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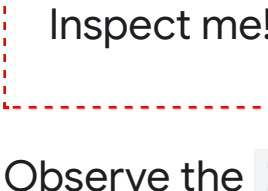
View and change CSS



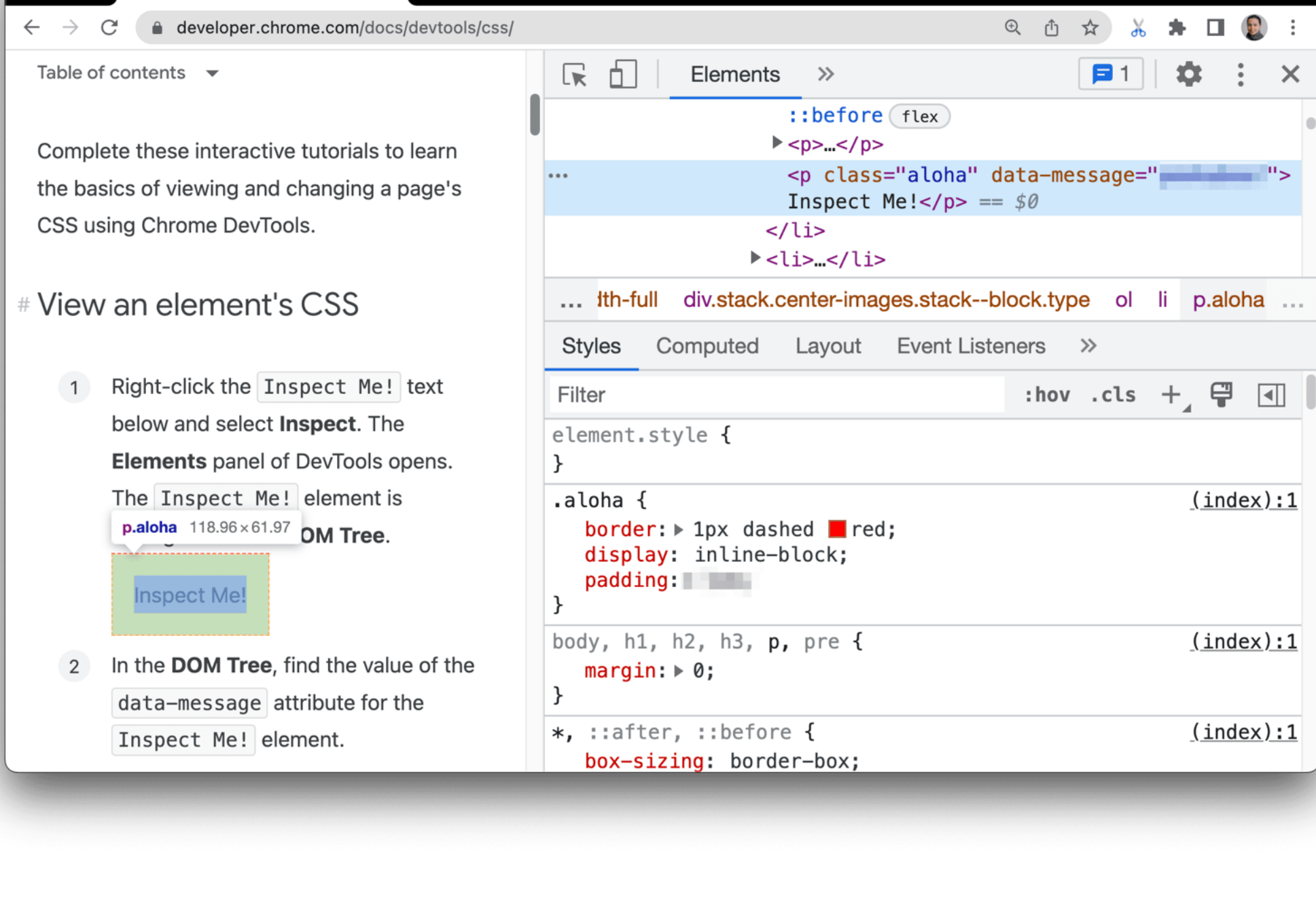
Complete these interactive tutorials to learn the basics of viewing and changing a page's CSS using Chrome DevTools.

View an element's CSS

- Right-click the `Inspect me!` text below and select **Inspect**. The **Elements** panel of DevTools opens.



- Observe the `Inspect me!` element highlighted blue in the **DOM Tree**.



- In the **DOM Tree**, find the value of the `data-message` attribute for the `Inspect me!` element.
- Enter the attribute's value in the text box below.



- In the **Elements** > **Styles** pane, find the `.aloha` class rule.

The **Styles** pane lists the CSS rules being applied to whatever element is selected in the **DOM Tree**, which should still be the `Inspect me!` element.

- The `.aloha` class is declaring a value for `padding`. Enter this value and its unit without spaces in the text box below.

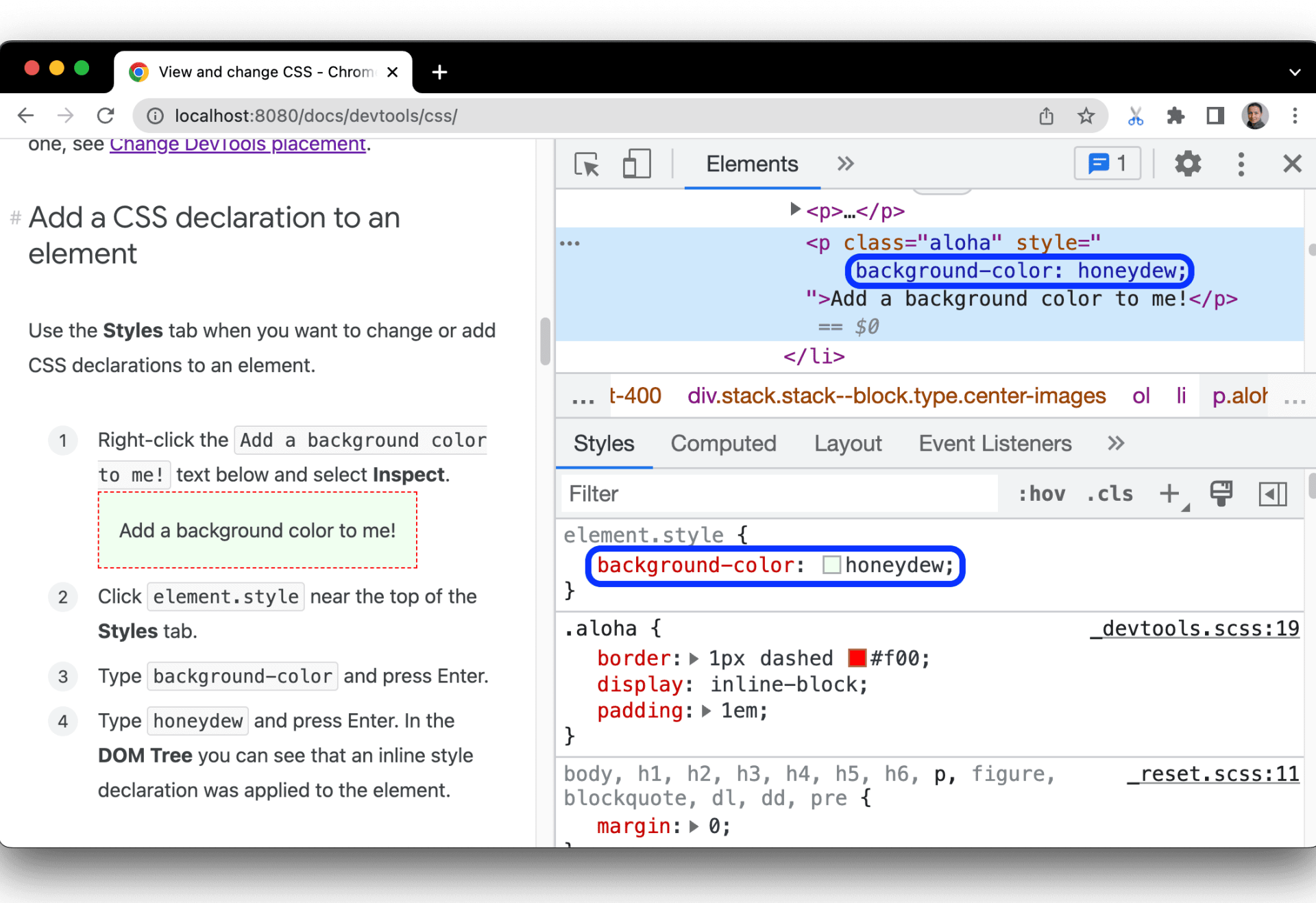


If you'd like to dock your DevTools window to the right of your viewport, like on the screenshot in step one, see [Change DevTools placement](#).

Add a CSS declaration to an element

Use the **Styles** pane when you want to change or add CSS declarations to an element.

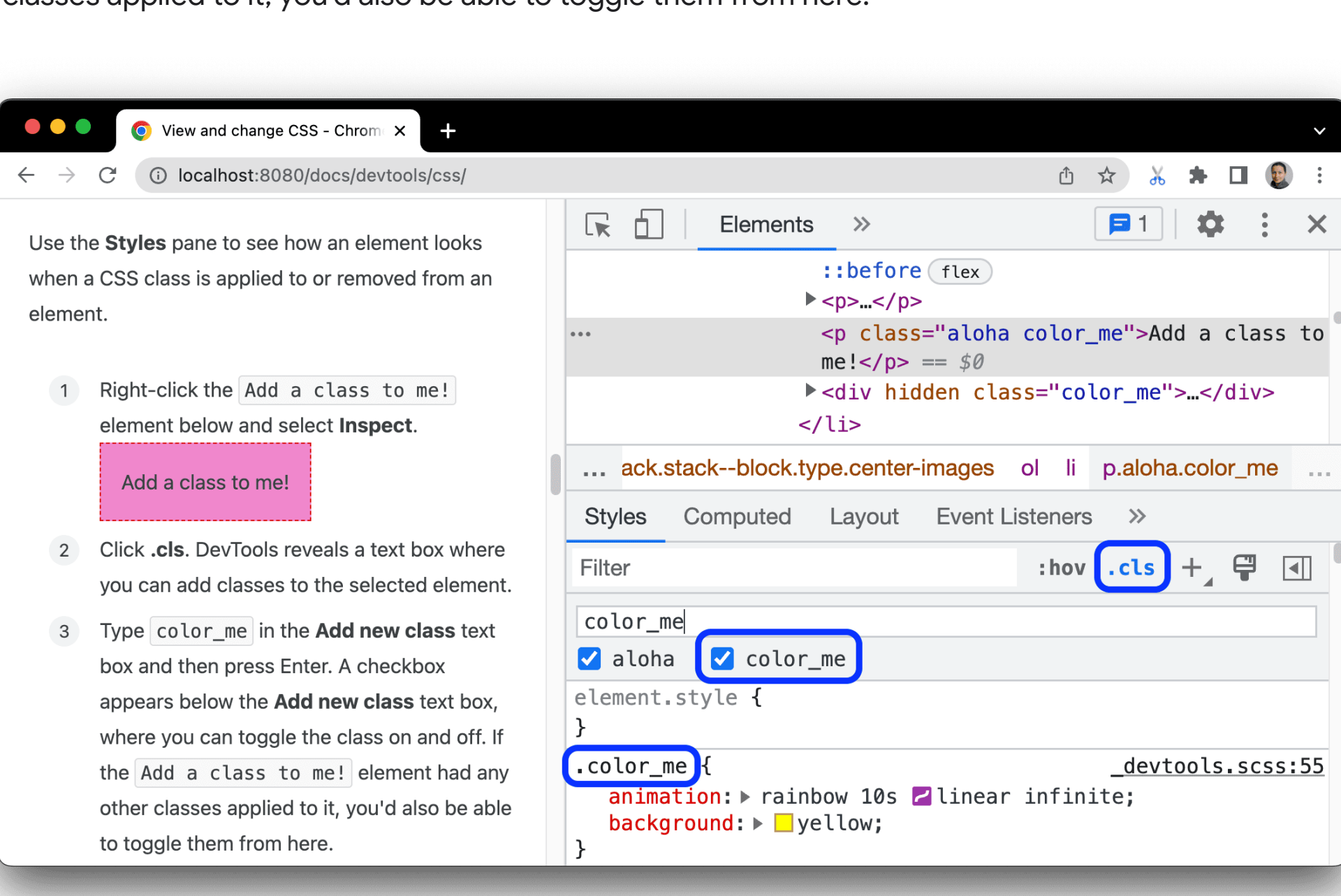
- Right-click the `Add a background color to me!` text below and select **Inspect**.
- Click `element.style` near the top of the **Styles** pane.
- Type `background-color` and press Enter.
- Type `honeydew` and press Enter. In the **DOM tree**, you can see that an inline style declaration was applied to the element.



Add a CSS class to an element

Use the **Styles** pane to see how an element looks when a CSS class is applied to or removed from an element.

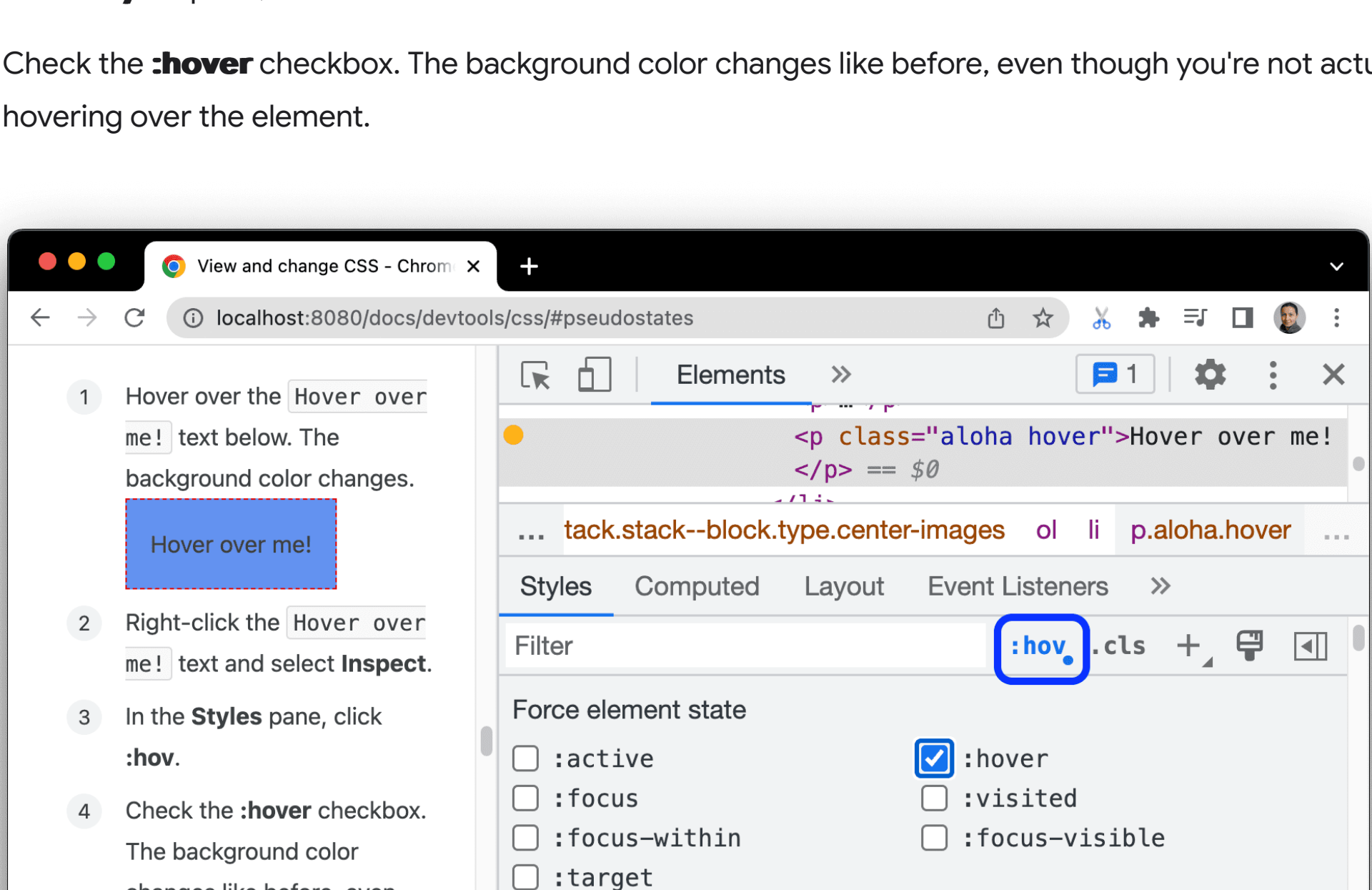
- Right-click the `Add a class to me!` element below and select **Inspect**.
- Click `.cls`. DevTools reveals a text box where you can add classes to the selected element.
- Type `color_me` in the **Add new class** text box and then press Enter. A checkbox appears below the **Add new class** text box, where you can toggle the class on and off. If the `Add a class to me!` element had any other classes applied to it, you'd also be able to toggle them from here.



Add a pseudostate to a class

Use the **Styles** pane to apply a CSS pseudostate to an element. DevTools supports `:active`, `:focus`, `:focus-within`, `:target`, `:hover`, `:visited`, or `focus-visible`.

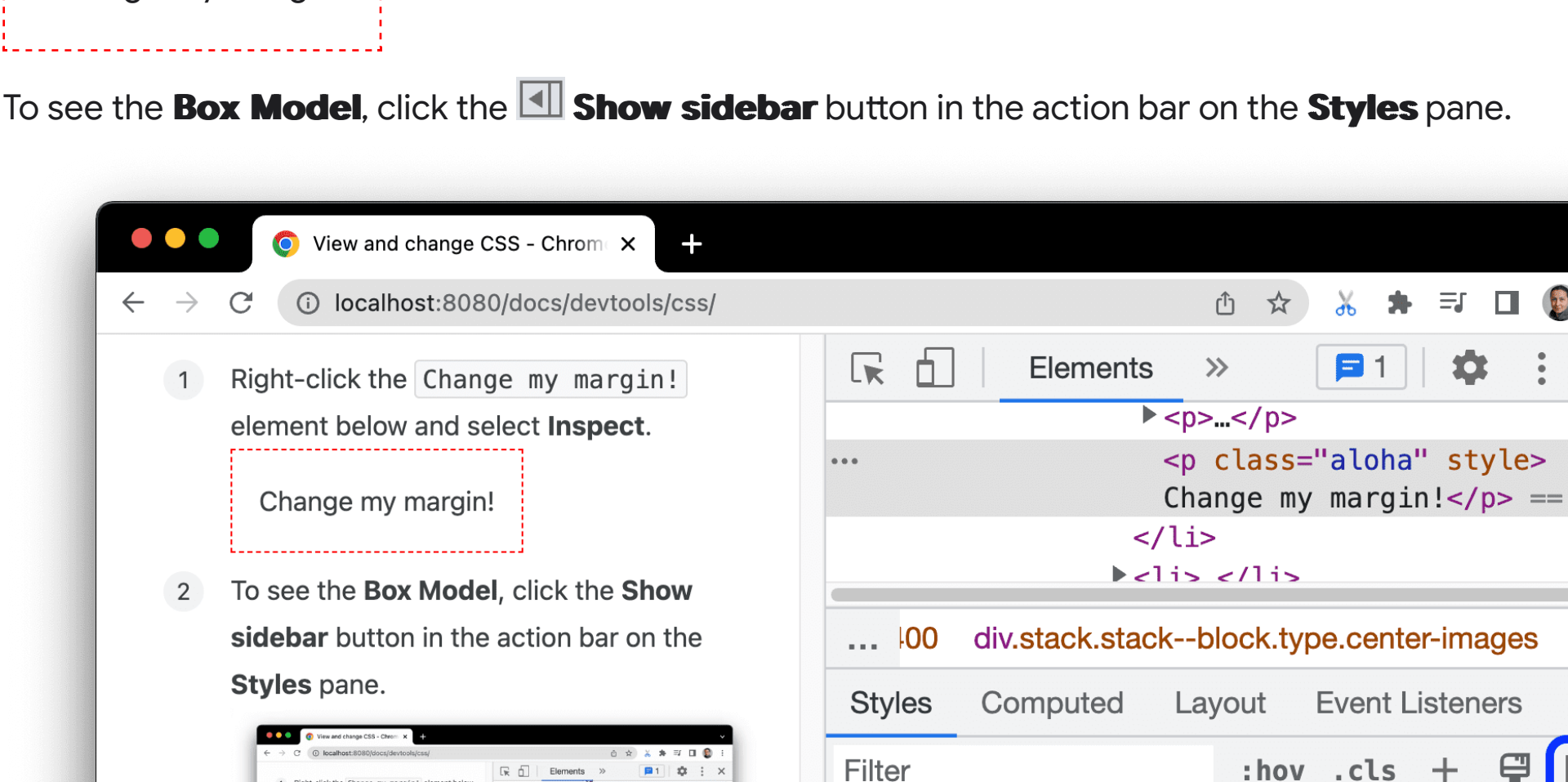
- Hover over the `Hover over me!` text below. The background color changes.
- Right-click the `Hover over me!` text and select **Inspect**.
- In the **Styles** pane, click `:hov`.
- Check the `:hover` checkbox. The background color changes like before, even though you're not actually hovering over the element.



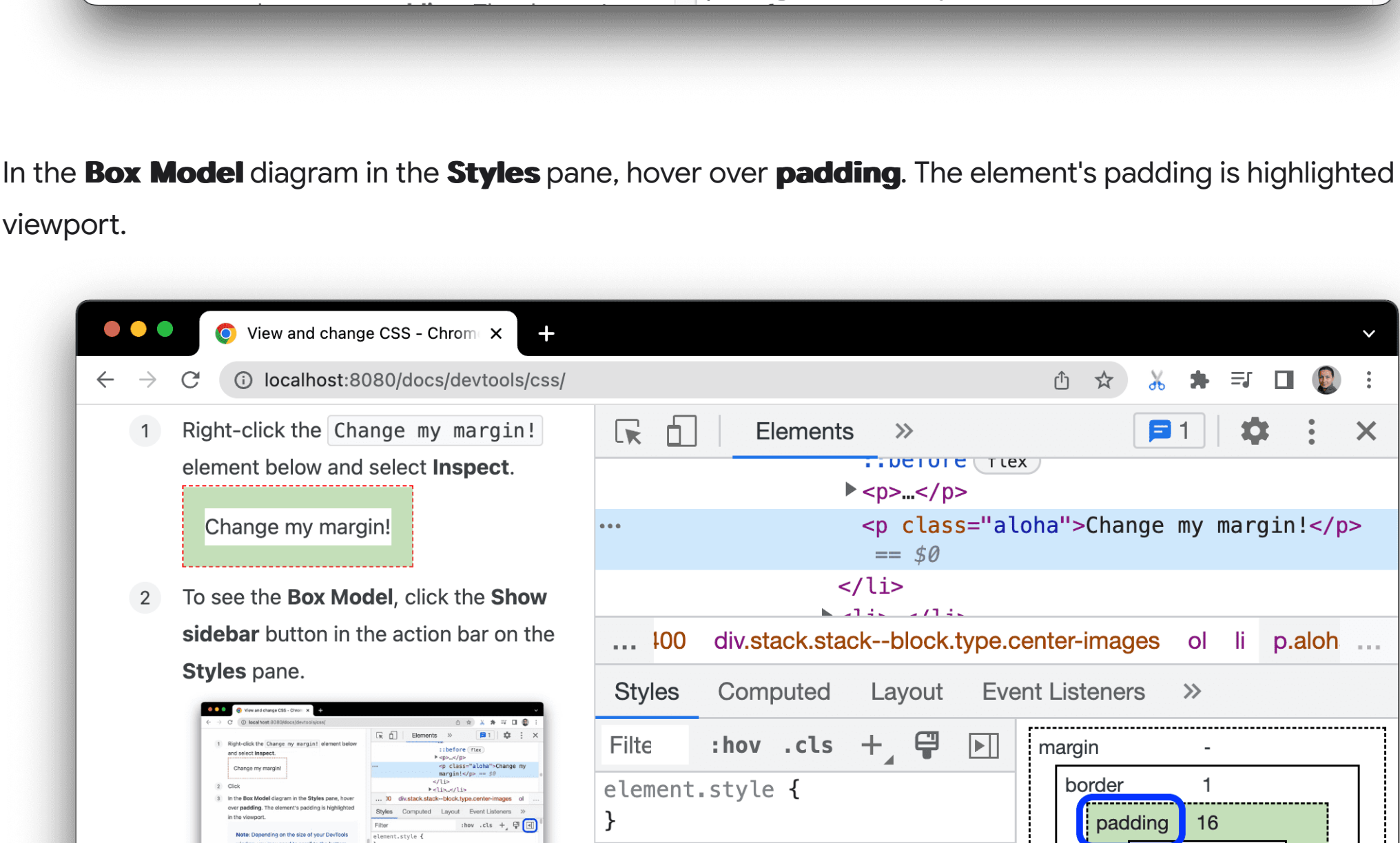
Change the dimensions of an element

Use the **Box Model** interactive diagram in the **Styles** pane to change the width, height, padding, margin, or border length of an element.

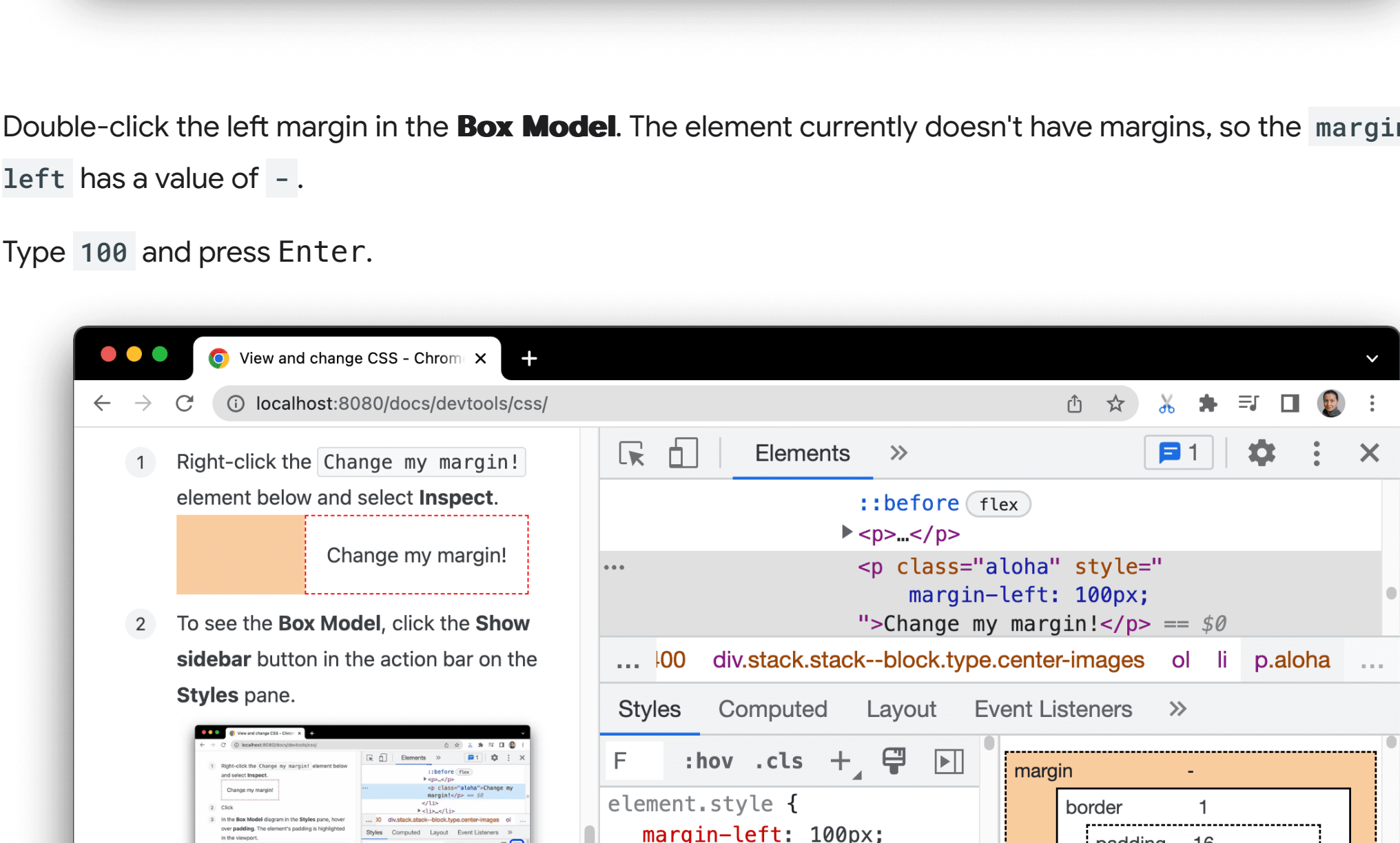
- Right-click the `Change my margin!` element below and select **Inspect**.
- To see the **Box Model**, click the **Show sidebar** button in the action bar on the **Styles** pane.



- In the **Box Model** diagram in the **Styles** pane, hover over **padding**. The element's padding is highlighted in the viewport.



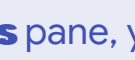
- Double-click the left margin in the **Box Model**. The element currently doesn't have margins, so the `margin-left` has a value of `=`.
- Type `100` and press Enter.



The **Box Model** defaults to pixels, but it also accepts other values, such as `25%` or `10vw`.

Key point: Alternatively, in rule declarations in the **Styles** pane, you can change length properties and their units with your pointer.

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