

# Context Strategy Selector

< 500 tokens

*Direct Input*

**Direct Input**

- Full document
- Single pass
- No processing
- Fastest

~2 sec

USD 0.01

500-2K tokens

*Truncation*

**Smart Truncation**

- Keep intro/conclusion
- Sample middle
- Preserve structure
- Good quality

~3 sec

USD 0.02

2K-10K tokens

*Chunking*

**Chunking**

- Split with overlap
- Process each
- Merge summaries
- Reliable

~10 sec

USD 0.05-0.10

> 10K tokens

*Hierarchical*

**Hierarchical**

- Chunk → Summarize
- Merge → Summarize
  - Recursive
- Best for books

~30+ sec

USD 0.20+

**Model Context Windows:**

GPT-3.5: 4K tokens | GPT-4: 8K-32K tokens | Claude: 100K tokens