

Casey Builds It: Custom Site Cheat Sheet

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 dependencies and security risks. • Updates can break plugins and themes. • Custom builds offer more control and avoid waiting on plugin roadmaps.	The Custom Stack • Website hosted on Google App Engine. • Custom backend built and managed by the owner. • Cursor used for AI-assisted coding, debugging, and troubleshooting.
AI-Assisted Development with Cursor • Speeds up coding and error resolution. • Can read screenshots of issues for immediate fixes. • Facilitates building exactly what's needed.	Google Cloud for Hosting • Provides full control over hosting and databases. • Enables custom backend logic. • Scalable infrastructure for custom builds.
Custom Automation Example • Tool automates video to blog post publishing. • Generates descriptions, comments, thumbnails, and shorts. • Creates and publishes blog posts directly to CMS.	Custom Admin Dashboard Features • Media library for asset management. • Downloadable lead-generation tools. • Build suggestions feature for project ideas. • Replaces multiple plugins and third-party tools.
Benefits of Custom Builds • Faster development cycles. • Complete customization. • Automation that saves significant time. • Full control over site structure and features.	

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides to pair with this cheat sheet:

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

<https://storage.googleapis.com/casey-builds-it-checklists-20260726-47cb55/casey-builds-it/Comparison/why-i-ditched-wordpress-for-a-custom-built-website-cursor-google-cloud-comparison.pdf>

■ Ditch WordPress for a Custom-Built Site (Action Sheet)

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