

[ABSTRACT]

INFORMATION CODE, INFORMATION CODE PRODUCING METHOD,
INFORMATION CODE READER, AND SYSTEM WHICH USES
INFORMATION CODE

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10 A two-dimensional information code (100) is provided. In the
code area of this information code, there are formed a specification
pattern region in which predetermined-shape specification patterns
(104), such as position detecting patterns, are arranged, a data
recording region in which data are recorded using plural types of cells
(102), and an error-correction code recording region in which error
correction codes are arranged using the plural types of cells (102). In
the code area, a free space (110) is formed at a position located outside
15 the specification pattern region, the data recording region, and the
error-correction code recording region. Data are not recorded by cells
in the free space and error correction on the error correction codes is
not applied to the free space. The free space has a size larger in area
than a single cell (102).

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Figure 1