Ditching WordPress for a Custom-Built Site

Casey Builds It's journey to 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

6 Months	Time Since Switch
Cursor + Google Cloud	Core Technologies
No Plugins, No Themes	Development Approach

Why Ditch WordPress?

Plugins add convenience but also introduce dependencies, security risks, and potential breakage with updates.

AI-Assisted Development

Cursor speeds up custom coding, debugging, and troubleshooting by reading screenshots and suggesting fixes.

Custom Automation Pipeline

Automates video uploads to blog posts, including description, thumbnail, and CMS publishing, eliminating manual steps.

Full Control & Customization

Google Cloud hosting and a custom backend provide complete control over performance, structure, and features.

Custom Admin Dashboard

Features a media library, lead-gen tools, and build suggestions, replacing multiple plugins with a tailored solution.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this summary:

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

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

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