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## What is a Building?

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## A Building is an Environmental Separator

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- Control heat flow
- Control airflow
- Control water vapor flow
- Control rain
- Control ground water
- Control light and solar radiation
- Control noise and vibrations
- Control contaminants, environmental hazards and odors
- Control insects, rodents and vermin
- Control fire
- Provide strength and rigidity
- Be durable
- Be aesthetically pleasing
- Be economical

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Heat Flow Is From Warm To Cold  
 Moisture Flow Is From Warm To Cold  
 Moisture Flow Is From More To Less  
 Air Flow Is From A Higher Pressure to a Lower Pressure  
 Gravity Acts Down

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Water Control Layer  
 Air Control Layer  
 Vapor Control Layer  
 Thermal Control Layer

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