

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 plugins and themes. • Custom builds offer more control and avoid external roadmaps.	The Custom Stack • Website hosted on Google App Engine. • Custom backend built and managed by the owner. • Cursor used for AI-assisted coding and debugging.
Cursor's Role • Writes and debugs code. • Reads screenshots of issues for instant fixes. • Accelerates custom development and troubleshooting.	Google Cloud Benefits • Full control over hosting and databases. • Enables custom backend logic. • Provides a stable foundation for custom builds.
Custom Automation Example • Tool automates video to blog post creation. • Generates descriptions, comments, thumbnails. • Publishes directly to the site's CMS. • Eliminates manual copy-pasting.	Custom Admin Dashboard Features • Media library for asset management. • Downloadable lead-generation tools. • Build suggestions for project tracking. • Replaces multiple plugins and third-party tools.
Is a Custom Site Worth It? • Faster builds with AI tools. • Complete customization and control. • Automation saves significant time. • Real-world example of AI + Cloud possibilities.	

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides to pair with this cheat sheet:

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

<https://storage.googleapis.com/casey-builds-it-checklists-20260731-e718c1/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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