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Notes on the syntax:

- The `then` and `else` branch of the conditional expression are indented
- We have to use a second `do` expression for the `else` branch

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    line <- getLine
    if line == ""
    then                                     -- base case
        return ()
    else do                                 -- stepping
        putStrLn (allUpper line)
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Overloading:

→ `show` and `read` are overloaded (similar to `+` and `==`):

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→ `Show` and `Read` are type classes

→ They include all types, we discussed so far, except fun

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```
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```
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