

WordPress vs. Custom-Built Website (CaseyBuildsIt.com)

Comparison of ditching WordPress for a custom stack with Cursor and Google Cloud.

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

Factor	WordPress	Custom-Built (Cursor + Google Cloud)
Dependencies	Relies on plugins and themes	No plugins or themes, full control
Security Risks	Each plugin is a potential security risk	Reduced security risks due to custom stack
Development Speed	Dependent on plugin roadmaps	Faster builds with AI-assisted development (Cursor)
Customization	Limited by available plugins and themes	Full customization, build exactly what's needed
Hosting & Backend	Standard hosting, less backend control	Full control with Google App Engine and custom backend
Automation	Requires stitching multiple tools together	Integrated automation pipeline (e.g., video to blog)
Admin Dashboard	Relies on third-party dashboard tools	Custom-built dashboard for specific workflows
Troubleshooting	Can be complex with plugin conflicts	AI-assisted debugging and error fixing (Cursor)

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides to support your comparison:

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

<https://storage.googleapis.com/casey-builds-it-checklists-20260728-24e1c3/casey-builds-it/Action%20Sheet/why-i-ditched-wordpress-for-a-custom-built-website-cursor-google-cloud-action-sheet.pdf>

■ Ditching WordPress for a Custom-Built Site (Infographic)

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Custom stacks offer full control and automation, powered by AI and cloud.