

Casey Builds It: Custom Website FAQ

Answers to common questions about ditching WordPress for a custom-built site.

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 breakages with updates. Building custom allows for exactly what's needed without relying on external plugin roadmaps.

Q: What technology stack are you using for your custom website?

A: The site runs on Google App Engine for hosting, with a custom backend managed by me. Cursor is used for AI-assisted coding, debugging, and troubleshooting, and Google Cloud provides hosting and database services.

Q: How does Cursor help with custom website development?

A: Cursor assists with writing code, debugging errors, and even analyzing screenshots of issues to suggest immediate fixes, speeding up the development process.

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

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 describe the custom YouTube automation tool you built?

A: This tool automatically generates descriptions, comments, and thumbnails for uploaded videos. It then creates a blog post and publishes it directly to the site's CMS, eliminating manual steps.

Q: How do you handle publishing content with your custom setup?

A: A custom automation tool takes uploaded videos and generates all necessary content, including blog posts, which are then published directly to the site's CMS without manual intervention.

Q: What does the custom admin dashboard include?

A: The custom admin dashboard features a media library for assets, downloadable lead-generation tools, and a build suggestions feature for tracking project ideas, all built without relying on plugins.

Q: Does building a custom site mean you have to code everything from scratch?

A: While it's custom-built, AI tools like Cursor significantly accelerate the coding, debugging, and troubleshooting process, making custom development more accessible.

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

A: Benefits include faster builds, full customization, and automation that saves significant time. It offers complete control over the site's performance, structure, and features.

Q: Is building a custom site with AI and cloud platforms worth it?

A: Yes, pairing AI tools like Cursor with cloud platforms like Google Cloud enables faster development, complete customization, and automation that saves real hours weekly.

Q: Are there security advantages to a custom website?

A: By avoiding numerous third-party plugins, a custom site reduces the number of potential security vulnerabilities and dependencies that could be exploited.

Q: How do you manage site assets with a custom build?

A: A dedicated media library is built directly into the custom admin dashboard for managing all site assets efficiently.

Q: What are the limitations of using WordPress plugins?

A: Plugins can become dependencies, introduce security risks, and break when other software updates, limiting control over the website's functionality and stability.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for these FAQs:

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

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