**58\_Closing, moving and sending model files**

Models can be closed either from file menu and clicking on exit or directly on close icon at top right. If the model is not saved ETABS will prompt you to take action. ETABS files have EDB extension and safe files have FDB extensions. Similarly extension of sap files are SDB.

Db means data base files. So ETABS database file is called EDB.

Beside EDB, ETABS also creates a text file which can be imported back into ETABS. This text file has extension of $et. You can change your model directly in this text file and import it.

These two files are needed if you want to send your model to someone via email, disk or internet for review. You can only send EDB file without text file but it is always a good idea to send the text file for the reasons we will explain in next advance course.

You can also move these two files directly to any other location without analysis files or if you want to keep the analysis files just copy the whole folder and ETABS results will remain unchanged.