

Custom Website Build Checklist

Steps to consider when building a custom website with AI and cloud tools.

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

1. Evaluate WordPress Limitations

Assess the drawbacks of using WordPress and its plugins for your specific needs.

- Identify plugin dependencies that create risks.
- Recognize security vulnerabilities introduced by plugins.
- Note issues caused by plugin updates breaking functionality.
- Determine limitations imposed by plugin roadmaps.
- Evaluate if WordPress themes and page builders meet your exact requirements.

2. Choose Your Custom Stack

Select the core technologies for your custom website development.

- Select a cloud hosting platform (e.g., Google Cloud).
- Choose an AI-assisted development tool (e.g., Cursor).
- Plan your custom backend architecture.
- Decide on database solutions.
- Confirm full control over hosting, structure, and features.

3. Develop Custom Automation Tools

Build automated workflows to streamline content creation and publishing.

- Design an automation tool for video processing.
- Implement automatic description generation from video.
- Set up automatic thumbnail creation.
- Develop automatic comment generation.
- Integrate blog post creation from processed content.
- Configure direct publishing to your site's CMS.

4. Implement AI-Assisted Development

Leverage AI tools for efficient coding, debugging, and troubleshooting.

- Use AI for writing custom code.
- Employ AI for debugging errors.
- Utilize AI for analyzing screenshots of issues.
- Integrate AI suggestions for immediate fixes.
- Troubleshoot authorization errors with AI assistance.

5. Build a Custom Admin Dashboard

Create a tailored backend interface for managing site operations.

- Develop a media library for asset management.
- Integrate downloadable lead-generation tools.
- Build a feature for tracking future project ideas.
- Ensure the dashboard replaces multiple plugins.
- Customize the dashboard for your specific workflow.

6. Manage Site Assets and Content

Organize and manage all website components efficiently.

- Upload and organize site assets in the media library.
- Manage lead-generation tools from the backend.
- Track and prioritize new project ideas.
- Publish blog posts generated by automation.
- Review and update site content as needed.

7. Refine and Expand Automation

Continuously improve your automated workflows for greater efficiency.

- Analyze the performance of the current automation pipeline.
- Identify areas for workflow refinement.
- Explore further automation possibilities.
- Test new features and integrations.
- Push the automation pipeline further with new capabilities.

Resources & Further Reading

Use these pages while working through the checklist:

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