

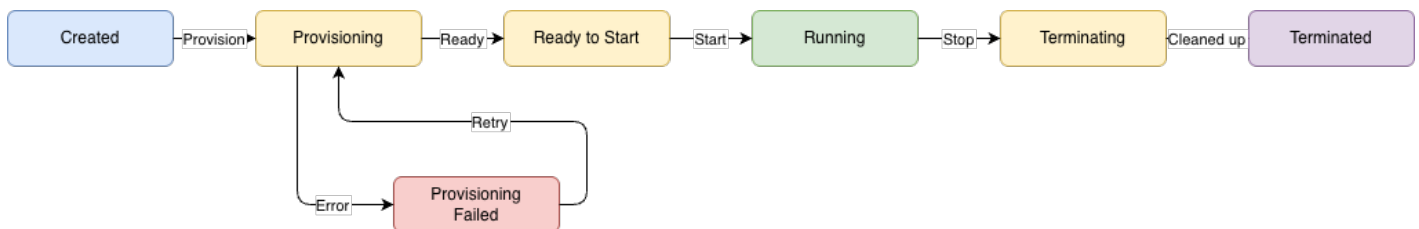
Start events and provision accounts

Depending on your event configuration, your event can:

- Start immediately
 - The event (and provisioning of the accounts) start when the event is created
- Start on a specific date
 - The event (and provisioning of the accounts) start on a schedule
 - Account can be provisioned manually before the event
- Be started manually at a later date
 - The event has to be started manually.
 - Account can be provisioned manually before the event or will be automatically provisioned when the event is started.

Event lifecycle

High level lifecycle of an event is as follows:



The "Provisioning" step (aka "Preparing account") is what can take the longest as this is during this step the accounts are configured and resources (if any) are created.

For account template creating resources in the accounts, we recommend pre-provisioning the account before the event starts as otherwise, the provisioning step will count towards the event duration.

A concrete example:

Let's assume you event must run for 2 days and you have 50 participants. Each account preparation takes 1 hour.

By default, AWS Codebuild (used to create resources in the accounts) is limited to 15 concurrent executions. So you could only parallelise 15 accounts provisioning.

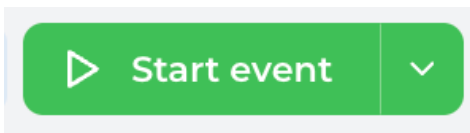
In total:

15 accounts x 1h + 15 accounts x 1h + 15 accounts x 1h + 5 accounts x 1h = 4h to provision all accounts.

So your users will have to wait for all the accounts to be created before accessing the event!

Starting an event

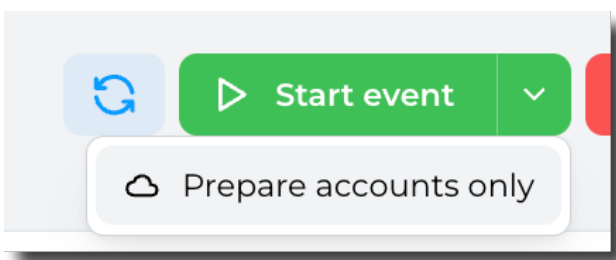
Open the event and click on the "Start event":



If the accounts have not been provisioned manually, they will be automatically be when the event starts.

Pre-provision accounts

If you want to prepare the accounts before the event starts, click on the small arrow in the "Start event" button and select "Prepare accounts only":



This will trigger the accounts preparation:

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Hackathon 2026
Hackathon 2026 for Staff and partners!

Refresh Terminate event

Event Status

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Event created Apr 5, 2026 9:21 AM

Preparing accounts... Apr 5, 2026 5:52 AM

Event Start Not started

Termination Not started

Overview Managers Accounts 5

Summary

Event ID
ec74dbff-07af-486e-b1e6-2278ca27c96a

Status
PREPARING 2

Created By
Admin Admin
phil@sandboxstudiosoftware.com

Account Template
My New Account Template
New account template

Start Date
Not scheduled

End Date
Not scheduled

Created
31 minutes ago

Last Updated
a few seconds ago

Budget

\$0 \$125 \$250 \$375 \$500

\$0 USD spent so far

Accounts

3

Setting Up... (5)


You can follow progress by going to the "Accounts" tab:

Overview Managers **Accounts 5**

Accounts (5) + Add Accounts

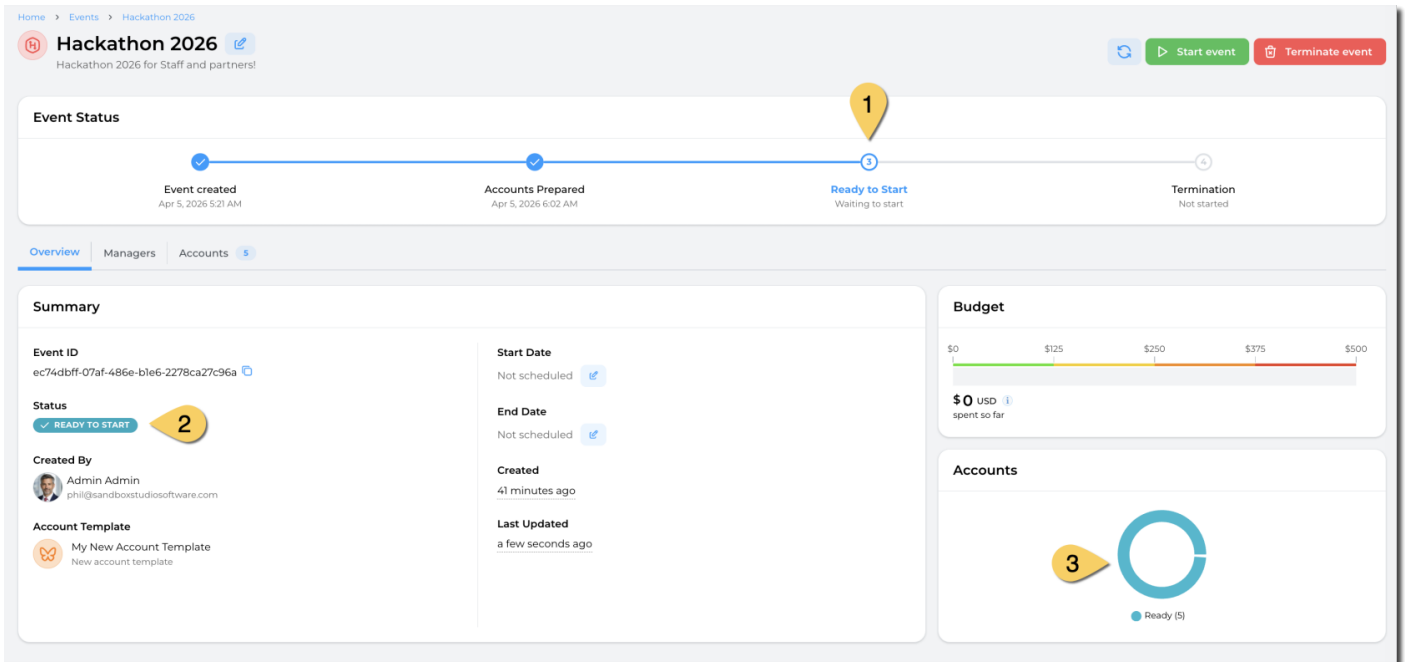
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Actions

Assigned to	Status	AWS Account ID	Costs
 Laura Kim laura.kim@sandboxstudiosoftware.com	SETTING UP...	108656655182	\$0 USD spent so far
? Unassigned +	SETTING UP...	667917564378	\$0 USD spent so far
? Unassigned +	SETTING UP...	816549818122	\$0 USD spent so far
? Unassigned +	SETTING UP...	400375466521	\$0 USD spent so far
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After a few minutes (depending on your launch template), the event is ready to start:



You can now start the event!

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