

Casey Builds It: Custom Site Cheatsheet

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

Why Ditch WordPress? • Plugins add convenience but also dependencies and security risks. • Updates can break existing functionality. • Limited by plugin roadmaps and features.	The Custom Stack • AI-assisted development with Cursor. • Hosting and backend managed by Google Cloud (App Engine). • Full control over performance, structure, and features.
Cursor's Role • Writes and debugs code. • Reads screenshots for error diagnosis. • Suggests immediate fixes.	Google Cloud's Role • Hosts the website on App Engine. • Manages databases. • Provides a custom backend.
Custom Automation Example • Automates video upload to blog post publishing. • Generates descriptions, comments, thumbnails, and shorts. • Eliminates manual copy-pasting and tool stitching.	Custom Admin Dashboard Features • Media library for asset management. • Downloadable lead-gen tools. • Build suggestions for project ideas. • Replaces multiple plugins and third-party tools.
Benefits of Custom Build • Faster development cycles. • Complete customization. • Significant time savings through automation. • Full control over the website.	

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides to pair with this cheat sheet:

■ CaseyBuildsIt.com: Custom Site vs. WordPress (Comparison)

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

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