

Custom Website Build Checklist

Steps to ditch WordPress for a custom-built site with AI and cloud.

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

1. Evaluate WordPress Limitations

Understand the drawbacks of relying on WordPress plugins and themes.

- Identify plugins that add unnecessary dependencies.
- Assess security risks introduced by third-party plugins.
- Note plugins that break after upstream updates.
- Recognize limitations imposed by plugin roadmaps.
- Consider the overhead of managing multiple plugins.

2. Explore AI-Assisted Development

Leverage AI tools to accelerate custom coding and debugging.

- Experiment with AI coding assistants like Cursor.
- Use AI for writing custom code snippets.
- Utilize AI for debugging errors in your code.
- Test AI's ability to read screenshots and suggest fixes.
- Integrate AI into your daily development workflow.

3. Implement Cloud Hosting

Set up your website on a flexible and controllable cloud platform.

- Choose a cloud platform like Google Cloud.
- Deploy your website backend on Google App Engine.
- Manage your own backend logic and structure.
- Configure hosting for full performance control.
- Set up databases within the cloud environment.

4. Build Custom Automation Tools

Develop automated workflows to streamline content creation and publishing.

- Design an automation tool for video processing.
- Automate description and thumbnail generation from video.
- Build functionality to create blog posts from videos.
- Integrate direct publishing to your site's CMS.
- Connect custom APIs for automation tasks.
- Troubleshoot authorization errors in custom integrations.

5. Develop a Custom Admin Dashboard

Create a centralized dashboard tailored to your specific workflow.

- Build a media library for asset management.
- Integrate downloadable lead-generation tools.
- Implement a feature for tracking project ideas.
- Ensure the dashboard replaces multiple plugin functionalities.
- Design the dashboard for efficient personal use.

6. Integrate AI and Cloud for Faster Builds

Combine AI tools and cloud hosting for efficient website development.

- Pair AI tools with cloud platforms for development.
- Achieve faster custom website builds.
- Implement full customization without limitations.
- Set up automation that saves significant time.
- Continuously refine your custom workflow.

7. Refine Your Automation Pipeline

Continuously improve your custom-built site's automation processes.

- Monitor the performance of your automation pipeline.
- Identify areas for workflow optimization.
- Update and enhance automation features.
- Explore further integrations for content creation.
- Push the capabilities of your custom stack.

Resources & Further Reading

Use these pages while working through the checklist:

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Control your website's performance, structure, and features with a custom stack.