

# What are account templates?

An Account Template (*also referred to as a Lease Template*) is the blueprint that defines how a lease behaves and what the target AWS account looks like. Templates are configured ahead of time and referenced when creating leases.

An account template defines:

- **Lease constraints:** Default and maximum duration, budget limits, and whether the lease can be shared.
- **Lease management:** Who is allowed to manage (extend, revoke, ...), approve leases based on this template.
- **Account provisioning:** The resources that should be deployed into the AWS account when the lease starts (e.g., VPCs, IAM roles, baseline infrastructure).
- **Access control:** The IAM policies, permission boundaries, and roles that lease users receive within the account. This controls what users can and cannot do inside their sandbox.

Templates ensure consistency and governance across all leases. Administrators define the guardrails once, and every lease created from that template inherits them automatically.

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