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/ˈɑːkɪˈtektʃə \$ ˈɑːrkɪˈtektʃər/

noun

1 [uncountable] the style and design of a building or buildings:

architecture of

the architecture of Venice

modern/classical/medieval etc architecture

2 [uncountable] the art and practice of planning and designing buildings:

He studied architecture at university.

3 [uncountable] DESIGN the structure of something:

the architecture of DNA

4 [uncountable and countable] (technical) the structure of a computer system and the way it works

— **architectural** /ˌɑːkɪˈtektʃ rəl◀ \$ ˌɑːr- / adjective:

architectural features

— **architecturally** adv:

Architecturally, Chengdu is quite different from most of China.

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