

Casey Builds It FAQ: Custom Website Development

Answers to common questions about ditching WordPress for a custom-built site.

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

Q: Why did you switch from WordPress to a custom-built website?

A: WordPress plugins, while convenient, introduce dependencies, security risks, and potential breaking changes with updates. Building custom allows for exactly what's needed without relying on external roadmaps.

Q: What technologies are used for your custom website?

A: The site runs on Google App Engine with a custom backend. Cursor is used for AI-assisted development, and Google Cloud provides hosting and database solutions.

Q: How does Cursor help in building your custom site?

A: Cursor assists with writing code, debugging errors, and troubleshooting issues by analyzing screenshots and suggesting fixes, speeding up the development process.

Q: What is the role of Google Cloud in your custom website?

A: Google Cloud, specifically Google App Engine, is used for hosting the website and managing databases, providing full control over the backend logic and performance.

Q: Can you give an example of a custom automation tool you built?

A: Yes, a tool was built to automatically generate descriptions, comments, and thumbnails for uploaded videos, then create and publish blog posts directly to the site's CMS.

Q: How does the custom automation tool streamline content publishing?

A: It eliminates manual copy-pasting and the need for separate tools by handling the entire process from video upload to blog post publication.

Q: Do you show the real process of building and troubleshooting?

A: Yes, the process includes demonstrating real-world challenges like connecting custom APIs, encountering authorization errors, and troubleshooting them live with Cursor.

Q: What features are included in your custom admin dashboard?

A: The custom dashboard includes a media library, downloadable lead-generation tools, and a feature for tracking future project ideas, all built without relying on plugins.

Q: Does the custom admin dashboard replace multiple plugins?

A: Yes, the custom-built dashboard is designed to replace the functionality of multiple plugins and third-party tools, tailored to specific workflows.

Q: What are the benefits of using AI tools like Cursor with cloud platforms?

A: Pairing AI tools with cloud hosting enables faster development, complete customization, and automation that results in significant time savings.

Q: Is building a custom site instead of using WordPress a viable option?

A: Yes, for those considering learning to code, this build demonstrates what's possible with AI tools and cloud platforms, offering greater control and efficiency.

Q: What are the main risks associated with WordPress plugins?

A: The main risks include added dependencies, potential security vulnerabilities, and the possibility of plugins breaking when other software updates.

Q: How does a custom stack offer more control than WordPress?

A: A custom stack provides complete control over performance, site structure, and features without the limitations imposed by WordPress themes, plugins, or page builders.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for these FAQs:

■ 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>

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