ABSTRACT

A software protection system is proposed in which the use of software, by a simple operation, is allowed for only the authorized users, the use by the other users being excluded, and a dishonest alteration of a software is detected and an alarmed raised. There are provided a software supplier portion for preparing to supply a program to a software administration center portion and a user portion, the software administration center portion for converting the supplied program and preparing to supply this converted program to the user portion, and a user portion for converting the supplied program, comparing this converted program with the converted program supplied from the software administration center portion and, only when these compared converted programs coincide, carrying out program execution.