ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In order to reproduce data scrambled in respective manners to recordable recording medium, it is necessary to take the step of discriminating if the reproduction signal comes from any recording medium before descrambling the data. Further, before doing the control, it is necessary to discriminate if the data is copy-permitted or copy-prohibited. To accomplish this process, a data recording and reproducing apparatus includes a first reproducing unit, a second reproducing unit for receiving the data processed by the first reproducing unit and executing the next reproducing process about the data, a first authenticating unit for authenticating the first reproducing unit, a second authenticating unit positioned in correspondence with the first authenticating unit and for authenticating the second reproducing unit. The data recording and reproducing apparatus provides different authenticating unit from the first and the second authenticating units so that those authenticating units may execute the corresponding authentications before descrambling the data.

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