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ROCm™ Data Center Tool™ User Guide

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Chapter 1 Overview

1.1 ROCm™ Data Center Tool

The ROCm™ Data Center Tool simplifies the administration and addresses key infrastructure challenges in AMD GPUs in cluster and datacenter environments. The main features are:

- GPU telemetry
- GPU statistics for jobs
- Integration with third-party tools
- Open source

The tool can be used in stand-alone mode if all components are installed. However, the existing management tools can use the same set of features available in a library format.

Refer [Starting RDC](#) for details on different modes of operation.

1.1.1 Objective

This user guide is intended to:

- Provide an overview of the ROCm Data Center Tool features
- Describe how system administrators and Data Center (or HPC) users can administer and configure AMD GPUs
- Describe the components
- Provide an overview of the open source developer handbook

1.1.2 Terminology

Term	Description
RDC	ROCm™ Data Center Tool
Compute node (CN)	One of many nodes containing one or more GPUs in the Data Center on which compute jobs are run
Management node (MN) or Main console	A machine running system administration applications to administer and manage the Data Center
GPU Groups	Logical grouping of one or more GPUs in a compute node

Term	Description
Fields	A metric that can be monitored by the RDC, such as GPU temperature, memory usage and power usage
Field Groups	Logical grouping of multiple fields
Job	A workload that is submitted to one or more compute nodes

1.1.3 Target Audience

The audience for the AMD ROCm Data Center™ tool consists of:

- **Administrators:** The tool will provide cluster administrator with the capability of monitoring, validating, and configuring policies.
- **HPC Users:** Provides GPU centric feedback for their workload submissions
- **OEM:** Add GPU information to their existing cluster management software
- **Open Source Contributors:** RDC is open source and will accept contributions from the community

For more information about the API, see the [AMD ROCm Data Center API Guide \(Alpha Release\)](#).

Chapter 2 Installation

2.1 Supported platforms

The ROCm Data Center Tool™ (RDC) is part of the AMD ROCm™ software and is available on the distributions supported by AMD ROCm.

- Ubuntu 18.04.4 (Kernel 5.3)
- CentOS v7.7 (Using devtoolset-7 runtime support)
- RHEL v7.7 (Using devtoolset-7 runtime support)
- SLES 15 SP1
- CentOS and RHEL 8.1(Kernel 4.18.0-147)

2.2 Prerequisites

For RDC installation from prebuilt packages, follow the instructions in this section.

2.2.1 Install gRPC

The following components are required as RDC relies on them for communication and authentication:

- gRPC along with protoc
- protoc plugins

For more information on gRPC, see the gRPC GitHub locations at:

- <https://github.com/grpc/grpc/blob/v1.25.0/src/cpp/README.md>
- <https://github.com/grpc/grpc/blob/master/BUILDING.md>

Note: CMake 3.15 or greater is required to build gRPC

```
$ sudo apt-get install -y automake make g++ unzip
$ sudo apt-get install -y build-essential autoconf libtool pkg-config
$ sudo apt-get install -y libgflags-dev libgtest-dev
$ sudo apt-get install -y clang-5.0 libc++-dev curl
$ git clone -b v1.28.1 https://github.com/grpc/grpc
$ cd grpc
$ git submodule update --init
$ mkdir -p cmake/build
$ cd cmake/build

# By default (without using the CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX option), the following
# will install
# to /usr/local lib, include and bin directories

$ cmake -DgRPC_INSTALL=ON \
  -DBUILD_SHARED_LIBS=ON \
  <-DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=<install dir>> ../../..

$ make
$ sudo make install
$ sudo ldconfig
```

2.2.1.1 Authentication keys

The ROCm Data Center (RDC)TM tool can be used with or without authentication. If authentication is required, then proper authentication keys need to be configured.

On how to configure SSL keys, refer section 4.2 *Authentication* in this document.

2.2.2 Pre-built package

The RDC tool is packaged as part of the ROCm software repository. You must install the AMD ROCm software before installing RDC. For details on how to install ROCm, see:

https://rocm-docs.amd.com/en/latest/Installation_Guide/Installation-Guide.html

Follow the instructions below to install RDC after the installing of the ROCm package:

Ubuntu

```
$ sudo apt-get install rdc  
# to install a specific version  
$ sudo apt-get install rdc<x.y.z>
```

CentOS RHEL

```
$ sudo yum install rdc  
# to install a specific version  
$ sudo yum install rdc<x.y.z>
```

SLES 15 Service Pack I

```
$ sudo zypper install rdc  
# to install a specific version  
$ sudo zypper install rdc<x.y.z>
```

2.3 Components

The ROCm Data Center Tool™ components are as follows:

RDC (API) Library
This library is the central piece, by interacting with different modules, that provides all the features described. This shared library provides C API and Python bindings so that third-party tools should be able to use it directly if required.

RDC Daemon (rdbc)
The daemon will record telemetry information from GPUs. It will also provide an interface to RDC command-line tool (rdci) running locally or remotely. It depends on the above RDC Library for all the core features.

RDC Command Line Tool (rdci)
A command-line tool to invoke all the features of the RDC tool. This CLI can be run locally or remotely.

ROCm-SMI library
A stateless system management library provides low-level interfaces to access GPU information.

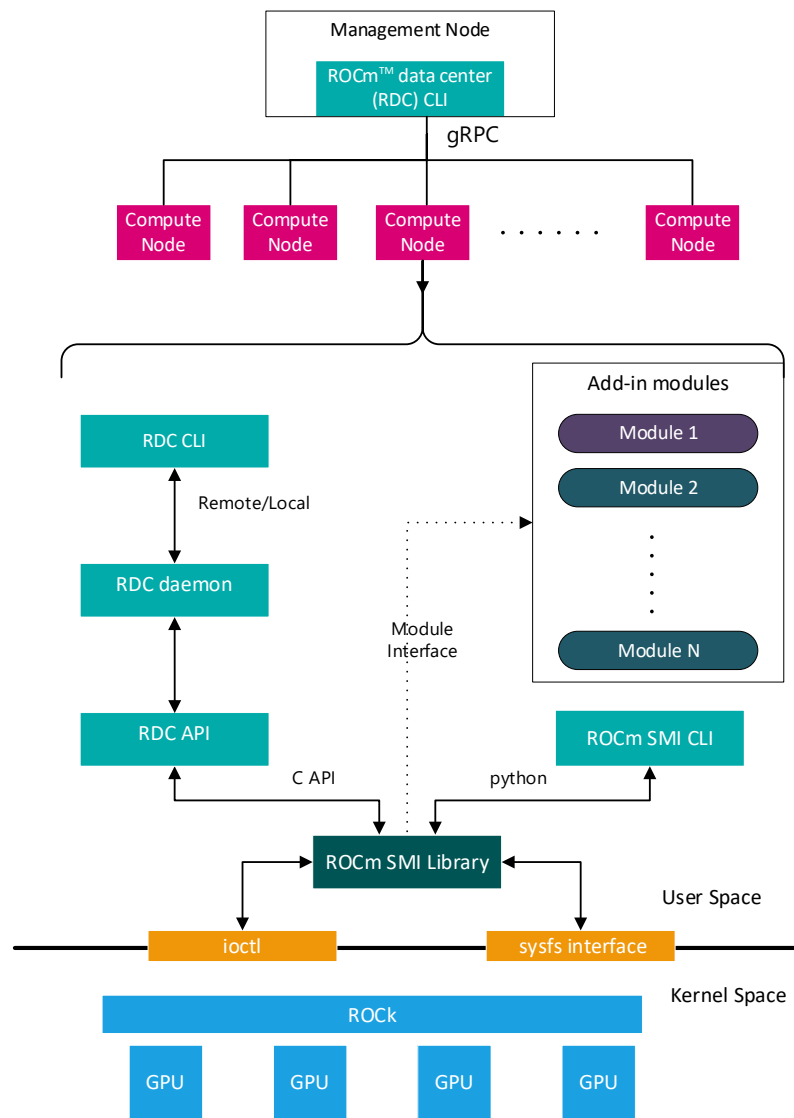


Figure 1 High-level diagram of RDC components

2.4 Starting ROCm Data Center Tool

The ROCm Data Center (RDC) Tool™ can be run in the following two modes. Note, the feature set is similar in both cases. Users have the flexibility to choose the right option that best fits their environment.

- Stand-alone
- Embedded mode

The capability in each mode depends on the privileges the *user* has for starting RDC. A normal *user* will have access only to monitor (access to GPU telemetry) capabilities. A *privileged user* can run the tool with full capability. In the full capability mode, GPU configuration features can be invoked. This may or may not affect all the users and processes sharing the GPU.

2.4.1 Stand-alone mode

This is the preferred mode of operation as it does not have any external dependencies. To start RDC in stand-alone mode, RDC Server Daemon (rdcd) must run on each compute node. You can start RDC daemon (rdcd) -as a systemd service or from directly from the command-line.

2.4.1.1 Start RDC using systemd

The capability of RDC can be configured by modifying the rdc.service system configuration file. Use the *systemctl* command to start *rdcd*.

```
$ systemctl start rdc
```

By default, *rdcd* starts with full capability. To change to monitor only comment out the following two lines.

```
$ sudo vi /lib/systemd/system/rdc.service
# CapabilityBoundingSet=CAP_DAC_OVERRIDE
# AmbientCapabilities=CAP_DAC_OVERRIDE
```

NOTE: *rdcd* can be started by using the *systemctl* command

```
$ systemctl start rdc
```

2.4.1.2 Start ROCm Data Center Tool™ from command-line

While *systemctl* is the preferred way to start *rdcd*, you can also start directly from the command-line. The installation scripts will create a default user - “*rdc*”. Users have the option to edit the profile file (*rdc.service* installed at */lib/systemd/system*) and change these lines accordingly:

```
[Service]
User=rdc
Group=rdc
```

```
#Start as user rdc
$ sudo -u rdc rdcd

# Start as root
$ sudo rdcd
```

From the command-line, start *rdcd* as a *user* (for example, *rdc*) or *root*.

Note, in this use case, the *rdc.service* file mentioned in the previous section is not involved. Here, the capability of RDC is determined by the privilege of the user starting *rdcd*. If *rdcd* is running under a normal user account, then it has the Monitor-only capability. If *rdcd* is running as root, then *rdcd* has Full capability.

NOTE: If a user other than *rdc* or *root* starts the *rdcd* daemon, the file ownership of the SSL keys mentioned in the [Authentication](#) section must be modified to allow read and write access.

2.4.1.3 Troubleshooting rdcd

When *rdcd* is started using *systemctl*, the logs can be viewed using the following command.

```
$ journalctl -u rdc
```

These messages provide useful status and debugging information. The logs can also help debug problems like *rdcd* failing to start, communication issues with a client, and others.

2.4.2 Embedded mode

The embedded mode is useful if the end user has a monitoring agent running on the compute node. The monitoring agent can directly use the RDC library and will have a finer grain control on how and when RDC features are invoked. For example, if the monitoring agent has a facility to synchronize across multiple nodes, then it can synchronize GPU telemetry across these nodes.

The RDC daemon *rdcd* can be used as a reference code for this purpose. The dependency on gRPC is also eliminated if the RDC library is directly used.

CAUTION: RDC command-line rdci will not function in this mode. Third-party monitoring software is responsible for providing the user interface and remote access/monitoring. Refer [ROCm™ Data Center API Guide \(Alpha Release\)](#) for API details and pseudocode.

Chapter 3 Feature Overview

ROCm™ Data Center Tool™ is in active development. This section highlights the current feature set.

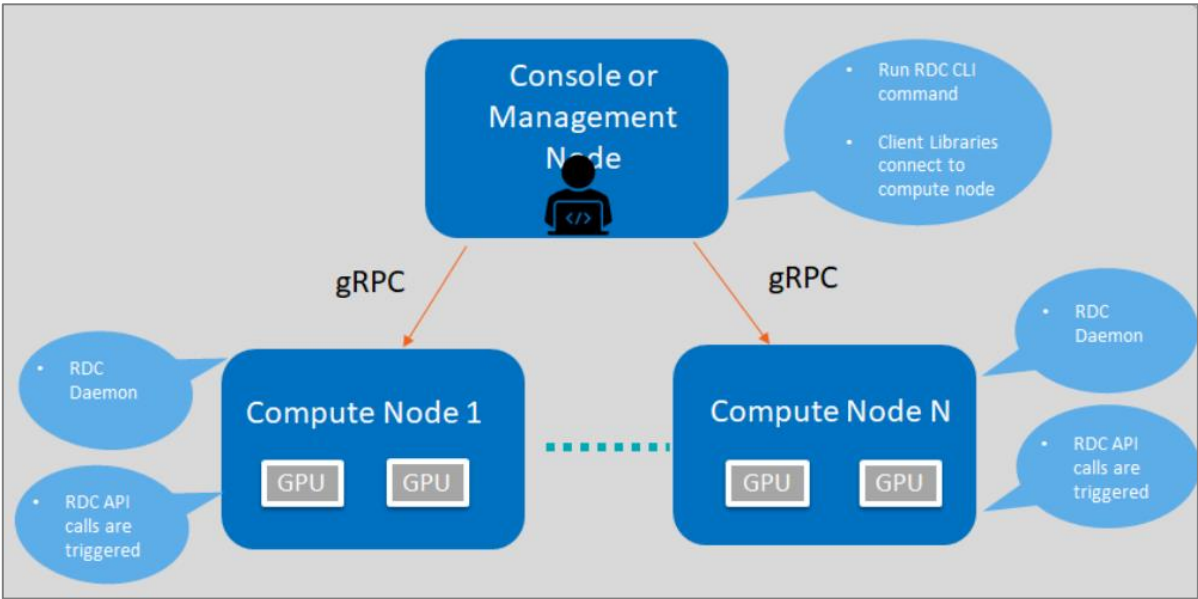


Figure 2 Shows RDC components and framework for describing features

3.1 Discovery

The Discovery feature enables you to locate and display information of GPUs present in the compute node. For example,

```
$ rdci discovery <host_name> -l

2 GPUs found

GPU Index | Device Information
-----|-----
0 | Name: AMD Radeon Instinct™ MI50 Accelerator
1 | Name: AMD Radeon Instinct™ MI50 Accelerator

$ rdci -l : list available GPUs
$ rdci -u: No SSL authentication
```


3.2 Groups

3.2.1 GPU Groups

With the GPU groups feature, you can create, delete, and list logical groups of GPU.

```
$ rdc group -c GPU_GROUP
Successfully created group with a group ID 1
```

```
$ rdc group -g 1 -a 0,1
Successfully added the GPU 0,1 to group 1
```

```
$ rdc group -l
```

```
1 group found
```

Group ID	Group Name	GPU Index
1	GPU_GROUP	0,1

```
$ rdc group -d 1
Successfully removed group 1
```

-c create; -g group id; -a add GPU index; -l list; -d delete group

3.2.2 Field Groups

The Field groups feature provides you the options to create, delete, and list field groups.

```
$ rdc fieldgroup -c <fgroup> -f 150,155
Successfully created a field group with a group ID 1
```

```
$ rdc fieldgroup -l
```

```
1 group found
```

Group ID	Group Name	Field Ids
1	fgroup	150,155

```
$ rdc fieldgroup -d 1
Successfully removed field group 1
```

```
rdc dmon -l
```

Supported fields Ids:

100 RDC_FI_GPU_CLOCK:	Current GPU clock freq.
150 RDC_FI_GPU_TEMP:	GPU temp. in milli Celsius.
155 RDC_FI_POWER_USAGE:	Power usage in microwatts.
203 RDC_FI_GPU_UTIL:	GPU busy percentage.

```
525 RDC_FI_GPU_MEMORY_USAGE: VRAM Memory usage in bytes

-c create; -g group id; -a add GPU index; -l list; -d delete group
```

3.2.3 Device Monitoring

The ROCm Data Center tool™ enables you to monitor GPU fields.

```
$ rdci dmon -f <field_group> -g <gpu_group> -c 5 -d 1000

1 group found
```

GPU Index	TEMP (m°C)	POWER (µW)
0	25000	520500
0	25000	520500
0	25000	520500
0	25000	520500

```
rdci dmon -l
Supported fields Ids:
100 RDC_FI_GPU_CLOCK:      Current GPU clock freq.
150 RDC_FI_GPU_TEMP:      GPU temp. in milli Celsius.
155 RDC_FI_POWER_USAGE:   Power usage in microwatts.
203 RDC_FI_GPU_UTIL:      GPU busy percentage.
525 RDC_FI_GPU_MEMORY_USAGE: VRAM Memory usage in bytes

-e field ids; -i GPU index; -c count; -d delay; -l list; -f fieldgroup id
```

3.2.4 Job Stats

You can display GPU statistics for any given workload.

```
$ rdci stats -s 2 -g 1
Successfully started recording job 2 with a group ID 1

$ rdci stats -j 2
```

Summary	
Executive Status	
Start time	1586795401
End time	1586795445
Total execution time	44
Energy Consumed (Joules)	21682
Power Usage (Watts)	Max: 49 Min: 13 Avg: 34
GPU Clock (MHz)	Max: 1000 Min: 300 Avg: 903
GPU Utilization (%)	Max: 69 Min: 0 Avg: 2
Max GPU Memory Used (bytes)	524320768

Memory Utilization (%)	Max: 12 Min: 11 Avg: 12
------------------------	-------------------------

```

$ rdci stats -x 2
Successfully stopped recording job 2

-s start recording on job id; -g group id; -j display job stats; -x stop
recording

```

3.2.4.1 Job stats use case

A common use case is to record GPU statistics associated with any job or workload. The following example shows how all these features can be put together for this use case.

<div> <div>Job prologue</div> <div> <div>Create GPU group as per workload</div> <div>Create field group as per data needs</div> </div> <div>Job execution</div> <div>Data recording</div> <div>Job epilogue</div> <div>Collect job stats</div> </div>	rdci commands
	<pre> \$ rdci group -c group1 Successfully created group with a group ID 1 \$ rdci group -g 1 -a 0,1 GPU 0,1 is added to group 1 successfully </pre>
	<pre> rdci stats -s 123 -g 1 job 123 recorded successfully with the group ID </pre>
	<pre> rdci stats -x 123 Job 123 stops recording successfully rdci stats -j 123 job stats printed </pre>

Table 1 An example showing how job statistics can be recorded

Chapter 4 Developer Handbook

The ROCm™ Data Center Tool™ (RDC) is open source and available under the MIT License. This section is targeted at open source developers. Third-party integrators may also use the section.

4.1.1 Prerequisites for building RDC

NOTE: The ROCm Data Center Tool is tested on the following software versions. Earlier versions may not work.

- CMake 3.15
- g++ (5.4.0)
- AMD ROCm which includes AMD ROCm SMI Library
- gRPC and protoc (Refer 2.2.1)

The following components are required to build the latest documentation:

- Doxygen (1.8.11)
- Latex (pdfTeX 3.14159265-2.6-1.40.16)

```
$ sudo apt install libcap-dev
$ sudo apt install -y doxygen
```

4.1.2 Building and Installing RDC

Clone the RDC source code from GitHub and use CMake to build and install.

```
$ git clone <GitHub for RDC>
$ cd rdc
$ mkdir -p build; cd build
$ cmake -DROCM_DIR=/opt/rocm1 -DGRPC_ROOT="$GRPC_PROTOC_ROOT"..
$ make

#Install library file and header and the default location is /opt/rocm
$ make install
```

¹ location of ROCm install root. By default, it is /opt/rocm

4.1.3 Building documentation

You can generate PDF documentation after a successful build. The reference manual, `refman.pdf`, appears in the `latex` directory.

```
$ make doc
$ cd latex
$ make
```

4.1.4 Build unit tests for ROCm Data Center Tool™

```
$ cd rdc/tests/rdc_tests
$ mkdir -p build; cd build
$ cmake -DROCM_DIR=/opt/rocm -DGRPC_ROOT="$GRPC_PROTOC_ROOT"..
$ make

# To run the tests

$ cd build/rdctst_tests
$ ./rdctst
```

4.1.5 Test

```
# Run rdcd daemon
$ LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$PWD/rdc_libs/ ./server/rdcd -u

# In another console run RDC command-line
$ LD_LIBRARY_PATH=$PWD/rdc_libs/ ./rdci/rdci discovery -l -u
```

4.2 Authentication

4.2.1 Generating Files for Authentication

The ROCm Data Center Tool™ supports encrypted communications between clients and servers. The communication can be configured to be authenticated or not authenticated. By default, authentication is enabled.

To disable authentication, when starting the server, use the "--unauth_comm" flag (or "-u" for short). You must also use "-u" in *rdci* to access *unauth rdc*. The */lib/systemd/system/rdc.service* file can be edited to pass arguments to *rdcd* on starting. On the client side, when calling *rdc_channel_create()*, the "secure" argument must be set to False.

4.2.1.1 Scripts

RDC users manage their own keys and certificates. However, some scripts generate self-signed certificates in the RDC source tree in the authentication directory for test purposes. The following flowchart depicts how to generate the root certificates using the *openssl* command in *01gen_root_cert.sh*:



The section where the default responses to *openssl* questions can be specified is included in *openssl.conf*. To locate the section, look for the following comment line:

```
# < ** REPLACE VALUES IN THIS SECTION WITH APPROPRIATE VALUES FOR YOUR ORG.
**>
```

It is helpful to modify this section with values appropriate for your organization if you expect to call this script many times. Additionally, you must replace the dummy values and update the *alt_names* section for your environment.

To generate the keys and certificates using these scripts, make the following calls:

```
$ 01gen_root_cert.sh
# provide answers to posed questions
$ 02gen_ssl_artifacts.sh
# provide answers to posed questions
```

At this point, the keys and certificates are in the newly-created "CA/artifacts" directory. This directory must be deleted if you need to rerun the scripts.

To install the keys and certificates, access the artifacts directory, and run the `install.sh` script as root, specifying the install location. By default, RDC expects this to be in `/etc/rdc`:

```
$ cd CA/artifacts
$ sudo install <client|server>.sh /etc/rdc
```

These files must be copied to and installed on all client and server machines that are expected to communicate with one another.

4.2.1.2 Known Limitation

The ROCm Data Center Tool™ has the following authentication limitation.

The client and server are hardcoded to look for the *openssl* certificate and key files in `/etc/rdc`. There is no workaround available currently.

4.2.2 Verifying Files for Authentication

Several SSL keys and certificates must be generated and installed on clients and servers for authentication to work properly. By default, the RDC server will look in the `/etc/rdc` folder for the following keys and certificates:

4.2.2.1 Server

```
$ sudo tree /etc/rdc

/etc/rdc
|-- server
    |-- certs
        |-- rdc_cacert.pem
        |-- rdc_server_cert.pem
    |-- private
        |-- rdc_server_cert.key
```

4.2.2.2 Client

```
$ sudo tree /etc/rdc
/etc/rdc
|-- client
    |-- certs
        |-- rdc_cacert.pem
        |-- rdc_client_cert.pem
    |-- private
|-- rdc_client_cert.key
```

NOTE: Machines that are clients and servers will consist of both directory structures.

Chapter 5 ROCm™ Data Center API (Alpha Release)

Disclaimer: This is the alpha version of ROCm Data Center (RDC) API™ and is subject to change without notice. The primary purpose of this API is to solicit feedback. AMD accepts no responsibility for any software breakage caused by API changes.

5.1 RDC API

The RDC API is the core library that provides all the RDC features. This section focuses on how RDC API can be used by third-party software.

The RDC includes the following libraries:

- `librdc_bootstrap.so`: Loads during runtime one of the two libraries by detecting the mode
- `librdc_client.so`: Exposes RDC functionality using gRPC client
- `librdc.so`: RDC API. This depends on `librocm_smi.so`
- `librocm_smi.so`: Stateless low overhead access to GPU data

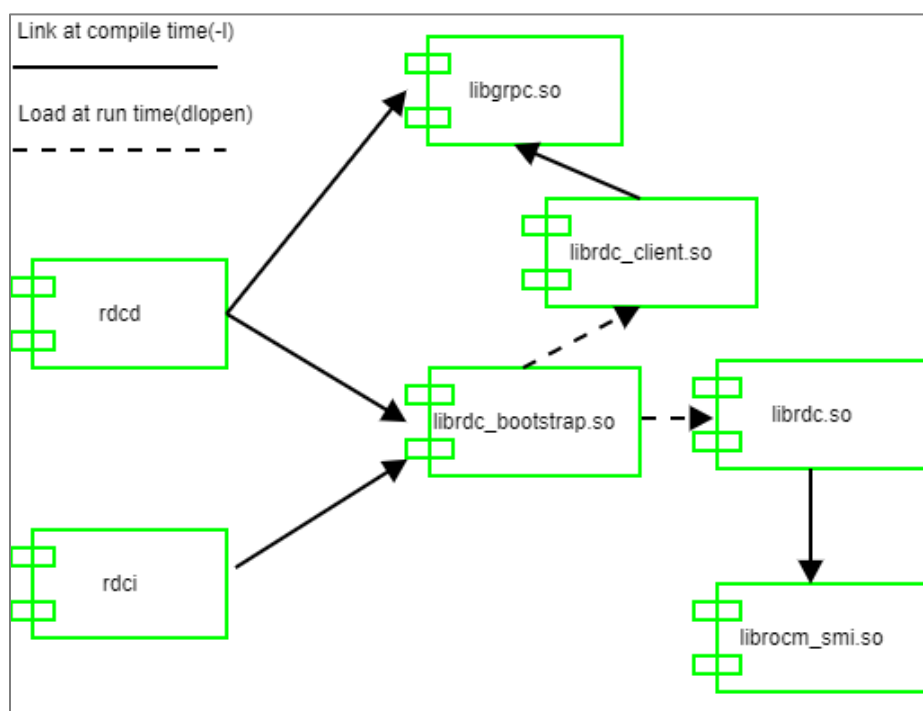


Figure 3 Different libraries and how they are linked

Note that `librdc_bootstrap.so` loads different libraries based on the modes. For e.g.

- `rdci`: `librdc_bootstrap.so` loads `librdc_client.so`
- `rdcd`: `librdc_bootstrap.so` loads `librdc.so`

For more information, see the [ROCm™ Data Center Tool API Guide \(Alpha Release\)](#).

5.2 Job stats use case

The following pseudocode shows how ROCm Data Center (RDC) API™ can be directly used to record GPU statistics associated with any job or workload. Refer to the example code provided with RDC on how to build it.

For more information, see [Job Stats](#)

```
//Initialize the RDC
rdc_handle_t rdc_handle;
rdc_status_t result=rdc_init(0);

//Dynamically choose to run in standalone or embedded mode
bool standalone = false;
std::cin>> standalone;
if (standalone)
    result = rdc_connect("127.0.0.1:50051", &rdc_handle, nullptr, nullptr,
    nullptr); //It will connect to the daemon
else
    result = rdc_start_embedded(RDC_OPERATION_MODE_MANUAL, &rdc_handle);
//call library directly, here we run embedded in manual mode

//Now we can use the same API for both standalone and embedded
//(1) create group
rdc_gpu_group_t groupId;
result = rdc_group_gpu_create(rdc_handle, RDC_GROUP_EMPTY, "MyGroup1",
&groupId);

//(2) Add the GPUs to the group
result = rdc_group_gpu_add(rdc_handle, groupId, 0); //Add GPU 0
result = rdc_group_gpu_add(rdc_handle, groupId, 1); //Add GPU 1

//(3) start the recording the Slurm job 123. Set the sample frequency to once
per second
result = rdc_job_start_stats(rdc_handle, group_id,
    "123", 1000000);

//For standalone mode, the daemon will update and cache the samples
//In manual mode, we must call rdc_field_update_all periodically to take
samples
if (!standalone) { //embedded manual mode
    for (int i=5; i>0; i--) { //As an example, we will take 5 samples
        result = rdc_field_update_all(rdc_handle, 0);
        usleep(1000000);
    }
}
```

```
} else { //standalone mode, do nothing
    usleep(5000000); //sleep 5 seconds before fetch the stats
}

//(4) stop the Slurm job 123, which will stop the watch
// Note: we do not have to stop the job to get stats. The rdc_job_get_stats
can be called at any time before stop
result = rdc_job_stop_stats(rdc_handle, "123");

//(5) Get the stats
rdc_job_info_t job_info;
result = rdc_job_get_stats(rdc_handle, "123", &job_info);
std::cout<<"Average Memory Utilization: "
<<job_info.summary.memoryUtilization.average <<std::endl;

//The cleanup and shutdown ....
```