

Custom Website Build Checklist

Migrating from WordPress 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

1. Evaluate WordPress Limitations

Understand the drawbacks of relying on WordPress plugins and themes.

- Identify plugin dependencies that create risks.
- Assess security vulnerabilities introduced by plugins.
- Recognize limitations imposed by plugin update cycles.
- Determine when plugin roadmaps hinder custom development.
- Evaluate the overhead of managing multiple plugins.

2. Explore Custom Stack Components

Understand the core technologies used for a custom-built site.

- Learn about Google App Engine for hosting.
- Investigate building a custom backend.
- Understand the role of AI-assisted development tools.
- Explore the benefits of Google Cloud for databases.
- Consider the advantages of full control over site structure.

3. Plan Custom Automation Tools

Design and build automated workflows for content and tasks.

- Define requirements for video processing automation.
- Plan for automatic description and thumbnail generation.
- Integrate blog post creation from processed videos.
- Automate direct publishing to the site's CMS.
- Eliminate manual copy-paste steps in content workflow.

4. Implement AI-Assisted Development

Leverage AI tools for coding, debugging, and troubleshooting.

- Use AI for writing custom code.
- Utilize AI for debugging errors.
- Employ AI to analyze screenshots of issues.
- Integrate AI suggestions for immediate fixes.
- Experiment with AI for rapid prototyping.

5. Build a Custom Admin Dashboard

Create a tailored backend interface for managing site functions.

- Develop a media library for asset management.
- Integrate downloadable lead-generation tools.
- Implement a feature for tracking project ideas.
- Ensure the dashboard replaces multiple plugin functionalities.
- Design the dashboard for personal workflow efficiency.

6. Assess Custom Site Benefits

Evaluate the advantages of a custom-built website over WordPress.

- Measure improvements in site performance.
- Confirm full control over site structure and features.
- Quantify time saved through automation.
- Evaluate the speed of custom builds with AI tools.
- Assess the level of customization achieved.

7. Refine Automation Pipeline

Continuously improve and expand automated workflows.

- Identify areas for workflow optimization.
- Explore further integration possibilities.
- Test new automation features.
- Document refined processes.
- Plan for future automation enhancements.

Resources & Further Reading

Use these pages while working through the checklist:

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