

Casey Builds It: Custom Website FAQ

Answers to common questions about ditching WordPress for a custom-built site with Cursor and Google Cloud.

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 breakage with updates. Building custom allows for exactly what's needed without relying on external roadmaps.

Q: What technology stack are you using for your custom website?

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

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

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

Q: What is Google Cloud's role in your custom website setup?

A: Google Cloud, specifically Google App Engine, hosts the website and manages databases. It provides the infrastructure for full control over performance, structure, and backend logic.

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. It then creates a blog post and publishes it directly to the site's CMS.

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

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

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

A: Yes, the process includes connecting custom APIs, encountering authorization errors, and troubleshooting them live using Cursor's AI capabilities.

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

A: The custom dashboard includes a media library for assets, downloadable lead-generation tools, and a feature for tracking future project ideas.

Q: Does your custom dashboard rely on any plugins?

A: No, the entire custom admin dashboard was built from scratch and does not rely on premade plugins or third-party tools.

Q: What are the benefits of building a custom site with AI tools and cloud hosting?

A: It enables faster builds, complete customization, and automation that saves significant time compared to relying on themes and plugins.

Q: Are there security benefits to a custom-built site over WordPress?

A: By avoiding numerous plugins, a custom site reduces the number of potential security vulnerabilities and dependencies that could be exploited.

Q: Is building a custom website feasible for others?

A: Yes, this build serves as a real-world example of what's possible with current AI tools like Cursor and cloud platforms like Google Cloud for those considering learning to code.

Q: What does 'full control' mean in the context of your custom website?

A: It means having complete command over the site's performance, underlying structure, and specific features without being limited by plugin functionalities or WordPress updates.

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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