**Client-Side Method State Management Summary**

The following table lists the client-side state management options that are available with ASP.NET, and provides recommendations about when you should use each option.

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| **State management option** | **Recommended usage** |
| View state | Use when you need to store small amounts of information for a page that will post back to itself. Using the [ViewState](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/system.web.ui.control.viewstate.aspx) property provides functionality with basic security. |
| Control state | Use when you need to store small amounts of state information for a control between round trips to the server. |
| Hidden fields | Use when you need to store small amounts of information for a page that will post back to itself or to another page, and when security is not an issue.  Description: Note**Note**  You can use a hidden field only on pages that are submitted to the server. |
| Cookies | Use when you need to store small amounts of information on the client and security is not an issue. |
| Query string | Use when you are transferring small amounts of information from one page to another and security is not an issue.  Description: Note**Note**  You can use query strings only if you are requesting the same page, or another page via a link. |

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