## Get data task (action specification)

The get data task specifies what primitive attribute of a data item would be read and into which variable. The class diagram is shown in Figure 1.

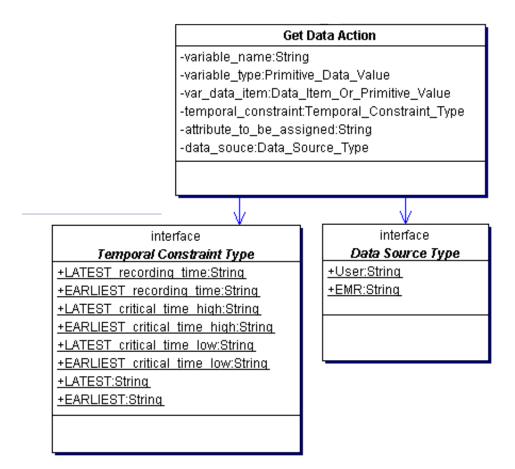


Figure 1. The Get data action specification class diagram

Figure 2 shows how the ending time of the latest cough (in the list of cough instances of the patient for the past 8 weeks) is entered into the variable latest\_cough\_end\_time. The temporal constraint is used to select one data item out of a list of data items of the patient that correspond to a single concept. It is usually the earliest or latest data item, where latest/earliest is chosen either by critical time or recording time. Other types of constraints may be applied to the list of data items before the temporal constraint is applied. Figure 3 shows an example of retrieving the latest body temperature measurement of all the measurements in the past 8 weeks that are recorded in Celsius. All the attributes of the data item (recording time, body-site) may serve as constraints.

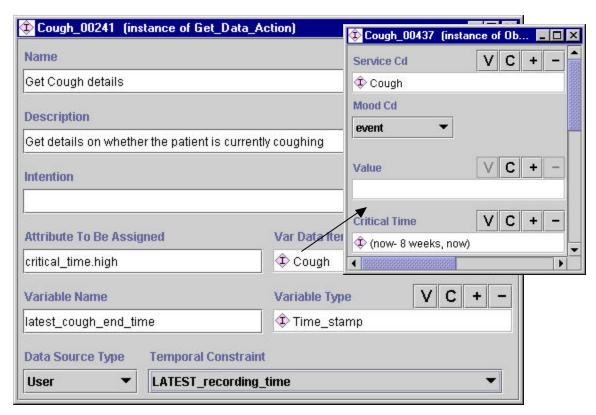


Figure 2. The "get cough details" task that is done within the history action step.

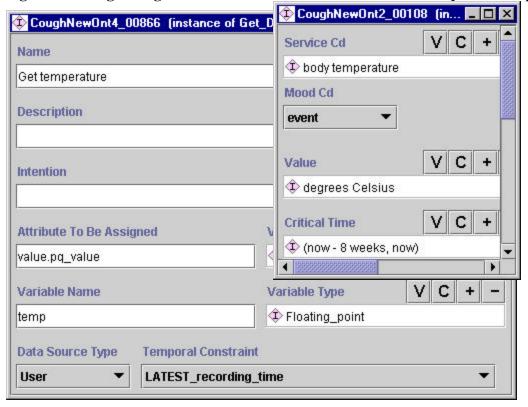


Figure 3. An example of getting a data item where some constraints apply (constraints on the unit of the measured value).

## The assignment action specification

The assignment action specification class diagram is shown in Figure 4, and an example is shown in Figure 5.

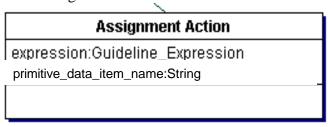


Figure 4. The assignment action specification class diagram

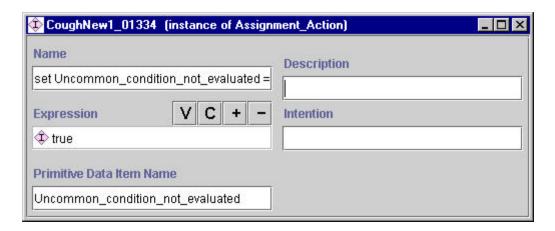


Figure 5. An example of an assignment action specification