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(54) **Image forming apparatus, a program adding method, and a recording medium**

(57) An image forming apparatus include a program for performing a process concerning image formation by using a hardware resource, and a slot (125) which a recording medium is inserted into and removed from. A status monitoring part (123) monitors whether or not a recording medium is inserted or removed; a recording medium starting part (124) starts the recording medium inserted into said slot into a state in which said recording medium is assessable; and a program starting part (52) reads a program from said recording medium started into the accessible state, and starting said program.

