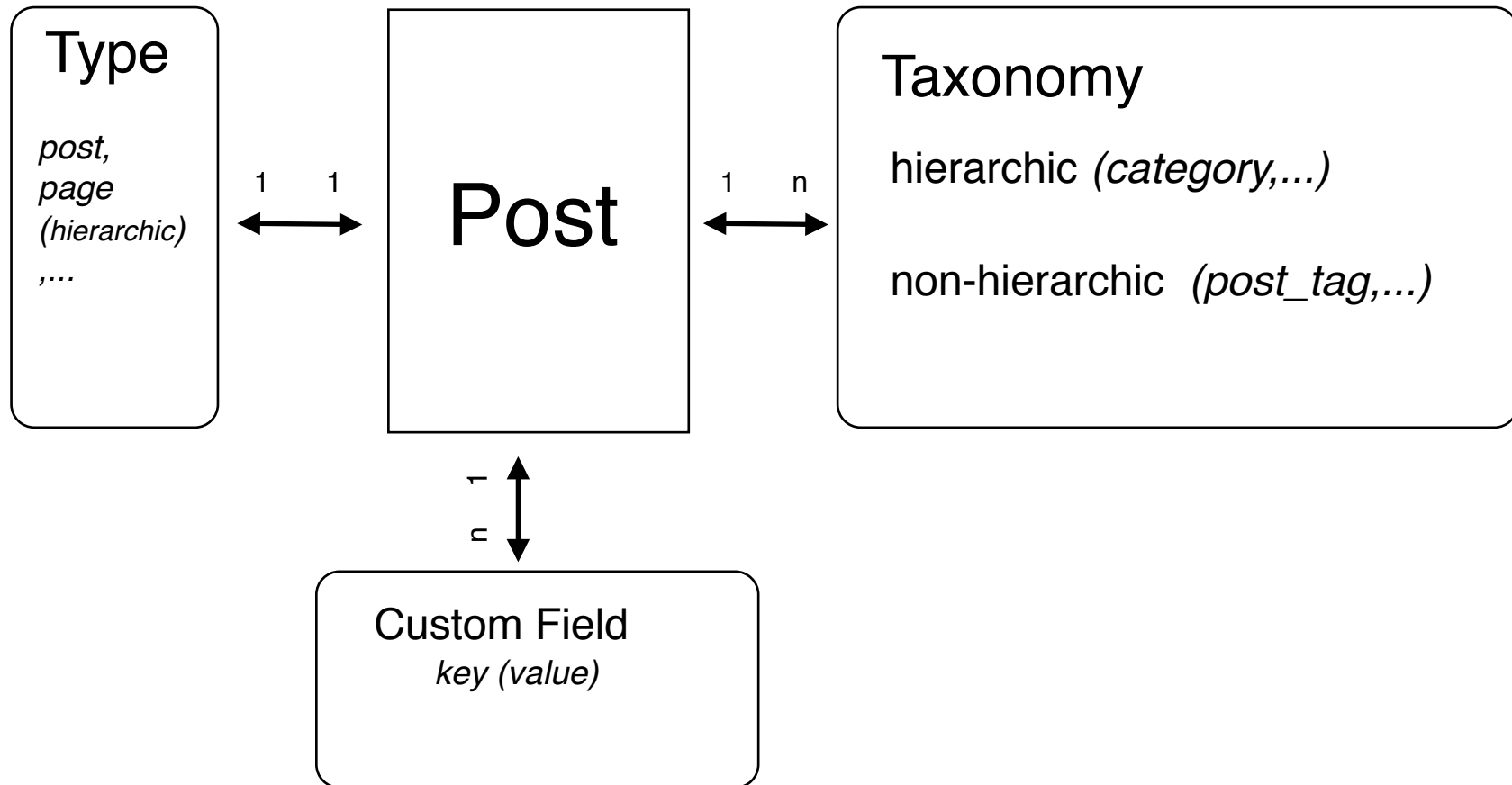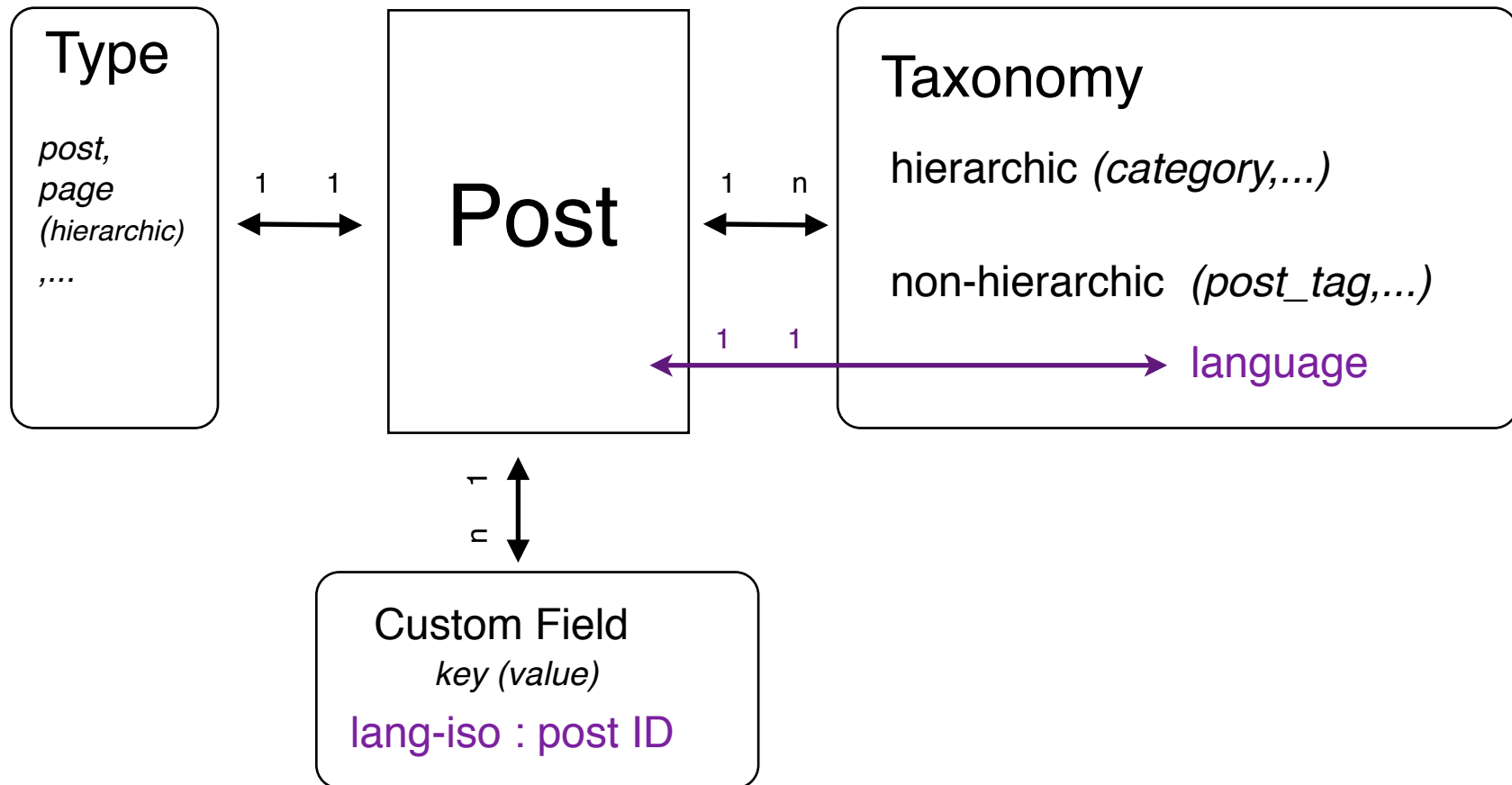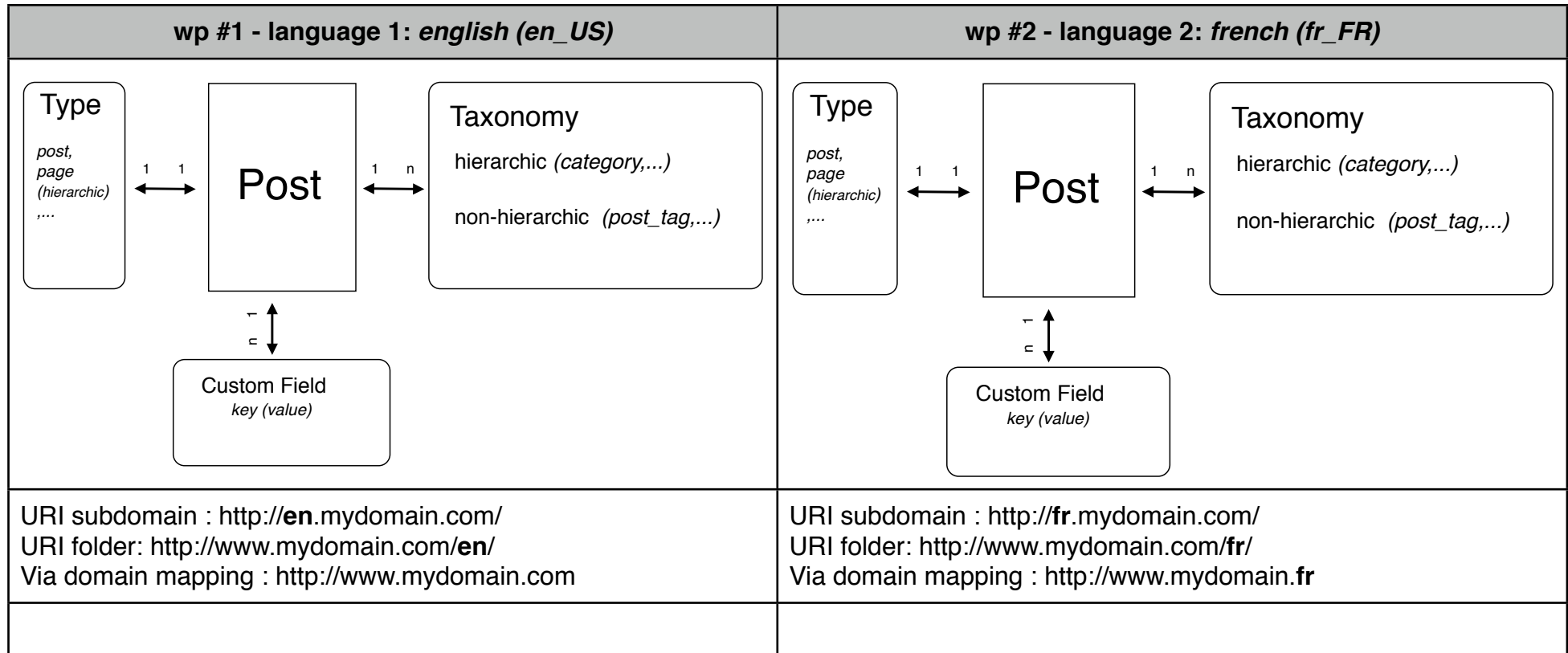A.1 - If you consider a post by itself, it is of one type (*post or page (hierarchic), or custom post type*), and has more than one taxonomy (*category and perhaps tag*) and optionally custom field(s).

A.2 - In standalone WordPress install, to add multilingual features, xili-language plugin adds a non-hierarchic taxonomy named 'language'. One language is assigned to one post. Custom Fields save the ID of linked posts in other languages to facilitate the navigation. For example, some posts can be in a category but can have different languages.

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B.1 - A multisite approach for a multilingual website with WordPress Network (former WPMU) : example for a bilingual website

wp #1 - language 1: *english (en_US)*	wp #2 - language 2: *french (fr_FR)*
Type *post, page (hierarchic) ,...* 1 1 ↔ **Post** 1 n ↔ **Taxonomy** hierarchic *(category,...)* non-hierarchic *(post_tag,...)* n 1 ↕ **Custom Field** *key (value)*	**Type** *post, page (hierarchic) ,...* 1 1 ↔ **Post** 1 n ↔ **Taxonomy** hierarchic *(category,...)* non-hierarchic *(post_tag,...)* n 1 ↕ **Custom Field** *key (value)*
URI subdomain : http://**en**.mydomain.com/ URI folder: http://www.mydomain.com/**en**/ Via domain mapping : http://www.mydomain.com	URI subdomain : http://**fr**.mydomain.com/ URI folder: http://www.mydomain.com/**fr**/ Via domain mapping : http://www.mydomain.**fr**

Some tools must be added to facilitate navigation. You read a post in english and a link is added to show you that a translation exists in an other language. As well, for categories or pages via a widget containing languages list.

B.2 - A multisite approach for a multilingual website with Wordpress Network: **what is added by xili-language-ms plugin** ?

wp #1 - language 1: *english (en_US)*	xili-language-ms	wp #2 - language 2: *french (fr_FR)*
Type *post,* *page* *(hierarchic)* *,...* 1 ↔ 1 Post 1 ↔ n Taxonomy hierarchic *(category,...)* non-hierarchic *(post_tag,...)* 1 ↕ n Custom Field *key (value)*	**Arrays to link taxonomies of each language.** (ex. news vs actualités) **Custom fields (array) to link (via ID) translated posts according to the language.**	Type *post,* *page* *(hierarchic)* *,...* 1 ↔ 1 Post 1 ↔ n Taxonomy hierarchic *(category,...)* non-hierarchic *(post_tag,...)* 1 ↕ n Custom Field *key (value)*
URI subdomain : http://**en**.mydomain.com/ URI folder: http://www.mydomain.com/**en**/ Via domain mapping : http://www.mydomain.com	**new 'template tags' or widgets complement the navigation and editing tools between both sites.**	URI subdomain : http://**fr**.mydomain.com/ URI folder: http://www.mydomain.com/**fr**/ Via domain mapping : http://www.mydomain.**fr**

PROS:
Same appeerence using a unique theme or one theme per site. If one theme per site, they don't have not be necessiraly translation ready.
Multiple kind of domains, links and URIs.
Look and design can be deeply personalized for each language.

CONS:
WP network needs good knowledge in server and wp administration.
I can be to difficult to make queries between the several sites with basic library provided by WP core.
Difficult to mix queries to list posts from one language to another.

C.1 - xili-language and standalone WP install vs xili-language-ms and WP network install

xili-language and standalone WP	xili-language-ms and WP network
Requires: current WP install, translation ready theme, language files	Requires: current WP Network install, language files
PROS: Easy to activate since WP version 2.3 (2009) Easy to transform a mono to a multingual website, Easy to admin and edit posts. Compatible with most of the other plugins. All the posts are in the same database. Can be installed in a WP Network website (blog) farm.	PROS: Same appearence via a same theme or different look via one theme per site. If different, theme should not be necessiraly translation ready. Multiple kind of links and URIs. Look and design can be deeply personalized for each language.
CONS: Due to quantity of filters provided and used by WP core and plugin, it needs evaluation for very high traffic website.	CONS: Not for very newbies I can be to difficult to make queries between the several sites with basic library provided by WP core. Difficult to mix queries to list posts from one language to another.
Technically: for developers: it needs good knowledge of actions and filters inside WP core. No table is added. Appearance terms are stored in .po files.	Technically: WP network needs good knowledges in server and wp administration. Filters and actions used mainly in backend dashboard side.