Statement Alignment

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What is it?

Statement alignment is the practice of aligning code vertically to make the code easier to read and understand. Code blocks inside if, for, etc. statements are routinely indented to indicate structure. Vertically aligning chunks of code within a line can indicate more structure.

Example

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# So,
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# 1   American Express     34, 37              4 6 5           15
# 2   Diners Club          36, 38, 300--305    4 6 4           14
# 3   Discover             6011                4 4 4 4         16
# 4   Mastercard           51--55              4 4 4 4         16
# 5   Visa                 4                   4 4 4 4         16

$creg = qr/
        3[47]\d{2}          (|-|\ ) \d{6} \1 \d{5}              # 1
    |  (3[68]\d|30[0-5])\d (|-|\ ) \d{6} \3 \d{4}              # 2
    |   6011               (|-|\ ) \d{4} \4 \d{4} \4 \d{4}    # 3
    |   5[1-5]\d{2}        (|-|\ ) \d{4} \5 \d{4} \5 \d{4}    # 4
    |   4\d{3}             (|-|\ ) \d{4} \6 \d{4} \6 \d{4}    # 5
/x;
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