In SQL, `ANY` and `LIKE` are operators used in different contexts, each with its own specific purpose:

1. `ANY` in SQL

- The `ANY` operator is typically used with subqueries and works with comparison operators (=, `!=`, <, >, etc.).
- It allows you to compare a value to any value in a list or a subquery result.
- `ANY` is used to check if a condition is true for at least one value in a subquery.

Example of `ANY`

```
sql
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SELECT product_name, price
FROM products
WHERE price > ANY (SELECT price FROM products WHERE category = 'electronics');
```

In this example:

- The query returns products with a price greater than **any** price within the electronics category.
- It means it will fetch products with a price higher than the lowest price found in the electronics category.

2. `LIKE` in SQL

- The `LIKE` operator is used for pattern matching within string data.
- It is commonly used with wildcard characters (% and _).
    - % matches any number of characters (including zero).
    - _ matches a single character.

Example of `LIKE`

```
sql
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SELECT customer_name
FROM customers
WHERE customer_name LIKE 'A%';
```

In this example:

- The query returns customer names that start with the letter "A".
- The % wildcard allows any sequence of characters after "A".

Summary Comparison

Operator	Use Case	Example	Description
`ANY`	Comparing a value to a set of results from a subquery	`price > ANY (...)`	Checks if the condition is met for at least one value in a list or subquery result
`LIKE`	Pattern matching with strings	`name LIKE 'A%'`	Finds strings that match a specific pattern using % and _ wildcards

Use `ANY` when you need to compare against a range of values and `LIKE` for searching based on patterns in text data.