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A print image generation unit is configured to perform a first rasterization process for printing and thereby generate print image data, and perform a second rasterization process for inspection and thereby generate reference image data, on the basis of a print request. A print unit is configured to perform printing based on the print image data onto a print paper sheet and thereby produce a print product. An image scanning unit is configured to perform image scanning of the print product and thereby generate scan image data. An inspection processing unit is configured to compare the scan image data and the reference image data and thereby perform inspection of the printed matter. Further, the second rasterization process is a rasterization process performed in a rendering condition different from a rendering condition of the first rasterization process.

