## Example: Reading Email Headers

## **Email Messages**

- We will read an email message from a file.
  - ... and decode it.
- General format of a message:

message headers

blank line

message body

## Headers

■ A message header looks like this:



■ A long value can be split across multiple lines:

To: person1@sfu.ca, person2@sfu.ca, person3@sfu.ca

some whitespace starts subsequent line(s)

## The Problem

- Our job: capture & separate the header fields and values. Separate that from the message body.
- The message will be in a file.
  - ... but we should be able to easily adapt to any Reader instance.