing screenshots and suggesting fixes, speeding up the custom development process.

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 built?

A: Yes, a tool was built to automatically generate descriptions, comments, and thumbnails for uploaded videos, then create and publish a blog post 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 handling the entire process from video upload to blog post publication.

Q: Do you show the real process of building with AI tools?

A: Yes, the process includes real-world examples of connecting custom APIs, encountering authorization errors, and troubleshooting them live using Cursor.

Q: What features are included in your custom admin dashboard?

A: The custom dashboard includes a media library, downloadable lead-generation tools, and a feature for tracking future project ideas, all built without relying on plugins.

Q: Does the custom admin dashboard replace multiple plugins?

A: Yes, the custom-built dashboard is designed to replace the functionality of multiple plugins and third-party tools, tailored to specific workflows.

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

A: For those considering learning to code, this build demonstrates that pairing AI tools like Cursor with cloud platforms like Google Cloud enables faster development, full customization, and significant time savings.

Q: What are the main benefits of a custom-built website over WordPress?

A: Key benefits include full control over performance and features, reduced security risks from plugins, faster development with AI assistance, and powerful custom automation capabilities.

Q: Are there any security concerns with using WordPress plugins?

A: Yes, every plugin is an additional dependency and a potential security risk that can break when other software updates.

Q: What is the advantage of having a custom backend?

A: A custom backend, managed by the site owner, provides complete control over the site's logic, structure, and how it integrates with other services.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for these FAQs:

■ CaseyBuildsIt.com: Custom Site vs. WordPress (Comparison)

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