A RECORDING AND/OR REPRODUCING APPARATUS, AND AN APPARATUS FOR REPRODUCING DATA FROM A WRITE ONCE DISC

Abstract

A recording and/or reproducing unit which records data on or reads data from a write once disc, and an apparatus for reproducing data from a write once disc is disclosed. The write once disc, includes a lead-in zone, a data area, and a lead-out zone. The write once disc includes a predetermined area storing area allocation information which indicates whether at least one section of the data area is allocated for disc defect management. In the disc and method, area allocation information specifying a structure of the data area is recorded on the disc, thus allowing a recording/reproducing apparatus to recognize the data area structure. Therefore, allocating areas, such as a spare area, for disc defect management other than an area for storing user data, to the data area is possible. The allocation of the areas for disc defect management to the data area enables effective use of the write once disc.

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