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REPRODUCING METHOD AND RECORD MEDIUM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To determine whether or not a record medium loaded to a drive has character information in a management area of the record medium corresponding to data received from the drive and obtain the character information when the record medium has the character information as the determined result. An optical disc drive and a host computer 53 are connected through an interface 42. The drive has a servo and signal processing portion 30, a system controller 41, and a CD-ROM signal processing portion 50. The servo and signal processing portion 30 reproduces data from a disc 21. The system controller 41 controls the entire operation of the drive. Return data is sent from the drive to the host computer 53 corresponding to a read TOC command received from the host computer 53. A code that represents the data length is contained in a header of the return data. With the code, it is determined whether or not the disc 21 is a CD-TEXT disc. When the disc is a CD-TEXT disc as the determined result, the read TOC command is re-issued. Thus, CD-TEXT data is obtained.

FIGURE 21



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