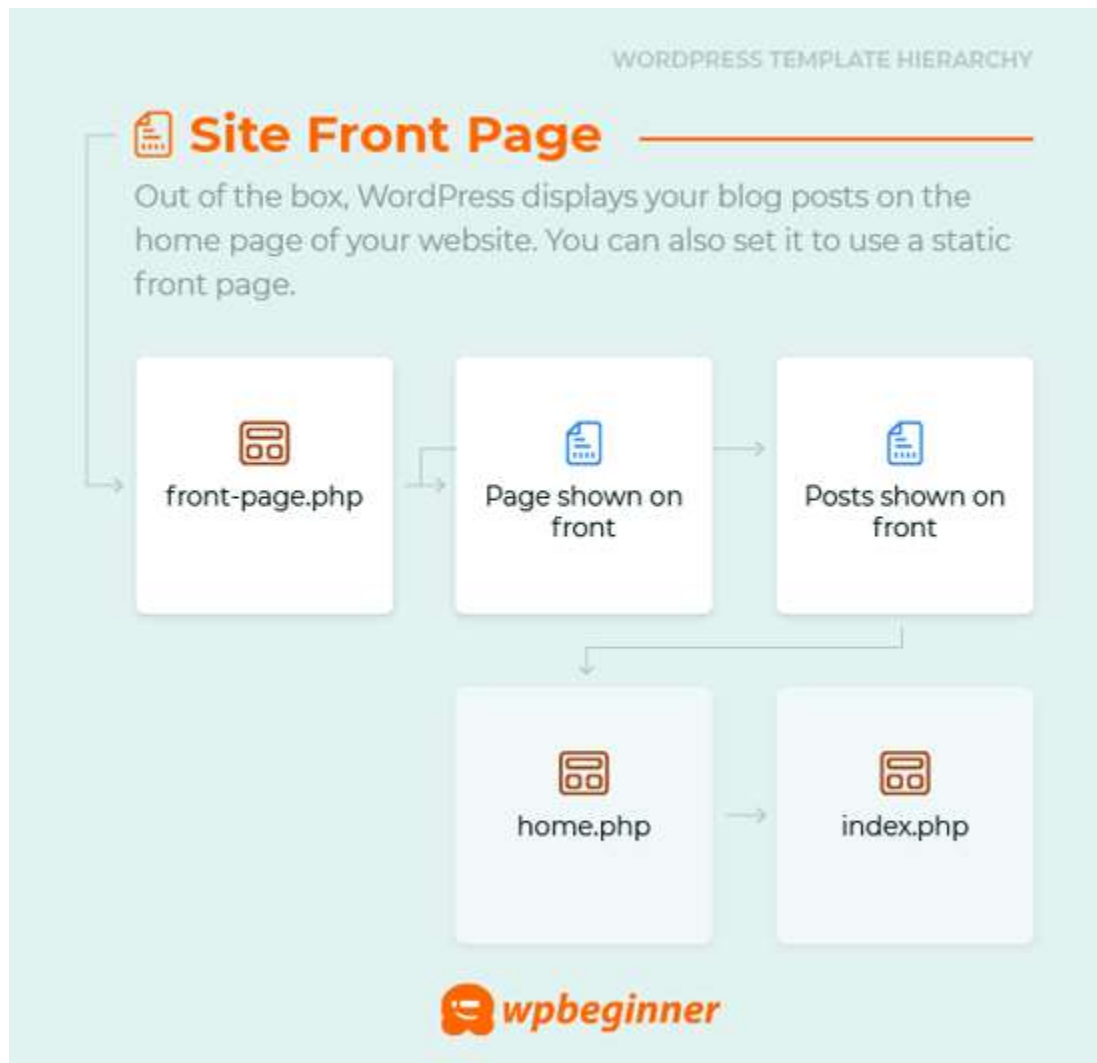


## Which template files are used by home page?



Out of the box, WordPress displays your blog posts on the home page of your website. You can also set it to use a custom home page (also known as front page) by visiting **Settings » Reading** page in WordPress admin area.

**1. front-page.php** – If you are using a static front page, then WordPress will first look for this template file and use it to display front page.

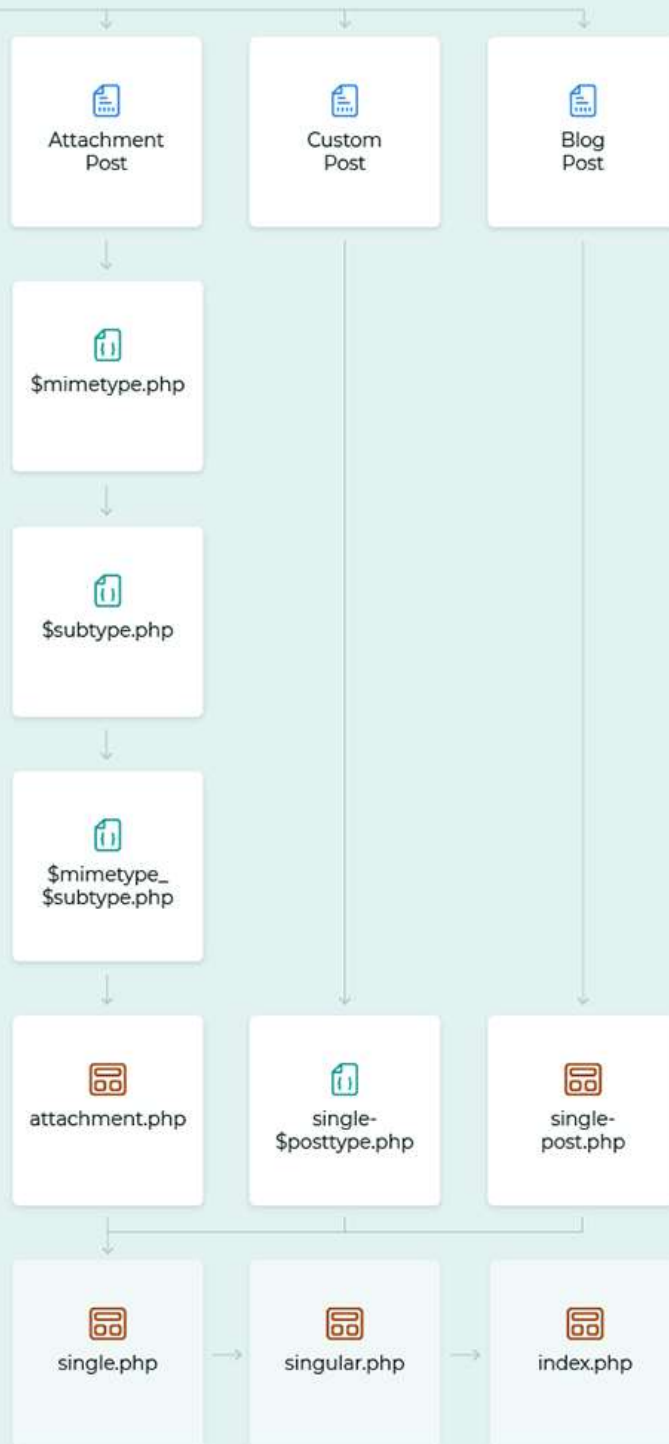
**2. home.php** – If you are using static front page, and you don't have `front-page.php` template in your theme, then WordPress will look for `home.php` template. It is also used to display default blog posts on homepage.

**3. index.php** – If front-page.php or home.php do not exist, then WordPress falls back to index.php template to display homepage. This template is the default fallback template in WordPress to display any page.

**Which template files are used by single post?**

## Single Post Page

WordPress looks for these files to display a single post.



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**1. `single-{post-type}-{slug}.php`** – Use this template to modify the display of a specific individual post in any [post type](#). For example, if post type is 'review' and the [post slug](#) is acme-phone, then WordPress would look for `single-review-acme-phone.php`.

**2. `single-{post-type}.php`** – WordPress will then check if there is a template to display this specific post type. For example, if the post type is review, then WordPress would look for `single-review.php`.

**3. `single.php`** – WordPress will then fall back to `single.php`.

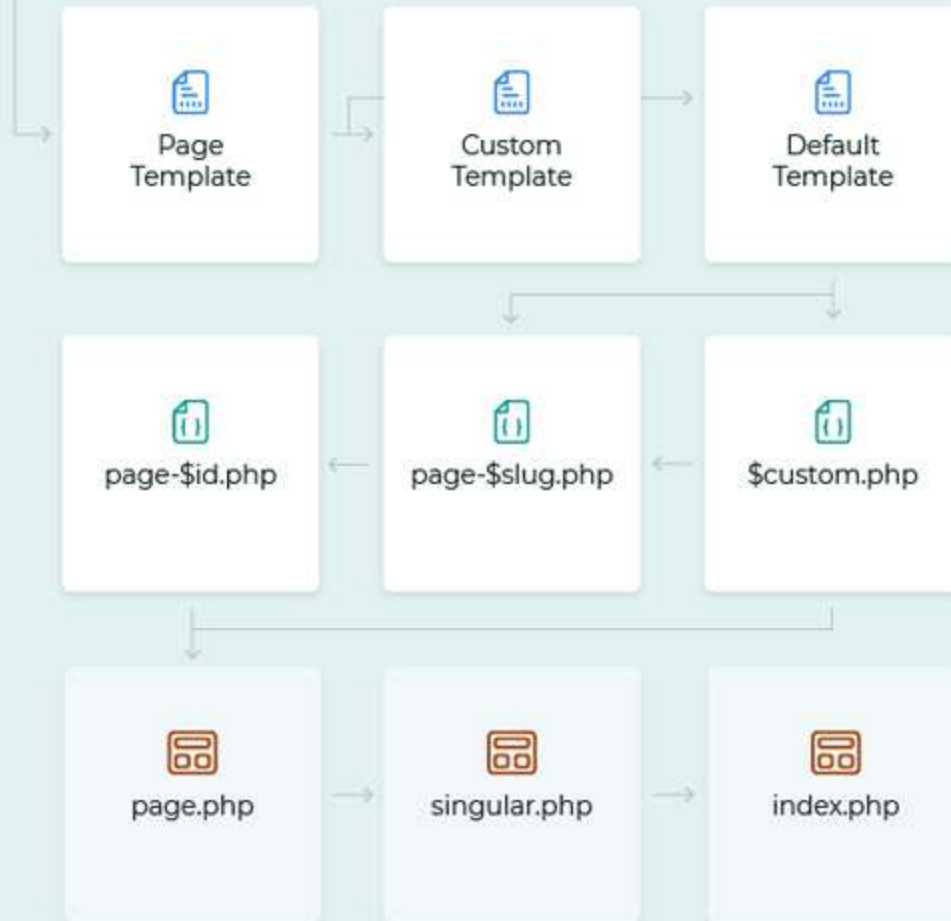
**4. `singular.php`** – This template adds another fallback to display a single item from any post type.

**5. `index.php`** – Finally, as mentioned above, WordPress ultimately falls back to `index.php`.

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**1. Custom Page Template** – The page template assigned to the page. See how to [create a custom page template](#) in WordPress.

**2. page-{slug}.php** – If the page slug is contact-us, WordPress will look to use `page-contact-us.php`.

**3. page-{id}.php** – If the page ID is 17, then WordPress will look for a template file named `page-17.php`.

**4. page.php** – The template to display all static pages.

**5. singular.php** – This template is a default fallback to all single post type items.

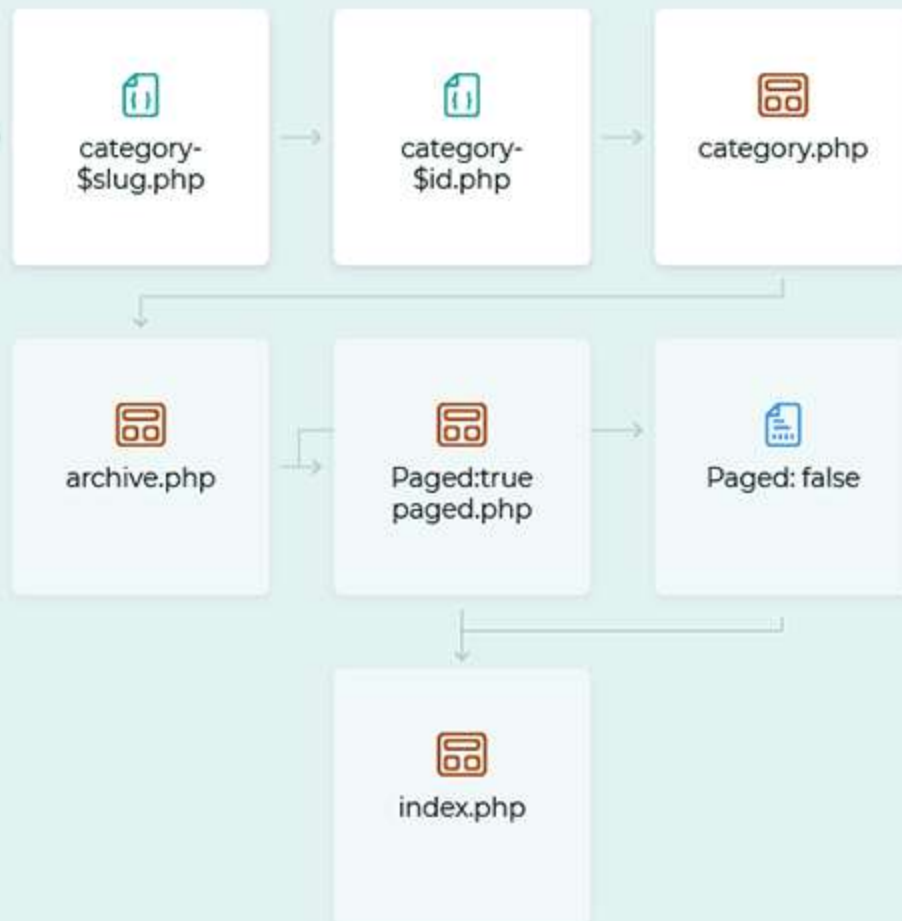
**6. index.php** – The default fallback template.

**Which template files are used by category archives?**



## Category Archive

WordPress uses these files to display category related pages in WordPress.



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**1. category-{slug}.php** – This template is used to display category archive page for a specific category. For example, if category slug is reviews, then WordPress will look for `category-reviews.php` template.

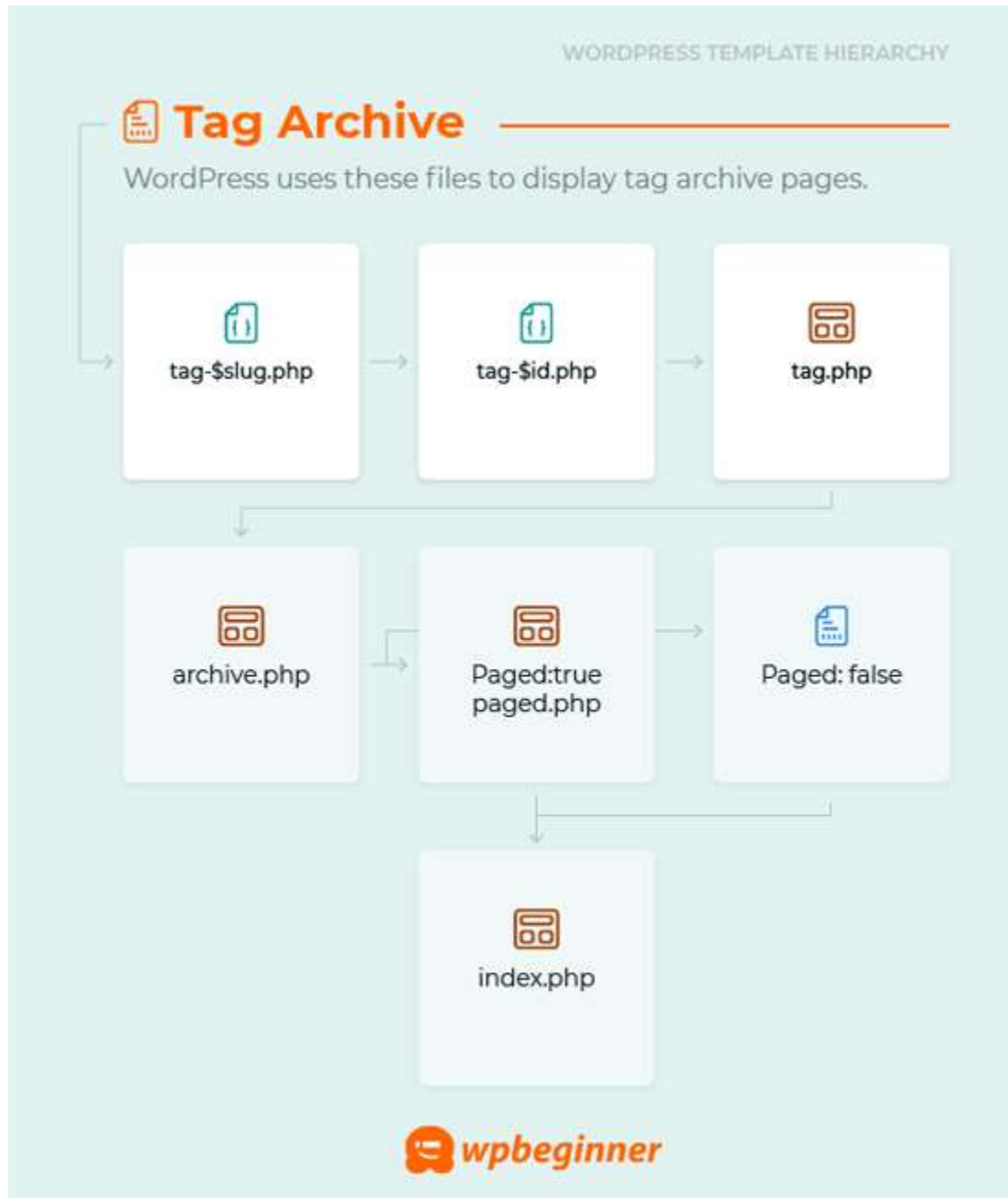
**2. category-{id}.php** – WordPress then looks for a template with category ID. For example, if category ID is 17, then WordPress will look for `category-17.php`.

**3. category.php** – This is the default template to display all category archive pages in WordPress.

**4. archive.php** – This is the default template used by WordPress to display any archive pages.

**5. index.php** – The default fallback template.

**Which template files are used by tag archives?**





WordPress uses these files to display tag archive pages.

1. **tag-{slug}.php** – If the tag's slug is fruits, WordPress will look for `tag-fruits.php`.
2. **tag-{id}.php** – If the tag's ID is 17, WordPress will look for `tag-17.php` template.
3. **tag.php** – The default template for tag archives.
4. **archive.php** – The default template for any archive page.
5. **index.php** – The default fallback template.

**Which template files are used by custom taxonomy archives?**



## Custom Taxonomy Archive

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**1. taxonomy-{taxonomy}-{term}.php** – If you have a custom taxonomy called genre, and there is a term 'thriller', then WordPress will look for `taxonomy-genre-thriller.php`.

**2. taxonomy-{taxonomy}.php** – If the taxonomy were genre, WordPress would look for `taxonomy-genre.php`.

**3. taxonomy.php** – The default template to display any custom taxonomy archives.

**4. archive.php** – The default fallback for all archive pages in WordPress.

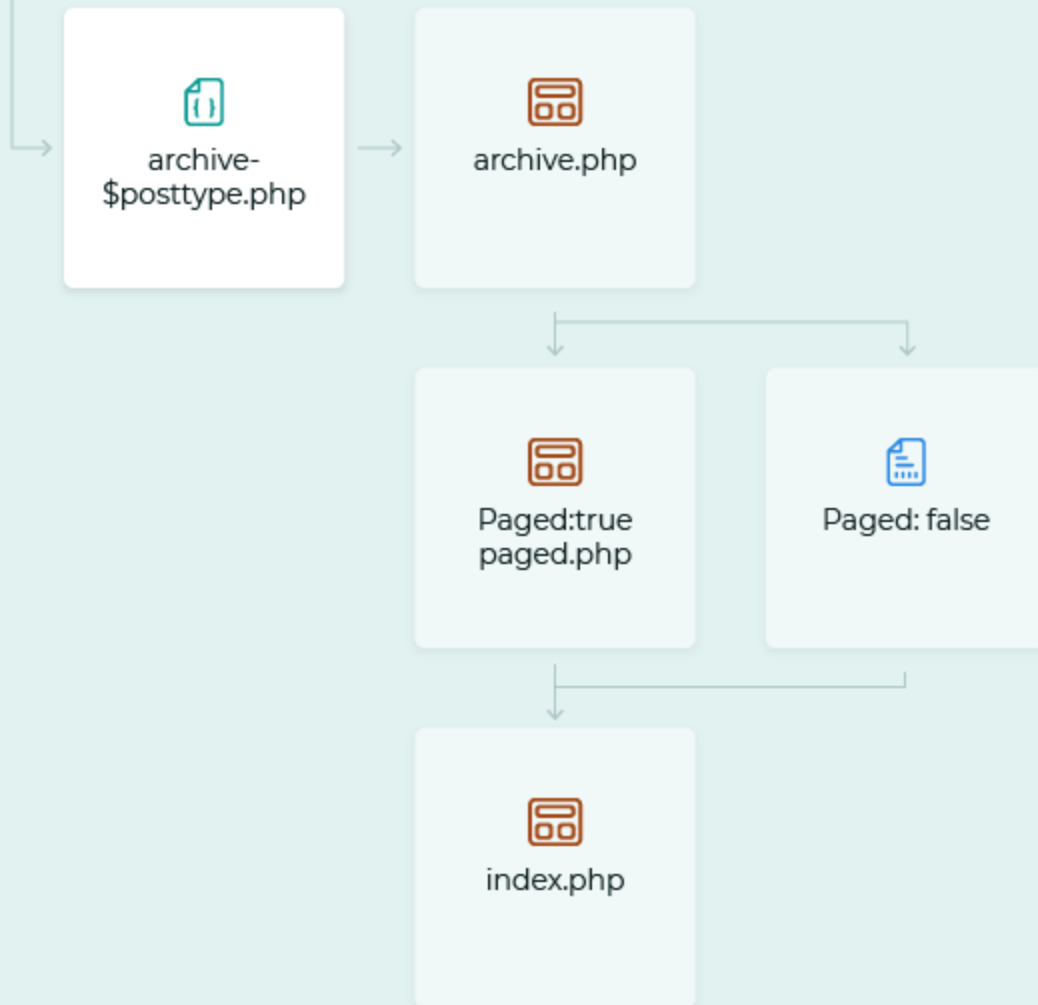
**5. index.php**– The default fallback template in WordPress.

**Which template files are used by custom post types?**



## Custom Post Type

Here is how WordPress looks for templates to display custom post type archives.



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**1. `archive-{post_type}.php`** – If you have a post type is review, WordPress will look for `archive-review.php`.

**2. `archive.php`** – The default template to display all archive pages in WordPress.

3. **index.php** – The default fallback template in WordPress.

**Which template files are used to display author archives?**



WordPress generates archive pages for each author on your WordPress site. Here is how it looks for author archive template.

1. **author-{nickname}.php** – If the author's nice name is matt, WordPress will look for `author-matt.php`.

**2. author-{id}.php** – If the author's user ID is 6, then WordPress will look for `author-6.php`.

**3. author.php** – The default template used to display author archive pages in WordPress.

**4. archive.php** – The default template to display all archive pages in WordPress.

**5. index.php** – The default fallback template in WordPress.

**Which template files are used to display date based archives?**

## Date Archive

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2. **archive.php** – The default template used to display author archive pages in WordPress.

3. **index.php** – The default fallback template in WordPress.

**Which template files are used to display search pages?**



1. **search.php** – The default page to display search results in WordPress.

2. **searchform.php** – The template to display a search form in WordPress.

3. **index.php** – The default fallback template in WordPress.

**Which template files are used to display 404 error pages?**



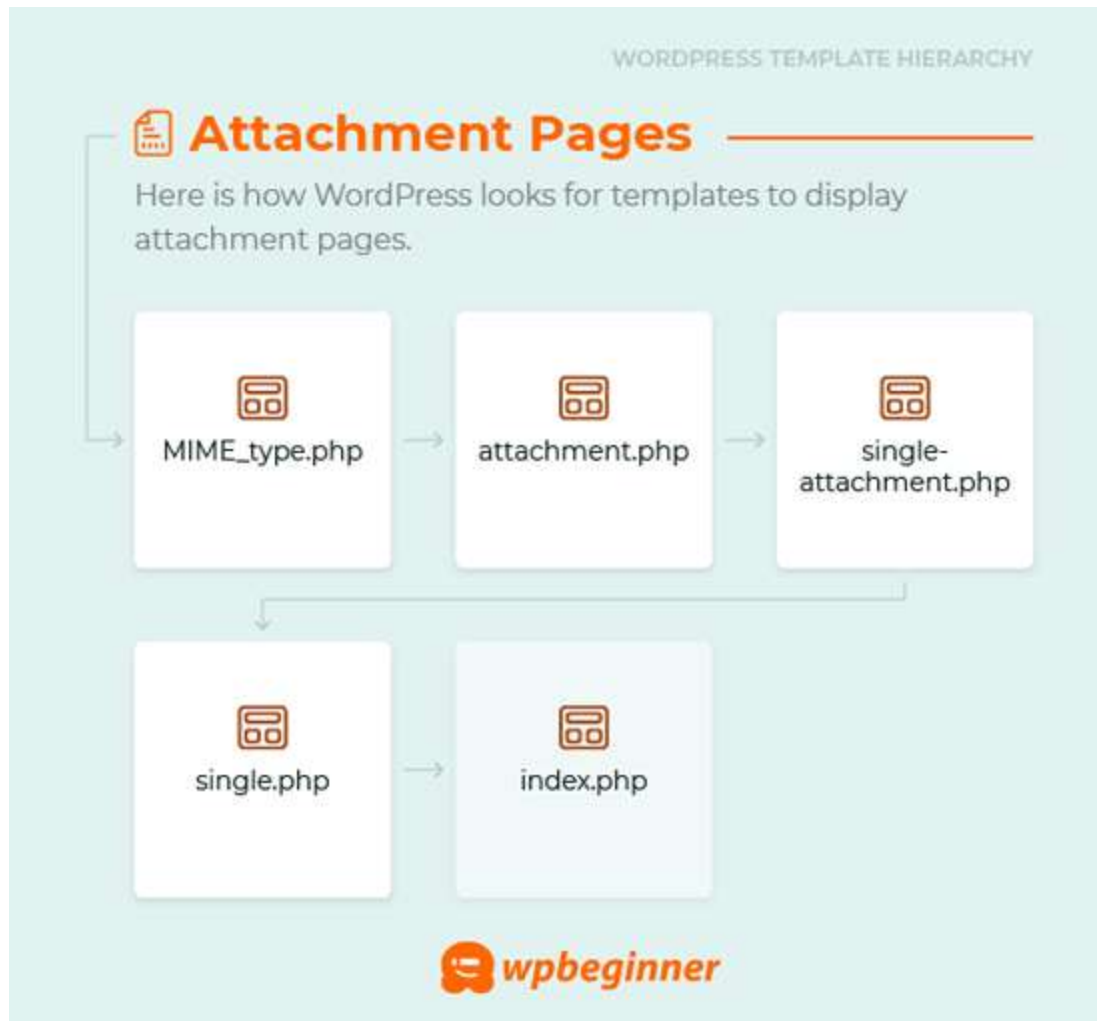


The 404 error page is displayed when WordPress is unable to find the requested content. See our guide on how to [improve your 404 page template](#).

**1. 404.php** – The default template to display 404 error page in WordPress.

**2. index.php** – The default fallback template in WordPress.

**Which template files are used to display attachment pages?**

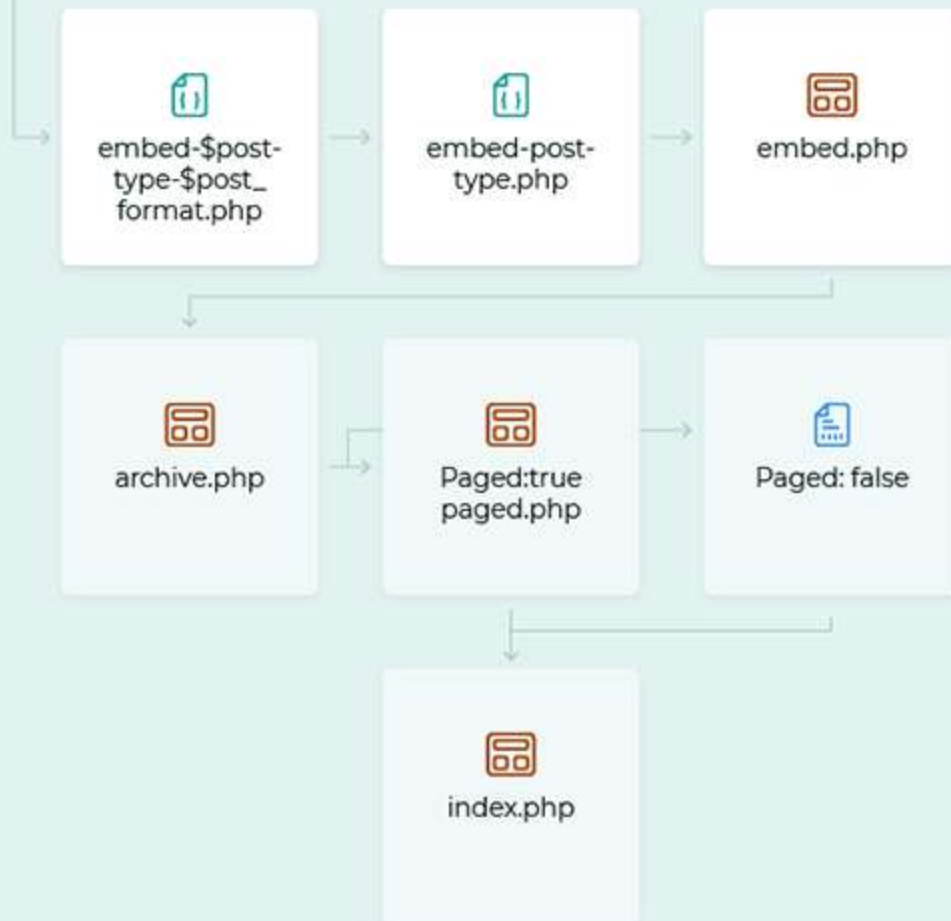


1. **MIME\_type.php** – Mime\_type stands for file type. For example, image.php, video.php, application.php.
2. **attachment.php** – The default template to display attachment pages.
3. **single-attachment.php** – To display a single attachment.
4. **single.php** – The default template to display single post type items.
5. **index.php** – The default fallback template in WordPress.

**Which template files are used to display embeds?**

## Embeds

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**1. `embed-{post-type}-{post_format}.php`** – WordPress will look for a post type and post format template first. For example, if you have a review with video, then WordPress will look for `embed-review-video.php`.

**2. `embed-{post-type}.php`** – If the post type is review, WordPress would look for `embed-review.php`.

**3. `embed.php`** – The default fallback for all embeds.