

# What's the Real Cost to Build a Website That Delivers Results?

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## Hidden Custom Website Design Costs You Might Not Have Budgeted For

The Content Gap

Image Assets

Cost of Custom Development

E-commerce Fees

Apps and Plugins

SSL Certificates

Ongoing Security Updates

Compliance Costs

Maintenance and Upgrades

## Tips From Our Team

Before you start your website design and development, here are some hints to make the process easier.

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**Prioritize Your Must-Have Features**

Know your priorities and identify which features are essential and which ones can wait. By focusing on your must-haves, you can use your budget smarter.
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**Provide Content Feedback Where You Can**

Share any important information you want highlighted with the writing team. This input creates a foundation and makes sure those key points are in the first drafts, which saves review time.
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**Share Approved Images**

Send any high-quality, approved images directly to the design team. This can help save the team time and money when looking for images to include on your new website.
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**Invest in Scalable Solutions**

Prioritizing scalable tools allows you to easily expand and adapt your website as your needs evolve, saving time and money by preventing costly rebuilds in the future.

Platform	Primary Focus/Best For	Key Features	Technical Skill Level
Word Press	Highly customizable websites, blogging, and scaling (CMS)	Open-source, many plugins available extensive themes, full code access	Moderate to High (Can be simple, but benefits greatly from development knowledge)
Squarespace	Building and launching custom sites; general website needs	Everything needed to build a website; focus on design and visual editing	Low (Little to no technical knowledge)
Shopify	Building and managing eCommerce websites	Built-in eCommerce functions, easy-to-use online store editors, basic SEO and blogging, customizable themes	Low to Moderate (Focus on selling)
Wix	Quick websites for small businesses and beginners	800+ templates, drag-and-drop editor, starter SEO tools, built-in eCommerce, app market, custom forms/CRM, code development platform	Low to Moderate (Easy start, advanced options available)
Duda	SaaS platform for website building in-browser	Drag-and-drop content and design, no coding required, basic SEO tools, blogging capabilities, widget builder, designed templates	Low (No web development experience required)