Site License vs Global License

Two unlimited licensing models for self-hosted dotCMS
Introduction
dotCMS offers a licensing model for self-hosted dotCMS next to dotCMS Cloud (PaaS offering on AWS infrastructure).

For large scale deployments of dotCMS, we offer two unlimited models for larger enterprises to keep the licensing costs cost-effective and predictable;

**Site License** and **Global License**
Site License
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- The Site License offers unlimited licenses for a single (one) publishing pipeline/architecture. Meaning, content is published from a single SDLC chain into production / live clusters of dedicated servers, where content is rendered to site visitors.
A Site License provides unlimited server/container licenses needed in a single SDLC environment. This publishing environment can publish to scaleable multiple redundant production clusters in active/active or active/passive configurations with no constraints on number of licenses within the environment. This example shows redundant PROD clusters, each running as a shared nothing cluster of unlimited servers/containers.
Global License
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- The Global License offers unlimited licenses for an unlimited number of publishing pipelines/architectures.

- A Global License makes sense in one or more of the following scenarios:
  - Security requirements (e.g., Intranet)
  - Geographically unique sites and users (UK site managed by UK users)
  - Mitigating risk (attack on one site/architecture doesn't impact others)
  - Hybrid Hosting Model (On-prem and Cloud)
  - Simplification of multi-site management
A Global License provides a truly unlimited number of licenses for multiple publishing pipelines of dotCMS within an organization.