

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A display control apparatus comprising:
a display control unit arranged to display an image in each of a plurality of areas within a display screen; and
a notifying unit arranged to provide a notification which indicates that the images in two or more of the plurality of areas are identical, when identical images are displayed in two or more of the plurality of areas, and not to provide the notification when different images are displayed in each of the plurality of areas.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a processing unit configured to apply a predetermined process to the images displayed by said display control unit, in response to an operation by a user.
3. The apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising a switching unit arranged, when identical images are displayed in two or more of the plurality of areas, to switch one of the identical images displayed in at least one of the plurality of areas to another image.
4. The apparatus according to any preceding claim,

further comprising a zoom display unit configured to perform, in at least one of the plurality of areas, zoom display of the image displayed in the at least one of the plurality of areas.

5. The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein in the area in which the image having undergone the zoom display is displayed, when the displayed image is switched to the other image, said zoom display unit is arranged to control zoom display by applying a zoom magnification and a zoom position applied to the image having undergone the zoom display before switching to an image after switching as well.

6. The apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein the predetermined process includes a process of deleting a file containing the displayed image from a recording medium.

7. The apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein said display control unit includes a two-image display mode in which an image is displayed in each of two areas within the display screen, and a four-image display mode in which an image is displayed in each of four areas within the display screen.

8. The apparatus according to any preceding claim,

wherein said notifying unit is arranged to display an icon, indicating that identical images are displayed in two or more of the plurality of areas, the icon being displayed in each of the plurality of areas in which the identical images are displayed.

9. The apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein when identical images are displayed in two or more of the plurality of areas, and the operation by the user is an operation to apply the predetermined process to the image displayed in one of the two or more areas, said notifying unit is arranged to display an icon, indicating that the predetermined process is to be applied, in the other area as well.

10. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when the operation by the user is an operation of deleting the image displayed in one of the plurality of areas, said notifying unit is arranged to display a dialog box to notify the user that the image displayed in the other area is simultaneously deleted because the image displayed in the one area and the image displayed in the other area are identical.

11. The apparatus according to any preceding claim, further comprising a determination unit arranged to compare file names of the images displayed in the

plurality of areas within the display screen to determine whether the images displayed in the plurality of areas are identical.

12. The apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein the display control apparatus includes an image capturing apparatus comprising an image sensing unit, and said display control unit is arranged to display said images on a display screen provided on a back surface of said image capturing apparatus.

13. A display control method comprising:
a display control step of displaying an image in each of a plurality of areas within a display screen;
and

a notifying step of, when identical images are displayed in the plurality of areas, providing a notification which indicates that the images in two or more of said plurality of areas are identical and not providing the notification when different images are displayed in each of the plurality of areas.

14. A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for causing a computer to execute the control method according to claim 13.

CLAIMS

1. A display control apparatus comprising:
display control means (140) arranged to display an image in each of a plurality of areas (310, 320) within a display screen (125); and
notifying means (140) arranged to provide a notification (302) which indicates that the images in two or more of the plurality of areas (310, 320) are identical, when identical images are displayed in two or more of the plurality of areas (310, 320), and not to provide the notification when different images are displayed in each of the plurality of areas (310, 320).
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising processing means (140) for applying a predetermined process to the images displayed by said display control means (140), in response to an operation by a user.
3. The apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising switching means (140) arranged, when identical images are displayed in two or more of the plurality of areas (310, 320), to switch one of the identical images displayed in at least one of the plurality of areas to another image.
4. The apparatus according to any preceding claim,

further comprising zoom display means (140) for performing, in at least one of the plurality of areas (310, 320), zoom display of the image displayed in the at least one of the plurality of areas (310, 320).

5. The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein in the area in which the image having undergone the zoom display is displayed, when the displayed image is switched to the other image, said zoom display means is arranged to control zoom display by applying a zoom magnification and a zoom position applied to the image having undergone the zoom display before switching to an image after switching as well.

6. The apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein the predetermined process includes a process of deleting a file containing the displayed image from a recording medium (128).

7. The apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein said display control means (140) includes a two-image display mode in which an image is displayed in each of two areas (310, 320) within the display screen (125), and a four-image display mode in which an image is displayed in each of four areas within the display screen (125).

8. The apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein said notifying means (140) is arranged to display an icon (302), indicating that identical images are displayed in two or more of the plurality of areas (310, 320), the icon (302) being displayed in each of the plurality of areas (310, 320) in which the identical images are displayed.

9. The apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein when identical images are displayed in two or more of the plurality of areas, and the operation by the user is an operation to apply the predetermined process to the image displayed in one of the two or more areas (310, 320), said notifying means is arranged to display an icon (302), indicating that the predetermined process is to be applied, in the other area as well.

10. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when the operation by the user is an operation of deleting the image displayed in one of the plurality of areas (310, 320), said notifying means is arranged to display a dialog box to notify the user that the image displayed in the other area is simultaneously deleted because the image displayed in the one area and the image displayed in the other area are identical.

11. The apparatus according to any preceding claim , further comprising determination means (140) arranged to compare file names of the images displayed in the plurality of areas (310, 320) within the display screen to determine whether the images displayed in the plurality of areas (310, 320) are identical.

12. The apparatus according to any preceding claim , wherein the display control apparatus (140) includes an image capturing apparatus (100) comprising image sensing means (120), and said display control means (140) is arranged to display said images on a display screen (125) provided on a back surface of said image capturing apparatus (100).

13. A display control method comprising:

a display control step of displaying an image in each of a plurality of areas within a display screen (125); and

a notifying step of, when identical images are displayed in the plurality of areas (310, 320), providing a notification (302) which indicates that the images in two or more of said plurality of areas are identical and not providing the notification when different images are displayed in each of the plurality of areas (310, 320).

14. A program for causing a computer to execute the control method according to claim 13.

15. A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for causing a computer to execute the control method according to claim 13.