

Casey Builds It: Custom Website FAQ

Answers 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 site?

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 with building your custom website?

A: Cursor assists with writing code, debugging errors, and troubleshooting issues by reading screenshots of problems and suggesting fixes in real-time.

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

A: Google Cloud, specifically Google App Engine, is used for hosting the website and managing databases. It provides 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, thumbnails, and shorts from an uploaded video. It then creates a blog post and publishes it directly to the site's CMS.

Q: How do you handle the publishing process with your custom tools?

A: The custom automation tool handles the entire process from video upload to blog post publishing, eliminating manual copy-pasting and the need for separate stitching tools.

Q: Do you show the real development process, including bugs?

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

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

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

Q: Does your custom admin dashboard rely on any third-party plugins?

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

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

A: Pairing AI tools like Cursor with cloud platforms like Google Cloud enables faster builds, full customization, and automation that saves significant time.

Q: What are the main benefits of a custom-built website over WordPress?

A: Benefits include full control, reduced security risks from plugins, faster development with AI tools, and the ability to create custom automation pipelines.

Q: What is the main takeaway regarding custom websites and AI tools?

A: AI tools like Cursor combined with cloud hosting platforms like Google Cloud offer a powerful way to build custom websites with enhanced speed, control, and automation.

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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