

# Utf8.fold

**Note:** You may want to read up on case folding for more information about the use of this function.

Converts a UTF-8 string to folded case (lowercase), which can be used to compare two strings. If *input* is an integer, it's treat as a codepoint and a convert codepoint (integer) is returned.

## Syntax

```
string|int utf8.fold ( string|int input )  
string|int utf8.lower ( string|int input )
```

## Required Arguments

- **input:** A string character sequence OR an integer value

## Returns

Returns a *string* in lowercase OR returns an *integer* (see description).