ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (FIG. 1)

"LICENSE MANAGEMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS"

In a management apparatus on the customer side, which makes a license agreement of software and/or a use apparatus that installs the software, a report information storage means stores report information that pertains to the license agreement. An elapsed time measurement means detects an elapse of a predetermined term, and outputs detection information. A report information output means automatically sends the report information as use information to a predetermined destination in response to the detection information input from the elapsed time measurement means.