When printing things in Python, we are supplying a text block that we want to be printed. Text in Python is considered a specific type of data called a *string*. A string, so named because they're a series of letters, numbers, or symbols connected in order — as if threaded together by string. Strings can be defined in different ways:

print "This is a good string" print 'You can use single quotes or double quotes for a string'

Above we printed two things that are strings and then attempted to print two things that are not strings. While double-quotes (") and single-quotes (') are both acceptable ways to define a string, a string needs to be opened and closed by the same type of quote mark.

We can combine multiple strings using +, like so:

print "This is " + "a good string"

This code will print out "This is a good string".

**Multi-line Strings**

We have seen how to define a string with single quotes and with double quotes. If we want a string to span multiple lines, we can also use triple quotes:

address\_string = """136 Whowho Rd Apt 7 Whosville, WZ 44494"""

This address spans multiple lines, and is still contained in one variable, address\_string.

When a string like this is not assigned to a variable, it works as a multi-line comment. This can be helpful as your code gets more complex:

"""The following piece of code does the following steps: takes in some input does An Important Calculation returns the modified input and a string that says "Success!" or "Failure..." """ ... a complicated piece of code here...