

WordPress Template Hierarchy

The template hierarchy in WordPress is a system that determines which template file(s) in a theme will be used to display a particular type of content.

WordPress Template Hierarchy Overview

1. Front Page:

- `front-page.php` (if set in the settings as the homepage)
- `home.php` (if not set as a static page)
- `index.php` (fallback)

2. Home (Blog) Page:

- `home.php`
- `index.php`

3. Single Post:

- `single-{post-type}-{slug}.php` (e.g., `single-post-example.php`)
- `single-{post-type}.php` (e.g., `single-post.php`)
- `single.php`
- `index.php`

4. Page:

- `page-{slug}.php` (e.g., `page-about.php`)
- `page-{id}.php` (e.g., `page-42.php`)

- `page.php`
- `index.php`

5. Category Archive:

- `category-{slug}.php` (e.g., `category-news.php`)
- `category-{id}.php` (e.g., `category-3.php`)
- `category.php`
- `archive.php`
- `index.php`

6. Tag Archive:

- `tag-{slug}.php` (e.g., `tag-technology.php`)
- `tag-{id}.php` (e.g., `tag-2.php`)
- `tag.php`
- `archive.php`
- `index.php`

7. Custom Taxonomy Archive:

- `taxonomy-{taxonomy}-{term}.php` (e.g., `taxonomy-genre-fiction.php`)
- `taxonomy-{taxonomy}.php` (e.g., `taxonomy-genre.php`)
- `taxonomy.php`
- `archive.php`
- `index.php`

8. Custom Post Type Archive:

- `archive-{post-type}.php` (e.g., `archive-portfolio.php`)
- `archive.php`

- [index.php](#)

9. Author Archive:

- [author-{nicename}.php](#) (e.g., [author-johndoe.php](#))
- [author-{id}.php](#) (e.g., [author-2.php](#))
- [author.php](#)
- [archive.php](#)
- [index.php](#)

10. Date Archive:

- [date.php](#)
- [archive.php](#)
- [index.php](#)

11. Search Results:

- [search.php](#)
- [index.php](#)

12. 404 (Not Found):

- [404.php](#)
- [index.php](#)

13. Attachment:

- [mime-type.php](#) (e.g., [image.php](#), [video.php](#))
- [attachment.php](#)
- [single.php](#)
- [index.php](#)

14. Custom Template for Pages or Posts:

- You can specify custom templates in the WordPress admin for individual pages or posts using template files like [Template Name: Fullwidth](#).

