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 risk and limitations.
- Each plugin is a dependency and potential security issue.
- Updates can break plugin functionality.

The Custom Stack

- Uses Cursor for AI-assisted development.
- Hosts on Google Cloud (App Engine).
- Full control over performance, structure, and features.

AI-Assisted Development with Cursor

- Speeds up coding and debugging.
- Reads screenshots to suggest fixes.
- Enables building exactly what's needed.

Google Cloud Benefits

- Provides hosting and database solutions.
- Allows full control over backend logic.
- Enables custom infrastructure management.

Custom Automation Example

- Automates video uploads to blog posts.
- Generates descriptions, comments, thumbnails.
- Publishes directly to the site's CMS.

Custom Admin Dashboard Features

- Media library for asset management.
- Downloadable lead-gen tools.
- Build suggestions for project ideas.
- Replaces multiple plugins and tools.

Benefits of Custom Build

- Faster development cycles.
- Complete customization.
- Time-saving automation.
- No reliance on third-party roadmaps.

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-20260726-47cb55/casey-builds-it/Comparison/why-i-ditched-wordpress-for-a-custom-built-website-cursor-google-cloud-comparison.pdf

Building Your Own Website: A Custom Approach (Workbook)

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