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$$\text{Senior: } 30 + 5 + 3 + 10 + 4 = 52$$

$$\text{Junior: } 40 + 40 + 20 + 3 + 4 + 6 = 113$$

$$\text{Total} = 113 + 52 = 165$$

$$H(S) = - \left[\frac{52}{165} \log_2 \left(\frac{52}{165} \right) + \frac{113}{165} \log_2 \left(\frac{113}{165} \right) \right] = 0.899$$

Age "31-35" group is the only group contributing to the weighted entropy for age

$$H(\text{age}) = \frac{77}{165} \times \left[- \frac{44}{77} \log_2 \left(\frac{44}{77} \right) - \frac{33}{77} \log_2 \left(\frac{33}{77} \right) \right] = 0.4743$$

$$\text{Gain}(\text{age}) = H(S) - H(\text{age}) = 0.899 - 0.474 = 0.425$$

Department:

$$E_{\text{Sales}}: - \frac{80}{110} \log_2 \left(\frac{80}{110} \right) - \frac{30}{110} \log_2 \left(\frac{30}{110} \right) = 0.8453$$

$$E_{\text{Systems}}: - \frac{23}{31} \log_2 \left(\frac{23}{31} \right) - \frac{8}{31} \log_2 \left(\frac{8}{31} \right) = 0.8238$$

$$E_{\text{Marketing}}: - \frac{4}{14} \log_2 \left(\frac{4}{14} \right) - \frac{10}{14} \log_2 \left(\frac{10}{14} \right) = 0.8631$$

$$E_{\text{Secretary}}: - \frac{6}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{6}{10} \right) - \frac{4}{10} \log_2 \left(\frac{4}{10} \right) = 0.9710$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gain}(\text{salary}) &= H(S) - \left(\frac{110}{165} \times E_1 + \frac{31}{165} \times E_2 + \frac{14}{165} \times E_3 + \frac{10}{165} \times E_4 \right) \\ &= 0.899 - (0.5636 + 0.1548 + 0.0732 + 0.0588) \\ &\approx 0.049 \end{aligned}$$

should be the initial split point in the decision tree.

$$\text{Gain}(\text{salary}) = H(S) - \frac{63}{165} \times \left[- \frac{23}{63} \log_2 \left(\frac{23}{63} \right) - \frac{40}{63} \log_2 \left(\frac{40}{63} \right) \right] \approx 0.538$$

So, the salary attribute has the highest information gain.