What are leases?

A Lease is the core concept in Sandbox Studio. It represents a time-bound and/or budget-bound grant of access to a temporary AWS account for one or more users.

When a lease is created, Sandbox Studio provisions access to a short-lived AWS account. When the lease ends — whether through expiry, budget exhaustion, or manual revocation — that access is automatically removed.

Key Characteristics

- **Temporary:** Every lease has a defined start time. It may also have an expiry date, but this is optional. A lease ends when its expiry date is reached, its budget is exhausted, or it is manually revoked — whichever comes first.
- **Scoped to an AWS account**: Each lease maps to a single temporary AWS account.
- **Shareable**: A lease can be assigned to a single user or shared across a group of users. All users on a shared lease access the same AWS account.
- **Budget-controlled**: A lease can have a spending budget. If the account's costs hit the budget threshold, the lease is automatically terminated.
- **Automated**: Lease creation, access provisioning, and cleanup are fully automated. No manual account handoff required.

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