

ABSTRACT

Content files and an index file for managing the content files are recorded in a recording medium. The index file includes, for example, a text file FTX, a thumbnail picture file FTH, and a property file FP. The files each have continuous fixed-length slots. The fixed-length slots are each managed by a slot number (index information) indicative of the order of arrangement thereof. Each file has a predetermined number of management information areas including one or a plurality of continuous fixed-length slots. The management information areas are identified by the index information of the first fixed-length slot. A predetermined entry has a slot number for identifying another entry. The data on the other entry can be acquired by detecting the location of the other entry on the index file.