

What are events?

Events allow you to assign and manage AWS accounts for a group of users in one place.

This is useful when working with a defined set of participants, for example:

- Running a workshop or hackathon
- Delivering a university subject or training course
- Onboarding a group of new team members

Key Characteristics

- **Bulk management** — Create, assign, and manage multiple leases from a single view rather than handling them individually.
- **Pre-creation** — Events can be created and fully provisioned before they start. Accounts and resources are prepared ahead of time so users can start immediately when the event is started.
- **Unassigned leases** — Leases within an event can be created without being assigned to a specific user. This lets you prepare a pool of ready-to-go accounts and assign them to participants later.
- **Limit overrides** — Event-level limits (duration, budget) override the account template defaults. If an account template has a maximum duration of 10 days but the event is configured for 20 days, the event's 20-day limit applies to all leases within it.

Event Lifecycle

1. **Created** — The event is defined with its limits, account template, and number of leases. Accounts and resources can be pre-provisioned at this stage. No costs are incurred yet.
2. **Started** — The event is activated. Leases become active and participants can access their assigned accounts.
3. **Ended** — The event concludes. All leases are terminated, access is revoked, and accounts are reclaimed.

Events vs Individual Leases

Individual leases are suited for on-demand, self-service access — a single user or small team needing a sandbox. Events are designed for coordinated, group-based scenarios where an organiser needs to prepare and manage many accounts at once with consistent settings.

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