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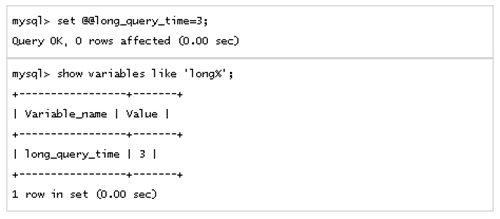
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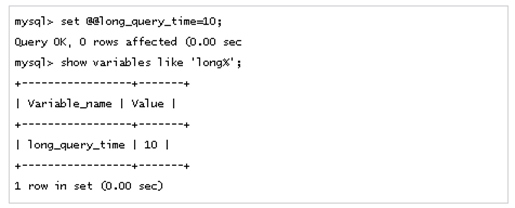
**SCENARIO**: *I have run in to the issue where I wanted to change some configuration on our production MySQL server but did not want to restart MySQL since its in production.*

One of the parameters we like to change time to time is the “*log\_slow\_queries*” so we can see what queries are slow in production environment.

But obviously we don’t want to restart **mySQL** server so we start up **mySQL** client and type:

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Once you are done checking for slow queries, you can reset it back to whatever value you want by repeating the command with higher number (*default is 10*).

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There are many more variables you can change. Type:

show variables

in the **mysql client** to see the list and what all those variables are set to.