How to install TaikoCatsCaffe

Welcome to the guide for installing TaikoCatsCaffe for Windows! This short guide will teach you everything necessary in order to have a smooth experience playing it. We will go over required files and general information, installing the program, Windows settings that need to be tweaked, and other extra features to make the game just a little bit closer to the real arcade.

Part 1 – General Information

For those of you who are reading this and either don't have the slightest clue to what TaikoCatsCaffe, or would some extra information on it, this the place for you!

- **What is TaikoCatsCaffe?**
  - TaikoCatsCaffe, (abbreviated TCC) is a Taiko no Tatsujin (太鼓の達人) simulator for the Windows platform of computers. It is the most up to date and best running out of all 4 current public simulators.
- **Why is this simulator better than TCDN or TJAPlayer3?**
  - TCC is significantly better than other simulators in a multitude of ways, including:
    - Lower Latency
    - Better Genre Handling
    - Streamlined Score Display
    - Better Graphics
    - LOTS of bugfixes
    - Language support (BetterTCC)
    - Dual nameplate support (AlphaTCC)

Part 2 – Required Files

There are a number of files needed for running TCC successfully and efficiently. Most are optional, but they are nice extra additions for the game, and they will be covered in this guide. Here are the files you need:

- TaikoCatsCaffe 6.7.5 (RECOMMENDED for timing)
    - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i_v5eWl0u9WuMh_HPQ1d-hX-K2rRO3bp/view?usp=sharing
- TaikoCatsCaffe 7.2.5 (RECOMMENDED for visuals) Preconfigured; please skip BetterTCC and Config.ini installation)
    - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NzBCLjYncfwhLy4mc6K24vTbhHH-pdLO/view?usp=sharing
- TaikoCatsCaffe 7.2.5
    - https://mega.nz/#!HkkDCarI!f8oPnURtRHlNYMGg1yHfQCfANtY_vzJLYxjfyQnEnXw
- TaikoCatsCaffe 8.3.3 (NOT RECOMMENDED EVER; Preconfigured)
    - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mhlOnzZQcTOAeRkkQncaqVMidkwlPjXy/view?usp=sharing
- This Config.ini
    - https://cdn.discordapp.com/attachments/194465566042488833/708162408870576158/Config.ini
- 7zip, WinRAR or a zip manager of your choice
    - https://www.7-zip.org/download.html
    - https://www.bandizip.com/
- BetterTaikoCatsCaffe
    - https://cdn.discordapp.com/attachments/695635142588235837/702418424063852634/BetterTaikoCatsCaffe-v3.10.zip
- Name Plate Maker (Optional; Scroll down to 称号メーカ)
    - https://crcrstudio.wixsite.com/crcr/soft
- Songs! (Optional; This is my pack for TCC)
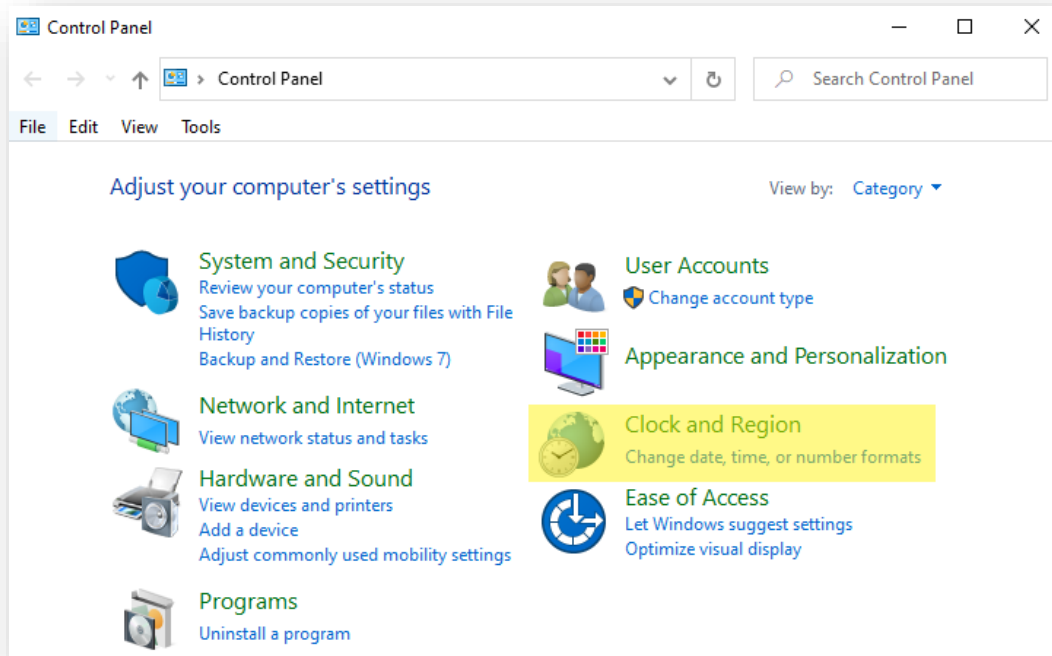   - https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1qKgKlB6lsc2EN46yndf2Fr1ly0L7xlqK

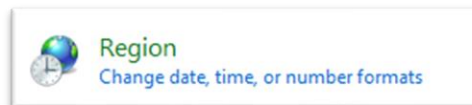
BetterTaikoCatsCaffe is the Optifine of TaikoCatsCaffe and is ONLY AVAIABLE FOR 7.2.5. It fixes many, many bugs, adds extra language support, fixes song boxes for the new genres, and just many other things that would improve your game experience. We strongly advise to use BetterTCC and not standalone TCC.

Part 3 – Locale Change and Installation

Now that we have all of our required files, we can start the installation process. Make sure you have TaikoCatsCaffe and **preferably**, BetterTaikoCatsCaffe. For the sake of space, we will be abbreviating those to TCC and BTCC respectively.
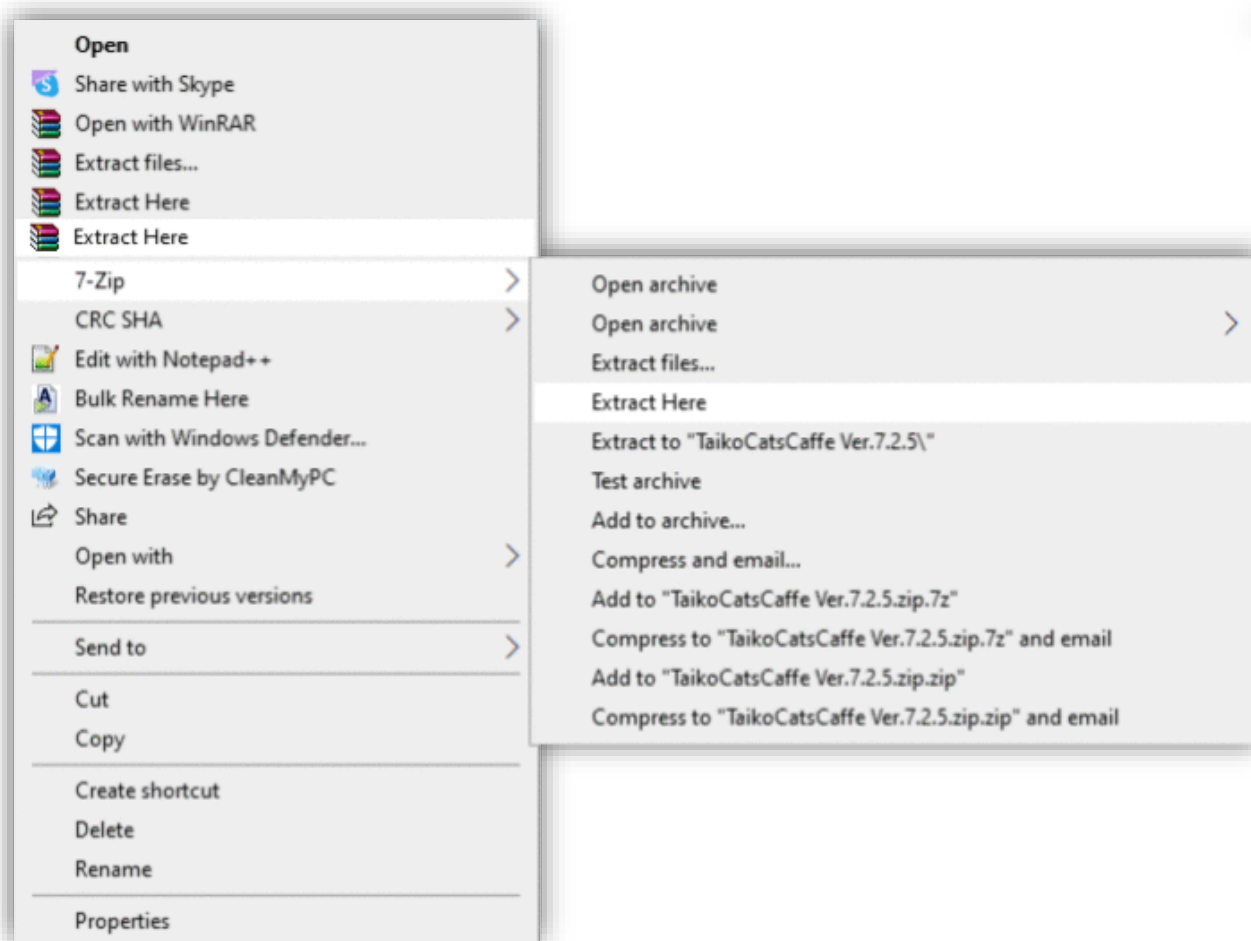
1. Change your Locale
    a. Note: This will **not** change your language. Nothing will be noticeable except Japanese text will show up in your computer properly and the \ will become a ¥ symbol.
    b. Head to your control panel. Type control panel into the search bar.
    c. Then, click **Clock and Region.**

    d. Hit the administrative panel, and change the locale to Japan.

Installation

1. Make sure you have 7zip or WinRAR installed, and TaikoCatsCaffe downloaded. Then, make a new folder. This can be titled whatever you want. In the guide, our folder is going to be titled 📁 TCC and the folder will be located at D: \TCC.

2. Move the **TaikoCatsCaffe Ver7.2.5(/6.7.5).zip** into your designated folder. Right click *extract here*.
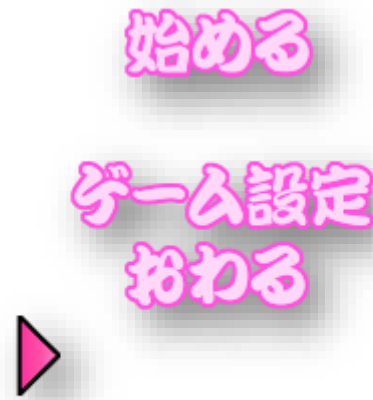
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↪ Share	Add to archive…
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3. When it is finished extracting, go into the System folder in the installation directory, then sim, and finally graphics. Right click on **ipag.tff** and hit install. This installs the font needed to run the game.

4. Run **TaikoCatsCaffe.exe**. Close it, and replace the **Config.ini** with the new one. Launch it again; If it boots up to the title screen, hit "P" twice followed by enter. If it loads to that point, move on to the next step. If not, SCROLL DOWN TO THE FAQ SECTION or come to the Discord and ask for help. Myself and the others will be glad to help you!

https://discord.gg/XHcVYKW

5. The title screen has a mostly hidden menu. In other simulators, that menu would look like the one on the right. This menu has three options: 始める (Start), ゲーム設定 (Game Settings), and おわる (Exit). This menu still applies to TCC, but it cannot be seen.

始める

ゲーム設定
おわる

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Part 4 – BetterTCC and Extras

For this section of the guide, we will explain how to install BetterTaikoCatsCaffe and how to use some extra programs/features.

1. BetterTCC
   a. To install BetterTCC, download the zip file in the Required Files section of the guide. Bring the zip file to your main directory (where TaikoCatsCaffe.exe is), right click, and click "extract here." From now on, run **BetterTaikoCatsCaffe.exe**. Go into song select and test it. If it works, great! If it doesn't, try copying the "Graphics" folder directly from the zip file into where it needs to go in System > sim > Graphics.
   b. If it still doesn't work, ask the Discord server.
2. Name Plate Maker

a. Name Plate Maker is a tool that is still in development. It allows you to make a custom name plate for yourself to add into TCC. Extract the zip file to a place of your choosing.

b. Run **Plate Maker.exe**. This should bring up the application. To use it, type in either box, and then hit enter. That will prevent it from locking on each text box. Once you have made your name plate, hit save for both the normal and full name plate. Copy the "1P_NamePlate.png" and "1P_NamePlateFull.png" to your TCC Directory, specifically to System > sim > Graphics > 0_Personal. Paste these images into that folder, and delete the original ones. Rename "1P_NamePlateFull.png" to "1P_NamePlate_Game.png".

3. Songs
a. There are a multitude of song packs that are compatible with TCC. To load songs, just drag the folder into your main directory for TCC. Here are a couple different song packs you can download:

Meowgister's English Taiko Pack; Nearly all Green Version songs; English

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1jslpSzP4eeFkMduvyg4tE6A_-KAEHiF7

Part 6 – FAQ

1. *Why are only half of my songs loading?*
   a. Make a new folder titled "Songs" and move the numbered folders there.
2. *Why can't I hear my songs?*
   a. You probably didn't set the locale correctly. Refer to the Installation section.
3. *Why is my game crashing when I play a song?*
   a. It's probably a graphics issue. Check if you changed any graphics before playing. Do not try and import your Don-chan from TJAPlayer3. This does *not* work.