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Naming Conventions: Archive : Displays sorted by categories, tags, author, date, etc using archive.php.

Single : Content of a page uses page.php, and content of a post uses single.php.

Blog's main : which is a special archive, uses home.php.

Web site's home page : uses front-page.php.

404 page : uses 404.php.

Search result page : uses search.php.

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Pages

- WP uses the template page.php BUT verify first if a specific template has been created (based on name, then on id)
- If no specific template = page.php is used
- Since slug and ID could have been changed = preferable to use custom pages templates (for a while)

Home page

- The home page = managed in a special way using the template front-page.php • If the template isn't there = WP check what page has been set as home page :

Archive

- If home page is a page : WordPress uses page.php. If home page is a blog :

WordPress uses home.php.

This can be changed in Settings > Reading.

99% of time, archive.php will be used.

- A category, a label or a specific author can be targeted using the slug or the ID
Single

- WP uses single.php

- Also possible to use single-post.php

(no points unless, maybe, if custom post types are used)