ABSTRACT

The present invention comprises a tuner unit for receiving digital broadcasting information, an information storage unit for storing the digital broadcasting information together with copyright information, a decoder unit for decoding the digital broadcasting information into an output signal in a form to be displayed, and when a copy-disallowance signal is detected during an operation for reading and reproducing digital broadcasting information from the information storage unit employing a reproducing pointer, simultaneously erases the digital broadcasting information employing a simultaneous erasing pointer, and on the other hand, when a copy-disallowance signal is detected while digital broadcasting information is being received and stored in the information storage unit, inhibits outputting the received digital broadcasting information as an output signal in a form to be displayed through the decoder unit. Thereby, the present invention provides an apparatus which can satisfy the condition of disallowance of copying, realize the copyright protection for digital broadcasting information, and shift a viewing time to a later time.