

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE



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It is an object of the present invention to provide a method for preventing the execution of an illicitly duplicated application program, that prevents the utilization of a duplicate produced by illicit copying, and, if the type of the recording medium that is being used is identical to the normal medium type where the application program is written, then the recording medium that is being used is a genuine product and the normal execution of the main program is conducted, but if the recording medium that is being used is an illicit copy obtained by copying on a recording medium of type different from the genuine product, the non-identity processing program is executed.



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