

# Problem 3236: CEO Subordinate Hierarchy

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Hard**

Acceptance Rate: 72.83%

Paid Only: Yes

Tags: Database

## Problem Description

Table: `Employees`

```
+-----+-----+ | Column Name | Type | +-----+-----+ | employee_id | int | | employee_name | varchar | | manager_id | int | | salary | int | +-----+-----+
employee_id is the unique identifier for this table. manager_id is the employee_id of the employee's manager. The CEO has a NULL manager_id.
```

Write a solution to find subordinates of the CEO (both **direct** and **indirect**), along with their **level** in the hierarchy and their **salary difference** from the CEO.

The result should have the following columns:

The query result format is in the following example.

\* `subordinate\_id`: The employee\_id of the subordinate \* `subordinate\_name`: The name of the subordinate \* `hierarchy\_level`: The level of the subordinate in the hierarchy (1 for **direct** reports, 2 for **their direct** reports, and **so on**) \* `salary\_difference`: The difference between the subordinate's salary and the CEO's salary

Return the result table ordered by `hierarchy_level` **ascending**, and then by `subordinate_id` **ascending**.

The query result format is in the following example.

**Example:**

**\*\*Input:\*\***

`Employees` table:

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+ | employee_id | employee_name | manager_id |
salary | +-----+-----+-----+-----+ | 1 | Alice | NULL | 150000 | | 2 | Bob | 1 |
120000 | | 3 | Charlie | 1 | 110000 | | 4 | David | 2 | 105000 | | 5 | Eve | 2 | 100000 | | 6 | Frank |
3 | 95000 | | 7 | Grace | 3 | 98000 | | 8 | Helen | 5 | 90000 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

**\*\*Output:\*\***

```
+-----+-----+-----+-----+ | subordinate_id |
subordinate_name | hierarchy_level | salary_difference |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+ | 2 | Bob | 1 | -30000 | | 3 |
Charlie | 1 | -40000 | | 4 | David | 2 | -45000 | | 5 | Eve | 2 | -50000 | | 6 | Frank | 2 | -55000 | | 7 |
Grace | 2 | -52000 | | 8 | Helen | 3 | -60000 |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

**\*\*Explanation:\*\***

\* Bob and Charlie are direct subordinates of Alice (CEO) and thus have a hierarchy\_level of 1.  
\* David and Eve report to Bob, while Frank and Grace report to Charlie, making them second-level subordinates (hierarchy\_level 2). \* Helen reports to Eve, making Helen a third-level subordinate (hierarchy\_level 3). \* Salary differences are calculated relative to Alice's salary of 150000. \* The result is ordered by hierarchy\_level ascending, and then by subordinate\_id ascending.

**\*\*Note:\*\*** The output is ordered first by hierarchy\_level in ascending order, then by subordinate\_id in ascending order.

## Code Snippets

**MySQL:**

```
# Write your MySQL query statement below
```

**MS SQL Server:**

```
/* Write your T-SQL query statement below */
```

**PostgreSQL:**

```
-- Write your PostgreSQL query statement below
```