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Ditching WordPress for a Custom-Built Site 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 introduce dependencies.
- Each plugin is a potential security risk.
- Updates can break existing functionality.
- Reliance on plugin roadmaps limits custom features.

The Custom Stack

- Hosting: Google App Engine
- Development: Cursor (AI-assisted)
- Backend: Custom-built and managed
- Databases: Managed via Google Cloud

AI-Assisted Development with Cursor

- Speeds up coding and debugging.
- Reads screenshots to suggest fixes.
- Enables building exact requirements.
- Handles errors and troubleshooting live.

Google Cloud Benefits

- Full control over hosting and structure.
- Manages backend logic and databases.
- Provides reliable infrastructure for custom builds.

Custom Automation Example

- Video upload triggers description generation.
- Automatically creates blog posts from videos.
- Publishes content directly to CMS.
- Eliminates manual copy-pasting.

Custom Admin Dashboard Features

- Integrated media library.
- Downloadable lead-generation tools.
- Build suggestions for project ideas.
- Replaces multiple plugins and third-party tools.

Key Advantages of Custom Build

- Faster development cycles.
- Complete control over features and performance.
- Significant time savings through automation.
- Tailored solutions without compromise.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides to pair with this cheat sheet:

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

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