ABSTRACT

An index structure of metadata provided for searching for information on contents, a method for providing indices of the metadata, and a method and an apparatus for searching for the metadata using the index structure of the metadata are provided. The index structure of the metadata includes a list of keys composed of predetermined fields of the metadata, wherein the list contains therein location information of the fields in the metadata, wherein at least a part of the location information is expressed as predetermined code.

FIG. 9