What is claimed is:

1. A management device for managing electronic signatures as to digital contents, the management device comprising:

an acquisition unit for acquiring an instruction for a signature as to the digital contents, and signature content information that is information indicating content of the signature;

a signature generating unit for generating an electronic signature in response to the instruction;

an affixing unit for affixing the electronic signature that is generated to the digital contents;

an electronic certificate generating unit for generating an electronic certificate that relates to the electronic signature and that includes the signature content information; and

a storage unit for storing the electronic certificate in a predetermined storage unit.

2. The management device according to claim 1, wherein the electronic signature includes an identifier that is coded, and that is for identifying the electronic certificate.

3. The management device according to claim 1, wherein the affixing unit affixes the electronic signature to the digital contents in a visually recognizable manner.

4. The management device according to claim 1, wherein the electronic certificate generating unit further includes, in the electronic certificate that is generated, at least one of an original copy hash value that is a hash value of the digital contents that includes no electronic signatures, a pre-signature hash value that is a hash value of the digital contents prior to the electronic signature being affixed, and a post-signature hash value that is a hash value of the digital contents after the electronic signature being affixed.

5. The management device according to claim 4, wherein the electronic certificate generating unit further includes, in the electronic certificate that is generated, order information indicating an order of the electronic signature,

the management device further comprising:

a comparing unit for comparing the post-signature hash value that is included in the electronic certificate that is one previous, and the pre-signature hash value that is included in the electronic certificate that includes the order information following the order information included in the electronic certificate that is one previous; and

an output unit for outputting results of comparison by the comparing unit.

6. The management device according to claim 1, wherein the digital contents are an electronic document or an image.

7. A control method for controlling a management device for managing electronic signatures as to digital contents, the control method comprising the steps of:

acquiring an instruction for a signature as to the digital contents, and signature content information that is information indicating content of the signature;

generating an electronic signature in response to the instruction;

affixing the electronic signature that is generated to the digital contents;

generating an electronic certificate that relates to the electronic signature and that includes the signature content information; and

storing the electronic certificate in a predetermined storage unit.

8. A program that causes an information processing device to function as a management device for managing electronic signatures as to digital contents, the program causing the management device to function as:

an acquisition unit for acquiring an instruction for a signature as to the digital contents, and signature content information that is information indicating content of the signature,

a signature generating unit for generating an electronic signature in response to the instruction,

an affixing unit for affixing the electronic signature that is generated to the digital contents,

an electronic certificate generating unit for generating an electronic certificate that relates to the electronic signature and that includes the signature content information, and

a storage unit for storing the electronic certificate in a predetermined storage unit.