**31\_Basic Assign menu**

After drawing your model and then defining all properties cross sections materials etc for your model. You need to apply those defined properties to your model elements. Some FEA softwares for example LUSAS allows you to drag and drop already defined properties to model elements.

But in ETABS you first have to select the element and go to assign menu to assign its properties.

Under assign menu you will notice two main groups of menus. First one is for assigning properties to points, lines and areas.

And second category is for assigning loads.

Let's explore their basics one by one.