



OrderFlow Magento Integration Guide

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Introduction

Background

OrderFlow is a Warehouse Management and Order Processing System that specialises in eCommerce fulfilment.

OrderFlow helps retailers and fulfilment specialist performs key 'back office' functions, from managing their warehouses, to handling picking and packing processes,

In order to fulfil these roles OrderFlow needs to integrate with eCommerce systems. Magento is the world's leading Open Source Enterprise eCommerce Platform. This document covers OrderFlow's integration with Magento.

Integration Operations

There are four main operations that are covered in the integration between OrderFlow and Magento.

- **export of products** from Magento to OrderFlow. Magento has a rich product model which makes it ideally suited to managing a retailer's product catalog. The product export operation allows products defined in Magento to be exported to OrderFlow.
- **export of orders** from Magento to OrderFlow. Magento is a public facing application, the 'shopping cart' software that members of the public use to find and purchase products online. Orders received in this way need to be passed through to OrderFlow for fulfilment.
- **notification of inventory changes** from OrderFlow to Magento. As the system responsible for stock management and fulfilment, OrderFlow needs to keep Magento up to date with changes to product inventory levels, to ensure that products are neither oversold nor undersold.
- **notification of shipments** despatched from OrderFlow to Magento. When shipments have been despatched, OrderFlow needs to inform Magento to ensure that the appropriate orders are marked as complete, and to assist the retailer's customer services in keeping customers up to date with the delivery of their orders.

These operations are all covered in detail in this document.

OrderFlow Magento Extension

OrderFlow is a web based warehouse management and order processing environment specifically designed to support high volume B2C pack and despatch operations.

Our integration with Magento is a very important part of our strategy to provide the best fulfilment environment for merchants using this eCommerce platform. On the OrderFlow side, we make use of the [Magento web services](#). On the Magento side, RealtimeDespatch provide a free and open source extension which can be installed in the Magento environment.

OrderFlow Magento Extension

The OrderFlow Magento extension aims to provide a robust integration between OrderFlow and Magento that addresses known issues with an OrderFlow/Magento integration that relies solely on natively available Magento Web Services.

The extension has been developed by the Magento agency [SixBySix](#), based in Glasgow, and wholly funded by OrderFlow. It is hosted on the [GitHub](#) `realtimedespatch/orderflow-magento-module` open source project repository.

The extension includes the following features:

- Event based despatch of configured data from Magento to the OrderFlow API (including products, quantities, prices, shipping values, order id, discount codes etc).
- Partial stock pushes from OrderFlow to Magento API.
- Scheduled and on-demand pushes of product definitions from Magento to OrderFlow.
- Requeue and retry of failed updates, with error notifications visible in the Magento administration console.
- Context sensitive links in Magento Admin that allow users with the necessary rights to navigate directly to the OrderFlow environment to view the details of shipment or products within the warehouse environment.
- Configurable schedules for product exports and order export retries in addition to general configuration settings.
- Extensible, open codebase to allow further customisation for merchant specific requirements.

This document aims to cover everything that merchants and their agencies need to know about installing, using, configuring and receiving support for the OrderFlow Magento extension, both from the OrderFlow and the Magento administrator's perspective.

Licensing and Compatibility

The OrderFlow Magento extension is released under the [Open Software Licence v3.0](#). The Licensor is OrderFlow Limited.

The module is compatible with the following Magento versions:

- Magento CE 1.6, 1.6.1, 1.6.2, 1.7, 1.8, 1.8.1, 1.9, 1.9.1
- Magento EE 1.11, 1.12, 1.13, 1.14

Support Arrangements

The OrderFlow Magento extension is designed to be easy to install and configure.

However, Magento is a complex environment, and each installation typically includes a number of other third party modules that need to work alongside the OrderFlow extension and may interact with it. Merchants manage their Magento installations either through the use of an in house support and development team, or by contracting a Magento Agency.

In these kinds of environments, additional support effort is often required to install and configure the module to work successfully.

This chapter explains the support arrangements available for the OrderFlow Magento module.

Key Parties

For the avoidance of confusion, it is worth pointing out who may be involved, and what their responsibilities are likely to be in the process of installing, configuring and supporting the OrderFlow extension.

The Merchant

The Merchant is the 'owner' of the overall process. Typically, the Merchant is also a OrderFlow customer, or a client of a 3PL that is an OrderFlow customer.

Extension Developer

The Extension Developer is [SixBySix](#) , also a Magento Developer. They do not have any direct responsibility for administering the Merchant's environment.

Their efforts may be required to support specific issues relating to the functioning of the module, to develop additional module features, etc.

Any chargeable work incurred by the Extension Developer is covered by OrderFlow. In some cases, depending on the issue concerned, the costs incurred are passed on to the OrderFlow customer (normally, the Merchant).

If any conflict occurs between the OrderFlow extension and any other third party extension, the Extension Developer may be brought in on a chargeable basis to address this.

Note that if the Extension Developer is required to provide rapid response support for the module to coincide with a new launch, then advance notice will need to be given for this in order to ensure their availability.

The Extension Developer should typically not have direct access to the live Magento server. They will however require direct access to the test Magento server (including SSH access) to perform support tasks.

Primary Magento Agency

The Primary Magento Agency is responsible maintaining the Merchant's Magento environment, **administering their live and test servers**, etc, and for developing custom Magento features for the Merchant.

The Primary Magento Agency will be responsible for all **deployments**, including those to both test and live environments.

The Primary Magento Agency will be responsible for **maintaining a test environment** that closely represents the features present in the live environment. If necessary, the Primary Magento Agency may be asked to replicate the aspects of the live environment in test, in order to reproduce live issues and to allow the Extension Developer to access to a technical environment in which these issues can be debugged.

Support Process

All support for the module is coordinated through the OrderFlow ticketing system. For each OrderFlow customer, a Magento module-specific project will be set up, to which each of the above-named parties will have access.

OrderFlow plays a coordination role in this process, providing the following services:

- leading the initial induction process to ensure that the module is installed correctly
- ensuring that the relevant parties have access to the shared Merchant-specific project on the OrderFlow support ticketing system
- ensuring that the necessary system access is available to the relevant parties
- if an issue has been raised, doing the the initial triage to verify that the issue is valid, and to identify a possible cause
- if *additional* chargeable work is likely to be incurred, or if further investigation is required by the Extension Developer, to arrange for this to happen

OrderFlow will charge for support work undertaken on the same basis as support work for OrderFlow itself. Typically, this means that work is chargeable unless it is the result of a bug which has *not* been introduced by a specific change made to the Magento environment by the Merchant or the Primary Magento Agency.

Note that neither OrderFlow nor the Extension Developer (SixBySix) will take any responsibility for configuring or maintaining any Magento environment, or for deploying changes to this environment, apart from configuration changes made through the Magento Administration Console.

Required Access

The table below indicates the level of access that will be required to support the Magento module.

Access Required	Primary Agency	OrderFlow	Extension Developer
Test Admin Panel	Yes	Yes	Yes
Test SSH	Yes	Yes	Yes
Test Database	Yes	Yes	Yes
Live Admin Panel	Yes	No	No
Live SSH	Yes	No	No
Live Database	Yes	No	No

Note that where access to the live system is required for either OrderFlow or the Extension Developer, this will need to take place via a [TeamViewer](#) session with the help of the Primary Agency, arranged between the parties concerned.

Induction Process

Merchants using the OrderFlow Magento extension will be required to go through an induction process.

The purpose of an induction process is to ensure that problems that might arise with the extension can be dealt with in a cost effective and timely manner.

Having an induction process helps to ensure that the Merchant's and Primary Magento Agency's first experience of using the module is a positive one.

The induction process will involve the following:

- clarification on who the main parties are as described in the previous section.
- ensuring that system access as described above is already available.
- clarification the support process, and ensure that all parties are aware of their responsibilities.
- help in verifying the installation of the module in the test environment, with the assistance of this documents.
- any further training in the use of the Magento extension.

A recommended first step for any Magento agency that is new to the module is to install the module on a clean Magento environment before attempting to install the module in the customer's test environment.

An example of how this can be done is covered in the Clean Magento Install section.

Customisation

The Primary Magento Agency should be able to take care of any **additional advanced configuration** that is required to customise data mappings for products and orders exported from Magento to OrderFlow. Additional support of this effort can be provided, if required, by the Extension Developer.

Installation

This section documents the install process. As described in the [Support Arrangements](#) chapter, the process of installing the OrderFlow Magento extension needs to be undertaken by the Primary Support Agency, supported by OrderFlow and, where necessary, the Extension Developer.

The installation is performed as a file-based install via a supplied compressed archive in the *tar.gz* format.

An install based on the [Composer](#) PHP dependency manager is also possible for Magento integrators who are already familiar with and would like to continue using this tool. However, this option is not covered in this document.

Prerequisites

For the Magento extension to run, developer symlinks need to be enabled.

From **System -> Configuration -> Developer -> Template Settings**, select 'Yes' to the *Allow Symlinks* option.

Obtaining the Files

During the [Induction Process](#), the Primary Magento Agency will be directed to the relevant release.

The latest built release is available via the following URL:

<https://www.sixbysix.co.uk/orderflow/releases/>.

In most cases, you will need to download the most recently available file from the list.

The selected file can be downloaded and placed in the Magento root directory using the command:

```
sudo -u www-data wget https://www.sixbysix.co.uk/orderflow/releases/orderflow[version].tar.gz -O orderflow.tar.gz
```

Example output is shown below:

```
sudo -u www-data wget https://www.sixbysix.co.uk/orderflow/orderflow.tar.gz -O orderflow.tar.gz
--2015-09-10 14:57:51-- https://www.sixbysix.co.uk/orderflow/orderflow.tar.gz
Resolving www.sixbysix.co.uk (www.sixbysix.co.uk)... 178.79.180.182
Connecting to www.sixbysix.co.uk (www.sixbysix.co.uk)|178.79.180.182|:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 301 Moved Permanently
Location: https://www.sixbysix.co.uk/orderflow/orderflow.tar.gz/ [following]
--2015-09-10 14:57:51-- https://www.sixbysix.co.uk/orderflow/orderflow.tar.gz/
Reusing existing connection to www.sixbysix.co.uk:443.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 301 Moved Permanently
Location: https://www.sixbysix.co.uk/orderflow/releases/orderflow-1.0.0.30-master.tar.gz [following]
--2015-09-10 14:57:51-- https://www.sixbysix.co.uk/orderflow/releases/orderflow-1.0.0.30-master.tar.gz
Reusing existing connection to www.sixbysix.co.uk:443.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 418600 (409K) [application/octet-stream]
Saving to: 'orderflow.tar.gz'

100%[=====] 418,600 1.94MB/s in 0.2s

2015-09-10 14:57:51 (1.94 MB/s) - 'orderflow.tar.gz' saved [418600/418600]
```

Deploy the Files

Note that through the `-u www-data` the file is being downloaded with the `www-data` user permissions.

Deploy the Files

Warning

We'd strongly recommend taking a backup of the Magento web root directory before performing this operation, in case any mistakes are made and need to be reversed.

Once the files have been extracted they can be installed in the Magento web root directory.

The file can be extracted into the Magento web root directory using the following command:

```
sudo -u www-data tar -xvf orderflow.tar.gz
```

Note that this command does not extract the module files directly into the application subdirectories. Instead, it extracts the files into a subdirectory which corresponds with the version of the file that has been downloaded. After the extraction, a versioned file will be present in the Magento web root directory:

```
/var/www/magento$ ls -l orderflow-1.0.0.30-master/  
total 12  
drwxr-xr-x  5 www-data www-data 4096 Sep 10 13:42 app  
drwxr-xr-x  3 www-data www-data 4096 Sep 10 13:42 skin  
drwxr-xr-x 11 www-data www-data 4096 Sep 10 15:38 vendor
```

The files in these subdirectories can then be copied into the root subdirectory in the following way:

```
cd orderflow-1.0.0.30-master  
sudo -u www-data cp -R * ../
```

Updating the Extension

Warning

We'd strongly recommend taking a backup of the Magento web root directory before performing this operation, in case any mistakes are made and need to be reversed.

Performing the module update can be done in exactly the same way as performing a module install. Simply follow the steps in the previous section, overwriting the existing module files as necessary.

In case the state of any existing install is uncertain, it is best to clean down the environment to uninstall the existing extension ready for a new installation. To uninstall the module navigate to the magento root directory, and run the following command:

```
$ sudo rm -rf app/code/community/SixBySix \  
vendor/sixbysix
```

Cron Setup

```
app/design/adminhtml/default/default/layout/realtimespach.xml \
app/design/adminhtml/default/default/template/realtimespach \
app/etc/modules/SixBySix_RealTimeDespatch.xml
```

Cron Setup

The OrderFlow Magento extension relies on the use of the Magento scheduling functionality to run background jobs. The Magento cron functionality will need to be enabled.

A commonly used extension for managing scheduling in Magento is [AOE Scheduler](#). If scheduling has been set up using this extension, then no further setup will be necessary.

If not, the the Magento cron functionality will need to be turned on. To do this, run the following command:

```
sudo crontab -u www-data -e
```

Using one of the editors, add the following line to the crontab file, and save.

```
*/* * * * * /bin/bash /var/www/magento/cron.sh
```

The above result in the Magento scheduling functionality being invoked every minute.

Final Steps

A couple of further actions will need to be performed before the module extension install or update properly takes effect.

First, **clear the Magento cache**. This can be done from the Admin Panel, by navigating to **System -> Cache Management** and clicking 'Flush Magento Cache' and 'Flush Cache Storage'.

It may also be necessary to clear the Zend framework cache, which can be done on the command line via

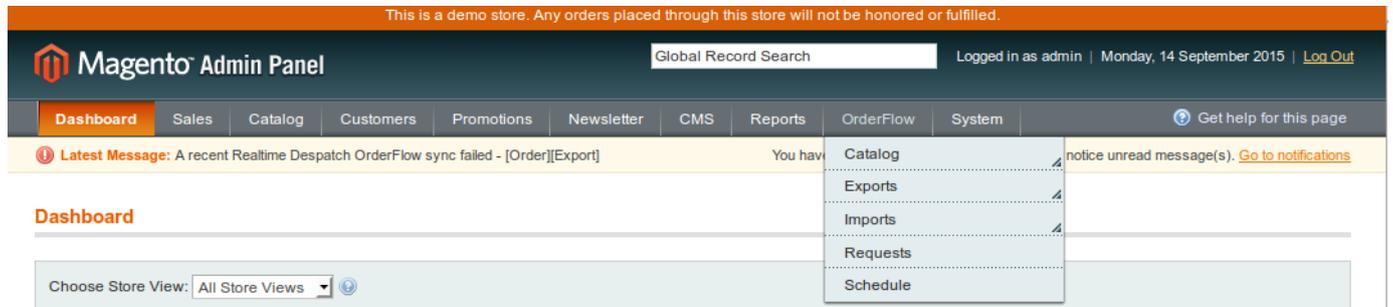
```
sudo rm -rf /tmp/zend_cache---*
```

Second, **log out** and log in again.

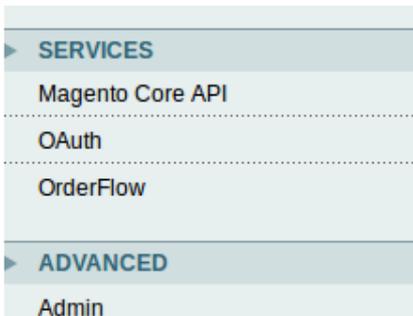
Verification

After the install has been completed, a few basic verification steps can be conducted to ensure that the module has been installed properly.

- The **OrderFlow** menu item should appear at the top level menu on the Magento Admin Panel.



- An **OrderFlow** menu should also appear under **System -> Configuration** in the SERVICES section.



At this point you can verify that navigating to these menus shows module-specific screens, without any errors being reported.

System -> Configuration -> Services -> OrderFlow should display the module version number and text similar to the following:

```
OrderFlow v1.0.0.30
A module provided for OrderFlow by the Magento agency SixBySix
```

(Note the version number for support and/or future upgrades.)

If some or all of these elements are missing then the installation has failed. At this point, view the Troubleshooting section below, or attempt to reinstall the module. If necessary, raise a support request with the OrderFlow support team for further assistance.

The following chapters will cover further verification of the functionality of the extension.

Troubleshooting

Below are the suggested remedial actions following problems encountered during previous installation on certain environments.

Permissions Not Correct

In a typical Debian or Ubuntu distribution of Linux, the Magento application is served from an Apache Virtual Host mapped from a subdirectory of `/var/www`, for example, `/var/www/magento` but the document root directory from which Magento is served will be dependent on your server environment.

The Magento application needs to read, write and execute access to this folder via the Apache user, normally `www-data` in a Debian or Ubuntu distribution.

If correcting permissions is necessary, you can use the following command from the Magento root directory:

```
sudo chown www-data:www-data -R ./
```

OrderFlow menu is not visible

If following installation the OrderFlow menu is not visible on the Magento Admin Panel, the files may not have installed correctly. From the Magento root directory, run the following commands:

```
ls -l app/code/community/SixBySix
ls -l vendor/sixbysix
ls -l app/design/adminhtml/default/default/layout/realtimesdespatch.xml
ls -l app/design/adminhtml/default/default/template/realtimesdespatch
ls -l app/etc/modules/SixBySix_RealTimeDespatch.xml
```

None of the file commands above should return an empty listing. If so, then repeat the steps described in the [Deploy the Files](#) section.

404 on Configuration Screen

If you see the '404 Not Found' when navigating to **System -> Configuration -> OrderFlow**, you will need to log out of the Magento Admin Panel, and log in again.

Blank Screen When Exporting Product to OrderFlow

Magento error messages are hidden by default, so the you will need to enable display of errors. In Magento 1.9.1.1 this can be done by adding the following lines to the `index.php` file in the Magento root directory:

```
Mage::setIsDeveloperMode(true);
ini_set('display_errors', 1);
```

The lines will need to be added before the Magento is framework is invoked, that is prior to the line:

```
Mage::run($mageRunCode, $mageRunType);
```

Subsequent attempts to perform the same operation will then show a stack trace. If a stack trace similar to the following is shown:

Troubleshooting

```
Fatal error: Class 'SixBySix\RealtimeDespatch\Api\Credentials' not found
```

then a cacheing issue has occurred. In this case, clear the Magento and Zend framework caches. If this does not resolve the issue, then PHP Opcacheing may be enabled, in which case a restart of Apache will be necessary to fix the problem.

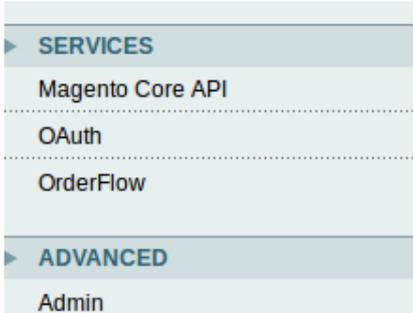
Magento Configuration

Assuming that the OrderFlow Magento extension has been installed successfully, we now need to configure it to work with OrderFlow.

Note that there is also some configuration required on the OrderFlow side, which we cover in the [Orderflow Configuration](#) chapter.

Navigate to **System -> Configuration** on the Magento Admin Panel.

You should also be able to see OrderFlow in the **SERVICES** section, as shown in the screenshot below.



Click on **OrderFlow** and the module configuration page will appear.

General Module Settings

To begin with, let's consider the general settings on the extension's configuration screen, shown below:

OrderFlow Save Config

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General

External API Connection

Endpoint	<input type="text" value="http://localhost:8081/web/"/>	[GLOBAL]
Username	<input type="text" value="philz"/>	[GLOBAL]
Password	<input type="password" value="****"/>	[GLOBAL]
Organisation	<input type="text" value="magento"/>	[GLOBAL]
Channel	<input type="text" value="magento"/>	[GLOBAL]

Product Export

Order Export

Inventory Import

Shipment Import

Log Cleaning

Cron Expression	<input type="text" value="****"/>	[GLOBAL]
Web Log Duration	<input type="text" value="30 Days"/>	[GLOBAL]
XML Log Duration	<input type="text" value="5 Days"/>	[GLOBAL]

Admin Information

Enabled	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[GLOBAL]
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General Settings

Enabled: This needs to be set to **Yes** in order to turn on module functionality.

Admin Name: The name of the administrator responsible for the installation.

Email Address The address for email alerts.

External API Connection

These are the main settings for connecting to the OrderFlow instance. The correct values for these will be depend on the configuration of the target OrderFlow environment, and will be set with the help of OrderFlow support.

Endpoint: This is the base OrderFlow API URL to which the extension will send messages.

Username: The OrderFlow user configured to receive API requests from the Magento extension.

Password: The password for the above user.

Organisation: The configured OrderFlow organisation to which API requests relate. Must correspond with the identifier for an organisation within OrderFlow to which the above named user has access.

General Module Settings

Channel: The configured OrderFlow sales channel to which API requests relate. Note that in OrderFlow, channels belong to organisations, so this channel needs to be one which belongs to the organisation named above. Again, the value supplied must correspond with the identifier for a channel within OrderFlow to which the above named user has access.

The channel may already be set up in OrderFlow, otherwise it can be entered here and subsequently created in OrderFlow. By convention this channel is usually named *magento*.

Log Cleaning

The extension produces a significant amount of log and management data that is used both for the functioning of the module as well as being helpful for verification. The log cleaning options ensure that the volume log data that the extension generates is kept manageable, and does not grow indefinitely.

Cron Expression: The cron expression that controls the frequency of log cleaning operations. Daily running of the log cleaning operations is sufficient.

Web Log Duration: The period for which records generated by the extension will be retained in the Magento *var/log* directory.

XML Log Duration: The length of time for which request and response XML will be stored.

Admin Information

This option should be left enabled.

Import and Export Settings

The import and export settings control the functional elements of the extension. Specifically,

Current Configuration Scope: Default Config [Manage Stores](#)

Configuration

- ▶ GENERAL
 - General
 - Web
 - Design
 - Currency Setup
 - Store Email Addresses
 - Contacts
 - Reports
 - Content Management
- ▶ CATALOG
 - Catalog
 - Configurable Swatches
 - Inventory
 - Google Sitemap
 - RSS Feeds
 - Email to a Friend
- ▶ CUSTOMERS
 - Newsletter
 - Customer Configuration
 - Wishlist
 - Promotions
 - Persistent Shopping Cart
- ▶ SALES
 - Sales
 - Sales Emails
 - PDF Print-outs
 - Tax
 - Checkout

[Save Config](#)

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General

External API Connection

Product Export

Include image field	Yes	[GLOBAL]
Enabled	Yes	[GLOBAL]
Store	Default Store	[GLOBAL]
Cron Expression	*/* * * * *	[GLOBAL]
Batch Size	50	[GLOBAL]

Order Export

Enabled	Yes	[GLOBAL]
Cron Expression	*/* * * * *	[GLOBAL]
Batch Size	10	[GLOBAL]

Inventory Import

Enabled	Yes	[GLOBAL]
Cron Expression	*/* * * * *	[GLOBAL]
Batch Size	100	[GLOBAL]
Allow Negative Quantities	Yes	[GLOBAL]

Shipment Import

Enabled	Yes	[GLOBAL]
Cron Expression	*/* * * * *	[GLOBAL]
Batch Size	100	[GLOBAL]

Product Export

This controls behaviour of the export of product definitions from Magento to OrderFlow.

Enabled: Needs to be set for export of product definitions to take place. If enabled, then any change to a product definition will result in an update being sent to OrderFlow. Additionally, if enabled, an option will be present on the **Catalog -> Manage Products** grid to manually export to OrderFlow the definitions for selected products.

Include Image Field: Magento can include a product image (or a default image) when exporting a product or products to OrderFlow. This field either enables or disables including an image. Note that if this option is set, then if there is no product image AND no default Magento image specified, the export will fail. If the value is set to Yes, then confirm there is a default Magento image available in **System > Configuration > Catalog > Product Image Placeholders**, where you can upload a default image.

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Import and Export Settings

Cron Expression: controls the frequency of checks for updated products. Each time the cron expression is run, then up to a configured maximum number of new or updated product definitions are sent to OrderFlow. The configured maximum is controlled by the **Batch Size**.

Order Export

The settings for the export of orders from Magento to OrderFlow are supplied here. Once orders have been invoiced in Magento, they are eligible for export to OrderFlow. Orders can be exported manually, but more typically orders will be exported automatically based on the schedule configuration in this section.

Enabled: Needs to be set for export of orders to take place.

Cron Expression: Controls the frequency of the automatic order export. An order will be exported if it is eligible for exporting, and has not already been exported. It is not necessary to set this too frequently - once every few minutes should be more than adequate.

Batch Size: Determines the maximum number of orders that will be exported each time the schedule runs.

Inventory Import

The inventory import is initiated by OrderFlow to send product inventory quantities to Magento.

For performance reasons, stock updates are not applied immediately. Instead, the requests are queued by the Magento extension, and applied via a Magento cron job.

The settings on this screen control the timing of these schedules, as well as the number of stock updates applied per schedule execution.

Enabled: Needs to be set to allow the import of inventory updates to take place.

Cron Expression: Determines the run frequency of the job to apply stock updates following requests received from OrderFlow.

Batch Size: Determines the maximum number of stock update requests that can be processed each time the inventory import job runs.

Allow Negative Quantities: Determines whether negative inventory quantities can be applied. An inventory level will be negative on OrderFlow for example when orders have been received for a product but there is no stock present for that product. Magento won't allow negative numbers to be applied, so if set to true, the extension will simply convert negative values received from OrderFlow to zero. The value for this field should be set to 'Yes'.

Shipment Import

The shipment import is initiated by OrderFlow when an order is despatched or part despatched, resulting in the creation of a shipment against the order in Magento.

As with the inventory imports, the shipment creation does not take place immediately; the request for shipment creation are queued, and applied when the shipment import schedule job executes.

The settings on this screen controls the execution of this scheduled job.

Enabled: Needs to be 'Yes' for the shipment import to take place.

Import and Export Settings

Cron Expression: Determines the run frequency of the job to create shipments in Magento following the despatch of shipments in OrderFlow.

Batch Size: Determines the maximum number of shipments created in Magento each time the scheduled job runs.

Web Services Configuration

OrderFlow uses the SOAP web services to communicate with the Magento extension. Configuration is required on the Magento side to enable the relevant web services.

A valid enabled Web Services User associated with an applicable Role must be in place for the extension to work. To create a Web Services User, first create an applicable role via **System > Web Services > SOAP/XML-RPC - Roles**.

By convention, we typically use the name *orderflow* for the OrderFlow Magento extension Role created in this way.

From the **Role Resources** submenu, the minimal custom resource access required is for the 'OrderFlow Import' resource, as shown below:

The screenshot displays the Magento Admin interface for editing a role named 'orderflow'. At the top, a navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'Sales', 'Catalog', 'Customers', 'Promotions', 'Newsletter', 'CMS', 'Reports', 'OrderFlow', and 'System'. A message banner at the top left states: 'Latest Message: A recent Realtime Despatch OrderFlow sync reported problems. Read details'. A notification at the top right says: 'You have 7 major unread message(s). Go to messages inbox'. On the left sidebar, the 'Role Resources' menu is active. The main content area shows a confirmation message: 'The role has been saved.' Below this is the 'Edit Role 'orderflow'' page with buttons for 'Back', 'Reset', 'Delete Role', and 'Save Role'. The 'Roles Resources' section is expanded, showing a tree view of resources. The 'OrderFlow Import' resource is selected with a checked checkbox. Other resources include Gift Message, Shopping Cart, Customer's information, Shipping methods in shopping cart, Payment methods in shopping cart, Products, AOE Scheduler, and Core.

Web Services Configuration

You can then create a *User* via **System > Web Services > SOAP/XML-RPC**.

Enter a value for the required fields, and ensure that the account is active.

The screenshot shows the 'New User' form in the System configuration page. The page has a navigation bar with 'System' selected. A message banner at the top indicates a recent Realtime Despatch OrderFlow sync reported problems. The form is titled 'New User' and includes a 'Back' button, a 'Reset' button, and a 'Save User' button. The form is divided into two sections: 'User Information' and 'Account Information'. The 'User Information' section has a sidebar with 'User Info' and 'User Role'. The 'Account Information' section contains the following fields:

Field	Value
User Name *	orderflow
First Name *	OrderFlow
Last Name *	OrderFlow
Email *	support@relatimesdespatch.co.uk
Current Admin Password *	*****
API Key *	*****
API Key Confirmation *	*****
This account is	Active

By convention, we typically use the name *orderflow* for the OrderFlow Magento extension user created in this way.

Make a note of the *API Key* for the user, as this will be required when setting the relevant password when configuring OrderFlow.

You will then need to associate the user with the role created above in order to give the user access to the extension resource.

OrderFlow Configuration

These instructions are primarily targeted at the OrderFlow administrator responsible for carrying out the OrderFlow side of the setup for the OrderFlow and Magento integration. For these steps you will need admin privileges on the target OrderFlow instance.

Module Configuration

As OrderFlow is a modular system, you will first need to ensure that the necessary modules are present:

Navigate to the **Advanced -> System -> Loaded Modules**, and confirm that the following modules are loaded.

```
rtd2-process  
rtd2-integration  
rtd2-integration-magento  
rtd2-web-integration
```

If any of these modules are not present, then this will need to be rectified in order to complete the integration. The steps for doing this are outside of the scope of this document.

User Configuration

In order to allow Magento to connect with OrderFlow, make sure that there is a user present that corresponds with the user setup in [Magento External API Connection](#) configuration.

Note that the user will need:

- access to the `/remoteorder/imports/importitems.xml` and `/remoteorder/imports/importitems.xml` resources. This is typically achieved by associating the user with the *Remote Importer* role.
- access to the organisation and channel required on which the connection is to take place.

Users

- List
- New
- Roles
- Logging
- Errors
- Jobs
- Housekeeping
- Health check
- Performance
- Couriers

Edit User Site: **Default** Organisation: **Magento**

Back to list | Next >>

Edit details for current user **magento**.

User details

Reference

Name

Description

Email Address

Default URI

Write Enabled

Roles

- All
- Remote printer
- Remote importer
- Remote order viewer
- Remote order modifier
- Remote warehouse viewer
- Remote payment
- Remote monitor

Global Report Access

Scope Access

Global Scope Access

Site Access

Global Site Access

Password

Password

Confirm password

Cancel Clone Update View details

Application Properties

The next step in to set up the application properties to correspond with the settings of the Magento installation described in [Magento Configuration](#) These include values for the endpoint URL, API user and API Key as described in the [Magento Web Services Configuration](#)

General Properties

From **Setup -> Properties -> Search** in OrderFlow, you will need to check the value for the property **inventory.process.based.notification** is set to `true`. (This property was added for backward compatibility purposes, but with the value set to `false`, inventory import using the extension will not be possible.)

Magento-specific Properties

From the same menu, do a search, but filter on the group 'Magento API'. This is where the Magento API properties are configured. We are only concerned with the following SOAP properties.

Magento API SOAP base URL: this is the base URL for the Magento API endpoint. In our example, the value used is `http://orderflow.magento/`. Navigating to this URL should take you to the public facing store (and not the Admin Panel).

Magento API SOAP User: this corresponds with the name of the user set up in the [Magento Web Services Configuration](#).

Magento API SOAP base URL: this corresponds with the API Key for the user set up in the [Magento Web Services Configuration](#).

Note that the properties used may need to be scoped by organisation or channel to align with the channel and organisation used with the specific Magento instance. For single channel or organisation OrderFlow environments, this will not be necessary.

Channel and Organisation Configuration

OrderFlow is a multi-channel and multi-organisation system that allows a single instance of OrderFlow to interface with multiple instances of Magento and other eCommerce platforms.

For a particular integration, the OrderFlow Channel and Organisation through which the specific Magento instance will communicate to OrderFlow will need to be correctly configured.

Give the channel the same name as entered in the Magento configuration e.g. magento. Set the organisation that will own the channel, choose Magento for the Integration API. The *Scheduled Handlers Activated* and *Periodic Reports Activated* options should be enabled.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Channel' interface in the OrderFlow application. The page title is 'OrderFlow system description - update the 'System Message' property to change this'. The header includes the 'Realtimedespach' logo, a placeholder for a customer logo, and user information: 'philz (Workstation unset) | Log Out | About'. A navigation menu contains: Despatch, Inventory, Warehouse, Import, Integration, Reports, Admin, Setup, and Advanced. A search bar is located to the right of the menu.

The main content area is titled 'Edit Channel' and shows details for the channel 'magento'. The 'Channel details' section includes the following fields and options:

- Reference: magento
- Name: Magento
- URL: (empty)
- Organisation: Magento (dropdown menu)
- Integration API: Magento (dropdown menu)
- Scheduled Handlers Activated: Unless checked, no scheduled jobs will be run for this channel
- Periodic Reports Activated: Unless checked, no periodic reports will be generated for this channel

Buttons for 'Cancel' and 'Update' are located at the bottom right of the form. A link 'Back to channel detail' is also present.

A sidebar on the left contains a list of menu items: System, Channels (selected), List, New, Organisations, Sites, Properties, Couriers, Batch types, Packaging, Print queues, Workstations, File Resources, and Countries.

For inventory updates to be posted back via using the Magento channel, the organisation's *Primary Channel* should point to the Magento channel.

Event Configuration

To enable shipment despatch notifications from OrderFlow to Magento, use the **Advanced > Event** menu to navigate to the event definitions screen.

Then select the *shipment_despatch* event. From there, enable the *shipment_despatch_process_listener* if it is not already enabled, and disable the *shipment_despatch_listener* if it is enabled, as shown in the screenshot below.

(The latter event is present for backward compatibility purposes only, and is now deprecated.)

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Event Definition' interface for the 'shipment_despatched' event. The top navigation bar includes 'Despatch', 'Inventory', 'Warehouse', 'Import', 'Integration', 'Reports', 'Admin', 'Setup', and 'Advanced'. The left sidebar lists various system components, with 'Events' selected. The main content area displays the following details for the event:

- Name:** shipment_despatched
- Description:** Event generated when shipment is despatched
- Source Type:** state
- Source Entity:** Shipment
- Source Data:** despatched
- Filter Condition:** (empty)
- Activated:**
- Persistent:**
- Target Delay:** (empty)

Buttons for 'Cancel' and 'Update' are located at the bottom right of the form. Below the form, a table lists the listeners set up for this event definition:

Name	Module	Handler	Activated	
shipment_despatch_listener	rtd2-notification	order_notification	No	✗
shipment_despatch_process_listener	rtd2-process	process_event	Yes	✗
shipment_despatch_courier_notifier	rtd2-courier	shipment_courier_update	No	✗

Note: that you might want to turn off any event listener that uses the **rtd2-notification** module with the **order_notification** handler, as these will generate errors in the logs.

Remember to refresh the event definitions using the *Refresh* button at the on the event definitions screen.

Import Mapping

As Magento does not send a product type when exporting product definitions, you will need to configure the import mapping to handle this. Navigate to *Advanced > Import Mappings > List* and select the product entry that is associated with the Magento channel. Add the following to the *Pre-translations* script field, then use the 'Update' button to apply this configuration:

```
<mapping qualifier = "product" to = "type">'default'</mapping>
```

If there is no import mapping for the Magento-enabled channel, then you will need to add one. Click on the New new button, set *Type* to 'Product', set the *Organisation* or *Channel*, and enable the *Activated* field. Then add the following text into *Pre-translations*, and update the form:

```
<fieldmapper>
  <mappings useinput = "true">
    <mapping qualifier = "product" to = "type">'default'</mapping>
  </mappings>
</fieldmapper>
```

An example of this in action is shown below.

Product Export

With the module successfully installed, this section describes how to use the OrderFlow Magento extension.

It describes how the extension functionality can be applied, both manually and automatically. It also describes how the automatic options can be monitored.

The explanations below assume that the module has been enabled, that job scheduling functionality described in [Magento Configuration](#) has been turned on.

Product Embellishments

The OrderFlow Magento extension provides an additional section to the product detail area in which OrderFlow-specific information can be added.

The screenshot shows the Magento admin interface for a product. The breadcrumb trail includes: Dashboard, Sales, **Catalog**, Customers, Promotions, Newsletter, CMS, Reports, OrderFlow, System. The product title is "Plaid Cotton Shirt-Royal Blue-S (Clothing)".

On the left is a sidebar menu with categories like "Product Information" (General, Prices, Meta Information, Images, Recurring Profile, Design, Gift Options, Clothing) and "OrderFlow" (Inventory, Websites, Categories, Related Products, Up-sells, Cross-sells, Product Reviews, Product Tags, Customers Tagged Product, Custom Options).

The main content area has a top bar with buttons: Back, Reset, Delete, Duplicate, Save, Save and Continue Edit. Below this is the "OrderFlow" section, which contains a text block and a form.

The text block states: "OrderFlow users with the appropriate permissions can use the link below to view or edit the product in the OrderFlow environment. Note that any changes made in OrderFlow will not be reflected in Magento." Below the text is a link: <http://localhost:8081/web/inventory/product/referenceDetail.htm?externalReference=msi006c-Royal+Blue-S&channel=magento>.

The form below is titled "OrderFlow" and has a "Create New Attribute" button. It contains the following fields:

Exported	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	[GLOBAL]
Barcode	<input type="text"/>	[GLOBAL]
Weight Units	<input type="text" value="gram"/>	[GLOBAL]
Export Failures	<input type="text" value="0"/>	[GLOBAL]
Height	<input type="text"/>	[GLOBAL]
Area	<input type="text"/>	[GLOBAL]
Volume	<input type="text"/>	[GLOBAL]
Physical Storage Types	<input type="text"/>	[GLOBAL]
Tax Code	<input type="text"/>	[GLOBAL]

All of these additional attributes for which values have been specified will be included as part of the product export to OrderFlow.

Note also that it is possible to link directly to the OrderFlow product screen once the product has been exported.

Export Types

The module supports three flavours of product export.

implicit: each time a product is updated, an export of the product to OrderFlow is triggered.

manual: the product export can be triggered manually from the catalog product grid.

bulk: a job to trigger the export of the entire product catalog can be triggered through a single action.

We'll go through each of these actions in turn.

With the *implicit* product export, each time a product is updated, the last update time of the product is modified. This information is used to trigger an update to OrderFlow.

Manual product export can be triggered from the Magento Admin Panel **Catalog -> Manage Products** grid, using the 'Export to OrderFlow' action, as shown below:

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Products' grid in the Magento Admin Panel. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'Sales', 'Catalog' (active), 'Customers', 'Promotions', 'Newsletter', 'CMS', 'Reports', 'OrderFlow', and 'System'. A 'Get help for this page' link is also present. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Manage Products' header with an 'Add Product' button. The main content area features a 'Choose Store View' dropdown set to 'All Store Views'. Below this, there are pagination controls: 'Page 1 of 30 pages', 'View 20 per page', 'Total 593 records found', and a 'Notify Low Stock RSS' link. There are also 'Reset Filter' and 'Search' buttons. The product grid itself has a toolbar with 'Select All', 'Unselect All', 'Select Visible', 'Unselect Visible', and '2 items selected'. The 'Actions' menu is open, showing 'Export To OrderFlow' and 'Submit'. The table below shows four product rows with checkboxes in the first column. The first two rows are selected.

	ID	Name	Type	Attrib. Set Name	SKU	Price	Qty	Visibility	Status	Exported To OrderFlow	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	905	Plaid Cotton Shirt-Royal Blue-L	Simple Product	Clothing	msj006c-Royal Blue-L	£160.00	100	Not Visible Individually	Enabled	False	M W
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	904	Plaid Cotton Shirt-Royal Blue-M	Simple Product	Clothing	msj006c-Royal Blue-M	£160.00	100	Not Visible Individually	Enabled	False	M W
<input type="checkbox"/>	903	Plaid Cotton Shirt-Royal Blue-S	Simple Product	Clothing	msj006c-Royal Blue-S	£160.00	100	Not Visible Individually	Enabled	False	M W
<input type="checkbox"/>	902	Plaid Cotton Shirt-Red-L	Simple Product	Clothing	msj006c-Red-L	£160.00	100	Not Visible Individually	Enabled	False	M W

Product Export History - Magento

Finally, it is also possible to trigger *bulk export* of the entire Magento product catalog. Note that this operation may take a long time to complete for large catalogs. However, it is particularly useful operation when loading the product catalog into OrderFlow for the first time.

To perform a full catalog export, use the **OrderFlow -> Catalog -> Bulk Export** menu.

Dashboard Sales Catalog Customers Promotions Newsletter CMS Reports OrderFlow System [Get help for this page](#)

Use the OrderFlow -> Exports -> Products menu to view progress. Alternatively, view the product import history in the [OrderFlow import menu](#).

Bulk Catalogue Export

[Export Catalogue](#) [Back](#)

Bulk Catalogue Export	
Last Executed	14th Sep 2015 04:18:17

Note that the last catalog export time is shown. Once a catalog export is invoked, jobs will be queued to process the requests according to the OrderFlow Product Export configuration. Viewing the history of the operations that result is described in the section below.

Product Export History - Magento

The history of product exports is available from the **OrderFlow -> Exports -> Product** menu.

Dashboard Sales Catalog Customers Promotions Newsletter CMS Reports OrderFlow System [Get help for this page](#)

Product Exports

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ID	Unique SKUs	Successes	Duplicates	Failures	Exported	Action
18	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 18:24:02	View
17	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 18:22:02	View
16	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 18:20:02	View
15	41	41	0	0	14 Sep 2015 16:38:02	View
14	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 16:36:02	View
13	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 16:34:02	View
12	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 16:32:02	View
11	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 16:30:02	View
10	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 16:28:02	View
9	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 16:26:02	View
8	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 16:24:02	View
6	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 16:22:02	View
3	50	50	0	0	14 Sep 2015 16:20:02	View
2	1	1	0	0	14 Sep 2015 16:19:03	View

The **summary** product export admin grid includes a timestamp, the number of unique SKU's within the batch, the returned responses (Successes, Duplicates, Failures) and the ability to view transactions in detail.

The **detail** product export form repeats the summary information, lists the exported SKU's along with response, any message and a timestamp. Depending on log cleaning settings within the configuration the raw requests and response XML is detailed.

Product Import History - OrderFlow

The history of product imports can also be seen in OrderFlow in the **Import -> History -> Batches** menu, filtered by the *Entity* 'Product', as shown below:

Despatch
Inventory
Warehouse
Import
Integration
Reports
Admin
Setup
Advanced
🔍

- Fetch
- Post
- Setup
- Upload
- History
- > Batches
- Errors
- Files

Import Batches
Site: **Default** Organisation: **Magento**

Search criteria

Entity Product Site

Channel

Organisation

Reference

Reset
Search

Import batch search results

ID	Type	Scope	Entity	Succeeded	Failed	Duplicates	Time Taken	Date	
25	xml	Magento	Product	50	0	0	607 ms	14/09/2015 17:30:02	+
24	xml	Magento	Product	50	0	0	528 ms	14/09/2015 17:28:02	+
23	xml	Magento	Product	50	0	0	551 ms	14/09/2015 17:26:01	+
22	xml	Magento	Product	50	0	0	574 ms	14/09/2015 17:24:01	+
21	xml	Magento	Product	50	0	0	605 ms	14/09/2015 17:22:01	+
20	xml	Magento	Product	50	0	0	593 ms	14/09/2015 17:20:01	+
19	xml	Magento	Product	2	0	0	53 ms	14/09/2015 16:25:23	+
18	xml	Magento	Product	1	0	0	52 ms	14/09/2015 16:23:50	+
17	xml	Magento	Product	1	0	0	32 ms	14/09/2015 16:13:49	+
16	xml	Magento	Product	41	0	0	272 ms	14/09/2015 15:38:02	+
15	xml	Magento	Product	50	0	0	348 ms	14/09/2015 15:36:02	+
14	xml	Magento	Product	50	0	0	352 ms	14/09/2015 15:34:02	+
13	xml	Magento	Product	50	0	0	356 ms	14/09/2015 15:32:02	+
12	xml	Magento	Product	1	0	0	26 ms	14/09/2015 15:30:57	+
11	xml	Magento	Product	50	0	0	342 ms	14/09/2015 15:30:02	+

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Testing the Product Export

This section describes a simple end to end step for verifying the connectivity of the module as well as the product export process. It assumes that there are simple product definitions present in the Magento catalog.

From the Magento Admin Panel **Catalog > Manage Products** menu, select a simple product by clicking on the check box to the left. Select 'Export to OrderFlow' at the top right and click on 'Submit' button. Confirm your choice when presented with a dialogue.

If successful, you will see this message:

```
Exported 1 product(s) to OrderFlow with 0 failures.
```

Next, navigate within OrderFlow to the **Import > History > Batches** menu. The first entry in the list will be the most recent import. Click on it and you should see the **Import batch details** and below, the message received from Magento. An example message text receipt may look as follows.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<imports>
  <import type="product" operation="merge" externalReference="wbk002c-Black-S"
    <![CDATA[externalReference=wbk002c-Black-S
description=Black Nolita Cami-Black-S
weight=10
priceNet=25.89
sellable=1
priceGross=25.89
magentoType=simple]]>
  </import>
</imports>
```

The OrderFlow Magento extension sends the message in the native OrderFlow API format (as described in <https://www.orderflow-wms.co.uk/resources/documentation>).

If the product existed in OrderFlow before the message arrived, the product information will have been merged into the existing record. If it did not exist, the new product definition will have been created.

The next step is to find the product in using the OrderFlow product search.

Take a note of the product externalReference, then go to **Inventory > Products > Search**, and enter the externalReference in the *Product Code* field. Set the *Active* dropdown to blank and click on the 'Search' button. You should see the product that has just been imported in the search results list. Click on it to see more information. Selecting the magnifier next to *Created* will take you to the import record last used to update the import definition.

Note: a product imported into OrderFlow will not necessarily be set to activated by default, it will be inactive until all the conditions defined using the system property **product.activation.required.fields** are met.

Order Export

The OrderFlow Magento extension supports the export of orders, allowing them to be packed and despatched in the OrderFlow environment.

As with product export, orders are typically configured to be exported to OrderFlow automatically once they become eligible for export. However, orders can also be exported manually, which is particularly useful while still testing the integration.

An example of this in operation is shown below.

The screenshot shows the OrderFlow interface with the following elements:

- Navigation bar: Dashboard, Sales (active), Catalog, Customers, Promotions, Newsletter, CMS, Reports, OrderFlow, System. A "Get help for this page" link is on the right.
- Section header: "Orders" with a "Create New Order" button.
- Page controls: Page 1 of 1 pages, View 20 per page, Total 11 records found, New Order RSS, Export to: CSV, Export, Reset Filter, Search.
- Table with columns: Order #, Purchased From (Store), Purchased On, Bill to Name, Ship to Name, G.T. (Base), G.T. (Purchased), Status, Exported To OrderFlow.
- Selected orders (checked checkboxes):
 - Order # 10000088: Main Website, Madison Island, English, Purchased On 24 Apr 2013 04:34:44, Mark Woodland, Mark Woodland, \$13,582.35, \$13,582.35, Processing, False.
 - Order # 10000087: Main Website, Madison Island, English, Purchased On 24 Apr 2013 04:27:51, Rack Fox, Rack Fox, \$5,460.15, \$5,460.15, Processing, False.

To manually export orders, select orders which are in the state 'Processing'.

Select the 'Export to OrderFlow' Action, then 'Submit'. You should see a message such as the following:

Exported 2 orders(s) to OrderFlow with 0 failures.

Note that only open invoiced orders can be exported in this way.

Orders which are 'Pending' or 'Cancelled' will not be eligible for export, so attempting to export these will return a message such as:

No exportable (invoiced) orders selected.

Order Embellishments

The OrderFlow Magento extension includes an additional section in the order summary, as shown below

OrderFlow

OrderFlow users with the appropriate permissions can use the link below to view or edit the order in the OrderFlow environment. Note that any changes made in OrderFlow will not be reflected in Magento.

As an order progresses through the OrderFlow pack and despatch process the changes that can be made to it become more limited.

In some circumstances an order may have been split into multiple outgoing shipments, changes can be made to either a particular shipment or to the parent order.

<http://localhost:8081/web/despatch/order/referenceDetail.htm?externalReference=100000210&channel=magento>

The section includes information on how OrderFlow may be used, and provides a link to the current order in OrderFlow (assuming the order has been exported).

Order Export History - Magento

The history of order exports, including those exported manually and automatically is available from the **OrderFlow -> Exports -> Order** menu.

Dashboard
Sales
Catalog
Customers
Promotions
Newsletter
CMS
Reports
OrderFlow
System
Get help for this page

Latest Message: A recent Realtime Despatch OrderFlow sync reported problems. [Read details](#)
You have 1 major unread message(s). [Go to messages inbox](#)

Order Exports

Page 1 of 1 pages | View 20 per page | Total 8 records found [Reset Filter](#) [Search](#)

ID	Unique Order IDs	Successes	Duplicates	Failures	Exported	Action
					From: <input type="text"/> To: <input type="text"/>	
29	1	1	0	0	14 Sep 2015 22:40:57	View
28	1	0	0	1	14 Sep 2015 22:39:47	View
27	2	2	0	0	14 Sep 2015 22:35:19	View
26	1	1	0	0	14 Sep 2015 22:30:31	View
7	14	3	0	11	14 Sep 2015 16:22:03	View
5	16	0	0	16	14 Sep 2015 16:21:01	View
4	16	1	0	15	14 Sep 2015 16:20:03	View
1	17	0	0	17	14 Sep 2015 16:19:01	View

As with the product export screen, the **summary** order export admin grid includes a timestamp, the returned responses (Successes, Duplicates, Failures) and the ability to view transactions in detail.

The **detail** order export form repeats the summary information, lists the exported order ID's along with response, any message and a timestamp. Depending on log cleaning settings within the configuration the raw requests and response XML may be detailed.

Order Import History - OrderFlow

The equivalent history of order imports into OrderFlow can also be seen in OrderFlow in the **Import -> History -> Batches** menu, filtered by the *Entity* 'Order', as shown below:

The screenshot shows the RealtimeDespatch Customer interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Despatch', 'Inventory', 'Warehouse', 'Import', 'Integration', 'Reports', 'Admin', 'Setup', and 'Advanced'. The 'Import' menu is active. The main content area is titled 'Import Batches' and shows search criteria for 'Order' entity. The search results table is as follows:

ID	Type	Scope	Entity	Succeeded	Failed	Duplicates	Time Taken	Date
33	xml	Magento	Order	1	0	0	1123 ms	14/09/2015 21:40:56
32	xml	Magento	Order	0	1	0	26 ms	14/09/2015 21:39:47
31	xml	Magento	Order	2	0	0	60 ms	14/09/2015 21:35:19
30	xml	Magento	Order	1	0	0	50 ms	14/09/2015 21:30:31
7	xml	Magento	Order	3	11	0	198 ms	14/09/2015 15:22:02
5	xml	Magento	Order	0	16	0	130 ms	14/09/2015 15:21:01
4	xml	Magento	Order	1	15	0	742 ms	14/09/2015 15:20:02
1	xml	Magento	Order	0	17	0	230 ms	14/09/2015 15:19:01

The interface also shows a sidebar with 'History' selected, and a footer indicating 'Page 1 of 1' and 'Viewing 1 - 8 of 8'.

The most recently imported order will also normally appear as the first item in the Order search, reached from the **Despatch -> Orders -> Search** menu.

Inventory Import

The inventory import operation is a very important part of the OrderFlow Magento integration, particularly as the imported stock quantity is generally used to determine whether or not the product concerned appears as 'in stock' and therefore sellable to the public.

In the current version (1.9.1.1) of Magento, the built-in SOAP web service stock update is limited by the fact that only a single product stock figure can be updated via a single web service call. This limits the ability of OrderFlow to do efficient bulk stock updates, or indeed, to reset the stock levels across the full product catalog where this is necessary.

The inventory import uses a queueing architecture through which many (any number from one to several hundred, for example) product stock levels may be sent from OrderFlow to Magento via a single message. This message is queued for processing.

The interface is robust in allowing for these messages to be delivered out of sequence, while still being able to determine whether a particular update is the most recent available, or whether it should be discarded as a stale update.

As mentioned earlier in this document, the stock updates are initiated by OrderFlow.

The product inventory quantity is calculated as the following:

- the total stock across all locations
- less stock in non-usable locations (damaged, quarantined, etc.)
- less the stock quantity associated with open (unfulfilled) orders received by OrderFlow

Info

As of version 1.0.0.37 of the module, the product inventory calculation can be adjusted to also take into account [unsent orders and active quotes](#) on Magento.

Initiating Inventory Import

There are three ways that inventory import into Magento can be triggered. In each case, the action is initiated in OrderFlow.

Single product push: the stock level for an individual product can be 'pushed' or exported from OrderFlow to Magento. This option is not typically used in day to day operations, but is very useful in testing.

Full stock push: the stock levels for all products in OrderFlow can be pushed from OrderFlow to Magento. This option is typically used to reset all of the Magento stock levels, for example, after a stock take.

Incremental stock push: this mechanism involves a stock push for products whose stock level may have changed since the last export took place, so is very efficient in its use of system resources. In almost all environments this process will be automated.

Single Stock Push

The best way to understand how OrderFlow and the Magento extension work together to do stock updates is to work through a single stock push example.

Start by navigating to a test product, which we can do through the **Inventory -> Inventory -> Search** menu.

The following screenshot shows the listing for one of the out of stock products.

> Search

Stock

Changes

Locations

Areas

Categories

Datasheets

Admin

Inventory details for product **hdd000**.

Inventory

Total Required

Available Usable

[Stock Changes](#) [Verify stock](#) [Manual Refresh](#) [Push Stock](#) [Stock Notifications](#)

Locations and quantities for this product

*No stock is currently held for the product **hdd000** in any of the following sites.*

Default [+ Add stock to Default](#)

Stock and order history

Shows recent stock level and order quantity history for this product. Weekends are coloured. Try zooming. The plot below shows an overview.

1 6

0 0

Aug 18 Aug 21 Aug 24 Aug 27 Aug 30 Sep 2 Sep 5 Sep 8 Sep 11 Sep 14

Stock levels

Order quantity

Note: The cached inventory record for this product is **10**.

Note the *cached inventory record* for this product, which here shows as **10**.

A single stock push can be invoked using the *Push Stock* link, followed by the *Confirm* button.

Initiating Inventory Import

On the OrderFlow side, this operation results in an outgoing message being queued, which can be found using the **Integration -> Remote Messages -> Search** menu.

Drilling into the detail of the most recently created record, the following queued message displays:

The screenshot shows the OrderFlow interface with the following details for Message 4:

- Navigation: Despatch, Inventory, Warehouse, Import, Integration, Reports, Admin, Setup, Advanced
- Message ID: 4
- URL: http://orderflow.magento/index.php/api/v2_soap/
- State: Created
- Type: api_magento_soap
- Purpose: Inventory
- Created: 15 September, 2015 09:29:54
- Time Taken: Not recorded
- Site: Global
- Channel: Magento
- Retries: 0
- Text: XML payload for inventory update

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<soapenv:Envelope xmlns:soapenv="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/" >
  <soapenv:Body>
    <ns1:login soapenv:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding,
      <username xsi:type="xsd:string">[property:api.magento.soap.user]</username
      <apiKey xsi:type="xsd:string">[property:api.magento.soap.password]</apiKey
    </ns1:login>
  </soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>-----
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  <SOAP-ENV:Body>
    <ns1:orderflowInventoryMultiUpdate>
      <sessionId xsi:type="xsd:string">[session_authentication_token]</sessioi
      <skusQty SOAP-ENC:arrayType="ns1:skuQty[1]" xsi:type="ns1:skuQtyArray":
        <item xsi:type="ns1:skuQty">
          <key xsi:type="xsd:string">hdd000</key>
          <value xsi:type="xsd:int">0</value>
        </item>
      </skusQty>
      <skusSeqId SOAP-ENC:arrayType="ns1:skuSeq[1]" xsi:type="ns1:skuSeqArra
        <item xsi:type="ns1:skuSeq">
```

Note that OrderFlow is now configured to automatically send negative availability figures as zero.

Normally, sending of these messages will be automated. Additionally, the *Send* button can be used to manually push through the message to Magento.

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Clicking on the *Send* button should result in the *Response* field being populated with text such as the following:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:ns1="urn:Magento" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:SOAP-ENC="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
  SOAP-ENV:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/">
  <SOAP-ENV:Body>
    <ns1:orderflowInventoryMultiUpdateResponse>
      <result xsi:type="xsd:string">Success - Message 4 Received</result>
    </ns1:orderflowInventoryMultiUpdateResponse>
  </SOAP-ENV:Body>
</SOAP-ENV:Envelope>
```

Note that the above response has indicated that message 4 has been received. This message can be found immediately on the Magento Admin Panel using the **OrderFlow -> Requests** menu, as shown below.

Request ID	OrderFlow ID	Import ID	Type	Received	Processed	Action
1	4	1	Inventory	15 Sep 2015 11:07:19	2015-09-15 09:08:02	View

Each row in the grid shows the following:

Request ID: a numerical counter, simply an internal identifier within the extension for that record.

OrderFlow ID: this is the ID for the message that was received from OrderFlow, once again with the value of 4.

Import ID: the ID of the import record that gets created within the Magento extension.

Note that the import record above is not created instantaneously on receipt of the message. Instead it is queued for creation through a scheduled job. Before the request has been processed, no import record will have been created, and the value for the column will be 'Pending'.

The *detail* of the request shows the same information as above, but also shows the XML received from OrderFlow.

It is also possible to follow a *Import ID* link once the message has been processed. This leads to a screen such as the following.

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Import #1 Back

Import Details

Imported	Tuesday, 15 September 2015 11:08:02 Europe/London
Type	Import
Message ID	4
Entity	Inventory
Successes	1
Duplicates	0
Failures	0

Import Lines

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ID	Sequence ID	SKU	Result	Message	Processed
1	10	hdd000	Success	Product Quantity Successfully Updated to 0	15 Sep 2015 10:08:02

[Request XML](#) [Response XML](#)

On this screen, we can see the outcome of import processing. Specifically, the screen informs us that the stock quantity of the SKU hdd000 has been set to zero.

Note the *Sequence ID* column. This displays the value of OrderFlow product inventory record ID at the point when the inventory notification is created. This field is used to ensure that stale updates are not applied, as described in the [Handling Inventory Duplicates](#) section.

Full Stock Push

A full stock push can be initiated to send similar stock updates to the ones applied above for all of the products known to OrderFlow.

To initiate a full stock push, navigate in OrderFlow to **Inventory -> Admin -> Inventory**, as shown below:

The screenshot displays the OrderFlow Admin interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Despatch', 'Inventory', 'Warehouse', 'Import', 'Integration', 'Reports', 'Admin', 'Setup', and 'Advanced'. Below this is a search bar. On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with options: 'Products', 'Inventory', 'Stock', 'Changes', 'Locations', 'Areas', 'Categories', 'Datasheets', 'Admin', 'Dashboard', 'Product', and '> Inventory'. The main content area is titled 'Inventory' and shows 'Site: Default' and 'Organisation: Magento'. A blue information box at the top of the main content area contains the following text: 'Use this page to initialize the product inventory table. Note that only products with non-zero stock locations will be initialized using this operation.' Below this, there is a section titled 'Number of products in cached inventory table: 12'. The main content area contains five action buttons, each with a description: 'Add New' (Initializes product inventory table with for new products with non-zero stock locations or outstanding order lines. Run this after doing a bulk import.), 'Initialize' (Initializes product inventory table with for all products with non-zero stock locations or outstanding order lines. Note that for very large product catalogues, this operation might take a while.), 'Clear' (Removes existing entries from the product inventory table. Useful during initial system setup.), 'Update Stale Inventory' (Forces an update of the inventory records that have not yet been refreshed following stock changes or receipt of new orders. (This typically happens automatically via a event trigger or scheduled job).), and 'Push All Stock Levels' (Pushes stock levels to relevant channel(s) for all products, including those which are not in the inventory table. As with the Push Active Stock Levels operation, may result in a large data transfer and significant delay for large product catalogues).

The *Push All Stock Levels* button can be used to initiate a product inventory export for all products. The stock push will be divided into multiple separate messages, with the maximum number of products sent per message set according to the system property *inventory.notification.chunk.size*. A sensible value for this property would be about 100 to 200.

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Once invoked, the messages created would be queued in OrderFlow, then sent automatically to Magento. On Magento, the messages will be queued for processing as described in the previous section, and processed automatically. The *Batch Size* property in the Magento extension's Inventory Import configuration will control how many messages can be processed each time the inventory import job runs.

Note

In general a full stock push should not be necessary. Unless the inventory is reinitialised using the *Initialize* button, most of the stock updates will be discarded as duplicates. How this happens will be explained in more detail in the [Handling Inventory Duplicates](#) section below.

Initialize button will recalculate the inventory level for all of the products on the system.

Incremental Stock Push

The manual stock push operations are only useful in exceptional circumstances. Ordinarily, inventory notifications are automatically send through an **incremental export** process.

Each time a stock change is made, or a new order is received, or an order is cancelled, OrderFlow will automatically recalculate the inventory for each of the affected products, creating a new inventory record for each product.

Another process on OrderFlow checks for all inventory records created since the last inventory notification took place, and creates a new inventory notification for each of these.

This process results in a continual stream of near real time inventory updates for products whose stock positions may have changed.

Handling Inventory Duplicates

The OrderFlow Magento integration has been designed to deal with the consequences of real world situations that may occur in any enterprise computing environment; network outages may result in stock updates being received out of sequence, and even duplicates of the same message being received.

In the stock notification message, as well as sending a stock value, OrderFlow also sends the current inventory record ID as a product sequence number associated with the the update, as shown below:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:ns1="urn:Magento" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:SOAP-ENC="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
  SOAP-ENV:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/">
  <SOAP-ENV:Body>
    <ns1:orderflowInventoryMultiUpdate>
      <sessionId xsi:type="xsd:string">[session_authentication_token]</sessionId>
      <skusQty SOAP-ENC:arrayType="ns1:skuQty[1]" xsi:type="ns1:skuQtyArray">
        <item xsi:type="ns1:skuQty">
          <key xsi:type="xsd:string">hdd000</key>
          <value xsi:type="xsd:int">0</value>
        </item>
      </skusQty>
      <skusSeqId SOAP-ENC:arrayType="ns1:skuSeq[1]" xsi:type="ns1:skuSeqArray">
        <item xsi:type="ns1:skuSeq">
          <key xsi:type="xsd:string">hdd000</key>
          <value xsi:type="xsd:int">10</value>
        </item>
      </skusSeqId>
      <messageSeqId xsi:type="xsd:int">4</messageSeqId>
    </ns1:orderflowInventoryMultiUpdate>
  </SOAP-ENV:Body>
</SOAP-ENV:Envelope>
```

The extension ensures that for each of the stock updates received, the system does not overwrite a more recently created stock record with one that is older, that is, a stale record.

If a stale update is received and processed, the extension will detect this and log an **Imports -> Inventory** entry such as the following:

Import Lines						
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ID	Sequence ID	SKU	Result	Message	Processed	
5	17	hdd000	Duplicate	Product quantity update to 93 discarded as already superseded by inventory record 19	From: <input type="text"/> To: <input type="text"/>	
					15 Sep 2015 10:55:48	

The extension will also detect messages that have been previously received and processed. In this case, the occurrence will be logged for auditing purposes, but no further processing will be attempted.

Unsent Orders and Active Quotes

The stock available figure sent to Magento from OrderFlow takes into account the orders that it has received at the point where the stock figure is calculated.

However, there are three sources of lag which may result in the reported figure that is updated in Magento *overstating* the actual available figure:

- there is a delay in OrderFlow between the time that the 'most recent' order is received in OrderFlow and the time that the available figure is calculated.
- there is a delay in OrderFlow between the time the available figure is calculated and the time that it is sent to Magento.
- there is a delay in Magento between the time the available figure is sent to Magento and the time it is processed on Magento.

During the lag period, the following may have happened:

- new orders may have been taken for the sku concerned, but not yet sent to OrderFlow.
- new orders may have been added to cart, but not yet completed on Magento.

The OrderFlow Magento integration includes a feature which allows for these scenarios to be taken into account.

 **Note**

This feature is only available on **OrderFlow 3.6.9** and **Magento Module version 1.0.0.37** onwards.

Magento Configuration

The following screenshot shows the inventory import configuration in Magento.

Inventory Import

Enabled	Yes	[GLOBAL]
Cron Expression	*/* * * * *	[GLOBAL]
Batch Size	100	[GLOBAL]
Allow Negative Quantities	No	[GLOBAL]
Adjust Inventory	Unsent Orders and Active Quotes	[GLOBAL]
Unsent Order Statuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Suspected Fraud On Hold Payment Review PayPal Canceled Reversal PayPal Reversed Pending Pending Payment Pending PayPal Processing 	[GLOBAL]
Active Quote Cutoff	1	[GLOBAL]
	<p>▲ The number of days for which active quotes will be considered when calculating product inventory. Adjustments will only be applied for quotes created on or after this cutoff.</p>	
Unsent Order Cutoff	1	[GLOBAL]
	<p>▲ The number of days for which unsent orders will be considered when calculating product inventory. Adjustments will only be applied for orders submitted on or after this cutoff.</p>	

The **Adjust Inventory** control allows you to determine whether to allow inventory to be adjusted based on *unsent orders*, *unsent orders and active quotes*, or not at all. The options for this are:

- **No**: no inventory adjustment is made based on unsent orders and/or active quotes. This is the backward compatible setting, and is the default option.
- **Unsent orders**: the Magento module takes into account orders that have been submitted since the date of the last order used in calculating the inventory level in OrderFlow.
- **Unsent orders and active quotes**: the Magento module takes into account not only unsent orders, but active quotes that have not yet been confirmed as orders. Note that a quote is created when a user adds items into their 'shopping cart'.

The remaining configuration options set on the screen above.

- **Unsent Order Statuses**: determines the status of orders that will be considered as unsent. For example, orders for which the payment was unable to complete may be excluded from the list of orders that would be used to adjust the inventory for a product.
- **Active Quote Cutoff**: the maximum age for active quotes that might be used to adjust the inventory. This is useful to ensure that old or stale quotes don't artificially depress the adjusted product inventory. This value is set to 1 by default.

Unsent Orders and Active Quotes

- **Unsent Order Cutoff:** the maximum age for unsent orders that might be used to adjust the inventory. This allows exclusion from the inventory adjustment old orders that for whatever reason have not have been passed through to OrderFlow.

Shipment Import

Once the job of fulfilling an order has been completed, then OrderFlow needs to inform Magento that this has happened. This serves two purposes.

- to allow the order to be closed off, so that it no longer appears as requiring fulfilment.
- to pass back additional information that may be used for notifying customers of despatch, such as courier details and tracking references.

The shipment import on Magento is triggered at the point where the shipment is marked as picked and packed. Of course, the process of allocating stock, picking and packing will need to take place, but these operations are outside of the scope of this document.

There are a number of ways of marking a shipment as despatched on OrderFlow.

- from the shipment detail screen, using the *Despatch* button. This allows a single shipment to be marked as despatched.
- from the shipment search screen. This is only possible if configured correctly, and if the search has been limited to 'Packed' shipments. This option allows multiple shipments to be despatched manually.
- manually, using the **Despatch -> Bulk Operations -> Despatch** menu. This allows all packed shipments to be despatched by courier via single operation.
- automatically via a scheduled job, either at specific time intervals or after a configurable delay.

Shipment Import

In the example below, we will navigate to a shipment that has been packed, and despatch it using the *Despatch* button below:

The screenshot shows the Magento interface for a shipment. The top navigation bar includes: Despatch, Inventory, Warehouse, Import, Integration, Reports, Admin, Setup, and Advanced. A search bar is on the right. On the left, a sidebar menu lists: Orders, Shipments, Dashboard, Search, Lines, Consolidate, Batches, Pick, Pack, Carriage, Manifests, and Bulk operations. The main content area is titled "Shipment 10000066-7-1" and includes "Site: Default" and "Organisation: Magento". A yellow warning banner states: "This shipment is related to a channel that is in **test** mode, therefore it **may be deleted** in the future." Below this are three panels: "Shipment Details" (Order Reference: 10000066, Shipment Reference: 10000066-7-1, Recipient: Mark Woodland, Site: Default, Channel: Magento (Magento), Created: 14 September, 2015 21:40:57, Earliest Ship Date: 14 September, 2015, Priority: Not set, Operations: 1 operations performed), "Shipment Status" (State: Packed, Despatch Note Printed: No), and "Courier Details" (Courier: Generic, Delivery Suggestion: United Parcel Service - Next Day Air, Despatch Reference: Not set). A "Carriage view" link is at the bottom right. Below these panels is a "Comments" section and an "Available Operations" section containing a "Despatch" button with the description "Mark packed shipment as despatched." and a "more ..." link.

Once invoked, the outcome is similar to that of the [Inventory Import](#), in that a new message is queued for sending, and will appear listed in the **Integration -> Remote Messages -> Search** menu.

The specific records will be easily found by applying the additional filters for *Category* ('API Integration') and *Purpose* ('Shipment despatched'). Once sent, the shipment will appear on the listing as shown below:

Remote message search results										
ID	Channel	Purpose	Type	State	Reference	Retries	Created	Sent	Time Taken	
11	Magento	Shipment despatched	Api magento soap	Sent	100000087	0	15/09/2015 11:12:40	15/09/2015	1960 ms	+

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The body of the shipment despatch message contains details of the shipment despatch, the courier used, and the tracking number, if appropriate.

It also contains a listing of the individual product and quantity combinations that have been included in the shipment.

This allows the extension to support partial fulfilments. If only a part of the initial order has been fulfilled, a shipment will be created for the order in Magento but the order will be kept open for further fulfilment updates.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<SOAP-ENV:Envelope
  xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
  xmlns:ns1="urn:Magento" xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xmlns:SOAP-ENC="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
  SOAP-ENV:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/">
  <SOAP-ENV:Body>
    <ns1:orderflowShipmentCreate>
      <sessionId xsi:type="xsd:string">[session_authentication_token]
      </sessionId>
      <orderIncrementId xsi:type="xsd:string">100000087
      </orderIncrementId>
      <skuQty SOAP-ENC:arrayType="ns1:skuQty[1]" xsi:type="ns1:skuQtyArray">
        <item xsi:type="ns1:skuQty">
          <key xsi:type="xsd:string">aws006</key>
          <value xsi:type="xsd:int">4</value>
        </item>
        <item xsi:type="ns1:skuQty">
          <key xsi:type="xsd:string">hde001</key>
          <value xsi:type="xsd:int">6</value>
        </item>
        <item xsi:type="ns1:skuQty">
          <key xsi:type="xsd:string">hdd000</key>
          <value xsi:type="xsd:int">5</value>
        </item>
      </skuQty>
      <comment xsi:type="xsd:string">Shipment Created</comment>
      <email xsi:type="xsd:int">1</email>
      <includeComment xsi:type="xsd:int">1</includeComment>
      <courierName xsi:type="xsd:string">Generic</courierName>
      <serviceName xsi:type="xsd:string"></serviceName>
      <trackingNumber xsi:type="xsd:string"></trackingNumber>
      <dateShipped xsi:type="xsd:date">2015-09-15 11:12:39</dateShipped>
      <messageSeqId xsi:type="xsd:int">[message_id]</messageSeqId>
    </ns1:orderflowShipmentCreate>
  </SOAP-ENV:Body>
</SOAP-ENV:Envelope>
```

Shipment Import

As soon as the notification request has been sent to Magento, it will be visible in the Magento Admin Panel under the *OrderFlow* - > *Requests* menu, as shown below.

Requests Process All Requests

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Request ID	OrderFlow ID	Import ID	Type	Received	Processed	Action
				From: <input type="text"/> To: <input type="text"/>	From: <input type="text"/> To: <input type="text"/>	
6	11	6	Shipment	15 Sep 2015 12:12:55	2015-09-15 10:13:24	View
5	8	5	Inventory	15 Sep 2015 11:55:22	2015-09-15 09:55:48	View
4	10	4	Inventory	15 Sep 2015 11:55:15	2015-09-15 09:55:40	View
3	4	3	Inventory	15 Sep 2015 11:54:19	2015-09-15 09:55:01	View
2	6	2	Inventory	15 Sep 2015 11:54:00	2015-09-15 09:54:01	View
1	4	1	Inventory	15 Sep 2015 11:07:19	2015-09-15 09:08:02	View

Again, as with the inventory import, the Import ID field is not populated immediately, but is only set once the request has been processed. The timing of this will depend on the configuration settings for the Shipment Import, as described in the [Magento Configuration](#) section.

Once Import ID link is available, navigating to this will show the details of the import, which will confirm, as shown below that the shipment has been created.

Import #6 Back

Import Details

Imported Tuesday, 15 September 2015 12:13:24 Europe/London

Type Import

Message ID 11

Entity Shipment

Successes 1

Duplicates 0

Failures 0

Import Lines

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ID	Order ID	Sequence ID	Shipment ID	Result	Message	Processed
						From: <input type="text"/> To: <input type="text"/>
6	100000087	11	100000033	Success	Order 100000087 successfully shipped.	15 Sep 2015 11:13:24

Request XML ▼

Response XML ▼

Shipment Import

From the previous screen it is possible to navigate to the both the Magento Admin Panel order and the shipment detail screen, which give more details on the current status of the order. If no more items need to be fulfilled, the expected behaviour at this point is for the order to be marked as complete.

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Order View  **Order # 10000087 | 24 Apr 2013 04:27:51** [Back](#) [Send Email](#) [Credit Memo](#) [Reorder](#)

Information

- Invoices
- Credit Memos
- Shipments
- Comments History
- Transactions

Order # 10000087 (the order confirmation email was sent)	
Order Date	24 Apr 2013 04:27:51
Order Status	Complete
Purchased From	Main Website Madison Island English

Account Information	
Customer Name	Rack Fox
Email	rack@example.com

Mappings and Advanced Configuration

The purpose of this chapter is to document the built-in mappings as well as the steps for adding custom mappings from Magento to OrderFlow.

Built-In Mappings

The purpose of the OrderFlow Magento extension mappings is to identify specific values of properties within the Magento environment and map them to their equivalents in Orderflow. The next sections describe the key *built-in mappings* that exist in the Magento Orderflow module.

Product Export

The list below are mappings identified from the OrderFlow Magento module class

`SixBySix_RealTimeDespatch_Model_Catalog_Product` , found in the file `app/code/community/SixBySix/RealTimeDespatch/Model/Catalog/Product.php`, or in the built-in Magento class `Mage_Catalog_Model_Product` .

Also included is the Magento API expression, which gives an indication of the code used in the Magento API to extract the field name specified.

Built-In Mappings

Orderflow Field Name	Magento API expression	Description
category	<code>getCategory()->getName()</code>	Product category.
currency	<code>Mage::app()->getStore()->getCurrentCurrencyCode()</code>	Returns the product's current currency code.
externalReference	<code>getSku()</code>	Retrieves sku through type instance.
description	<code>getName()</code>	Product description.
imageReference	<code>getSmallImageUrl()</code>	Product image URL, for displaying product images.
magentoType	<code>getTypeId()</code>	Product type identifier.
sellable	<code>isSalable()</code>	Whether the product is available for sale.
priceGross	<code>Mage::helper('tax')->getPrice(\$this,\$this->getFinalPrice(),true)</code>	Returns the gross product price, including tax.
priceNet	<code>Mage::helper('tax')->getPrice(\$this,\$this->getFinalPrice())</code>	Returns the net product price, excluding tax.
tax	<code>getGrossPrice()-getNetPrice()</code>	The tax on the product.
weight	<code>getWeight()</code>	Retrieve weight through type instance.

Built-In Mappings

The following built-in mappings are based on named product attributes attributes.

Orderflow Field Name	Description
barcode	The barcode for the product.
length	
width	
height	
area	
volume	
weightUnits	Optional weight units for the product weight. Normally either 'gram' or 'kilogram'.
taxCode	The tax code for the product.

Order Export

The built-in order import mappings include mappings to order, shipment and order line entities in OrderFlow, and are based on the following entry in *app/code/community/SixBySix/RealTimeDespatch/etc/config.xml*.

As with the product mappings, the order mappings are based on the extension class

`SixBySix_RealTimeDespatch_Model_Sales_Order`, found in *app/code/community/SixBySix/RealTimeDespatch/Model/Sales/Order.php*, which in turns extends `Magento_Sales_Model_Order`.

```

<order>
  <IncrementId>externalReference</IncrementId>
  <OrderCurrencyCode>currency</OrderCurrencyCode>
  <OrderCurrencyUnits>currencyUnits</OrderCurrencyUnits>
  <CustomerNote>customerComment</CustomerNote>
  <CouponCode>promotionCode</CouponCode>
  <DiscountDescription>promotionDescription</DiscountDescription>
  <Subtotal>goodsPriceNet</Subtotal>
  <SubtotalInclTax>goodsPriceGross</SubtotalInclTax>
  <GoodsTaxAmount>goodsTax</GoodsTaxAmount>
  <GoodsTaxCode>goodsTaxCode</GoodsTaxCode>
  <ShippingAmount>shippingPriceNet</ShippingAmount>
  <ShippingInclTax>shippingPriceGross</ShippingInclTax>
  <ShippingTaxAmount>shippingTax</ShippingTaxAmount>
  <ShippingTaxCode>shippingTaxCode</ShippingTaxCode>
  <PaymentMethodTitle>paymentGatewayIdentifier</PaymentMethodTitle>
  <NetTotal>totalPriceNet</NetTotal>
  <GrandTotal>totalPriceGross</GrandTotal>
  <TaxAmount>totalTax</TaxAmount>
  <TotalTaxCode>taxCode</TotalTaxCode>
</order>
<order_shipment>
  <CustomerNote>deliveryInstruction</CustomerNote>
  <ShippingMethod>deliverySuggestionCode</ShippingMethod>
  <ShippingDescription>deliverySuggestionName</ShippingDescription>
</order_shipment>
<delivery_address>
  <Street1>addressLine1</Street1>
  <Street2>addressLine2</Street2>
  <Street3>addressLine3</Street3>
  <Street4>addressLine4</Street4>
  <City>addressLine5</City>
  <Region>addressLine6</Region>
  <Postcode>postCode</Postcode>
  <Company>companyName</Company>
  <Name>contactName</Name>
  <CountryId>countryCode</CountryId>
  <Telephone>dayPhoneNumber</Telephone>
  <Email>emailAddress</Email>
  <EveningTelephone>eveningPhoneNumber</EveningTelephone>
  <Fax>fax</Fax>
  <MobileTelephone>mobilePhoneNumber</MobileTelephone>
</delivery_address>
<billing_address>
  <Street1>addressLine1</Street1>
  <Street2>addressLine2</Street2>
  <Street3>addressLine3</Street3>
  <Street4>addressLine4</Street4>
  <City>addressLine5</City>
  <Region>addressLine6</Region>
  <Postcode>postCode</Postcode>
  <Company>companyName</Company>
  <Name>contactName</Name>
  <CountryId>countryCode</CountryId>
  <Telephone>dayPhoneNumber</Telephone>
  <Email>emailAddress</Email>
  <EveningTelephone>eveningPhoneNumber</EveningTelephone>
  <Fax>fax</Fax>

```

Built-In Mappings

```
<MobileTelephone>mobilePhoneNumber</MobileTelephone>
</billing_address>
<order_item>
  <Name>description</Name>
  <QtyOrdered>quantity</QtyOrdered>
  <RowTotal>totalPriceNet</RowTotal>
  <TaxAmount>totalTax</TaxAmount>
  <RowTotalInclTax>totalPriceGross</RowTotalInclTax>
  <TotalTaxCode>totalTaxCode</TotalTaxCode>
  <Price>unitPriceNet</Price>
  <UnitTaxAmount>unitTax</UnitTaxAmount>
  <PriceInclTax>unitPriceGross</PriceInclTax>
  <TaxCode>unitTaxCode</TaxCode>
</order_item>
```

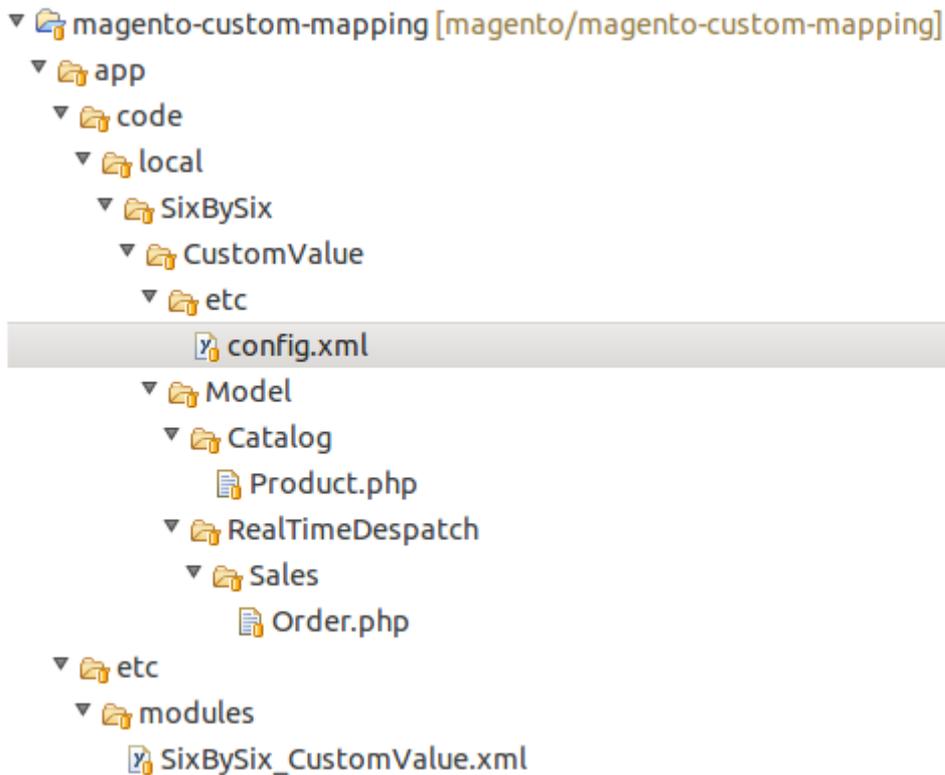
Custom Mappings Setup

The following section describes how to add custom order and product mappings to the Magento environment.

In line with Magento best practices, the technique involves the following elements:

- define a **custom module**, which overrides the OrderFlow extension module
- create a **configuration**, defining any custom mappings
- provided **overridden model classes** if necessary for the custom mappings

An example of a custom mapping module may have the following structure:



Note that we use a **new module** to apply mapping changes, as this minimises the likelihood of conflicts, and allows in most cases for future upgrades to the OrderFlow Magento extension without requiring additional changes to apply the custom mappings.

Custom Module Definition

An example custom mapping module definition is shown below.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<config>
  <modules>
    <SixBySix_CustomValue>
      <active>true</active>
      <codePool>local</codePool>
      <depends><SixBySix_RealTimeDespatch/></depends>
    </SixBySix_CustomValue>
  </modules>
</config>
```

In the example above, the custom value module extends the `SixBySix_RealTimeDespatch` module, which is the OrderFlow extension module.

Mapping Configuration

Next, we need to create a configuration file for the module, found in this example in `app/code/local/SixBySix/CustomValue/etc/config.xml`.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<config>
  <modules>
    <SixBySix_CustomValue>
      <version>0.0.0.1</version>
    </SixBySix_CustomValue>
  </modules>
  <global>
    <models>
      <customvalue>
        <class>SixBySix_CustomValue_Model</class>
      </customvalue>
      <catalog>
        <rewrite>
          <product>SixBySix_CustomValue_Model_Catalog_Product</product>
        </rewrite>
      </catalog>
      <sales>
        <rewrite>
          <order>SixBySix_CustomValue_Model_RealTimeDespatch_Sales_Order</order>
        </rewrite>
      </sales>
    </models>
  </global>
  <rtd_mappings>
    <product>
      <export>
        <CustomValue>customValue</CustomValue>
      </export>
    </product>
    <order>
      <CustomField>customOrderField</CustomField>
      <OrderCreateDate>createDateValue</OrderCreateDate>
    </order>
  </rtd_mappings>
</config>
```

Note in this example that we need to provide rewrite rules replace the order and product model classes with ones that apply our custom mappings. These are covered next.

Custom Mapping Classes

The custom mapping classes created need to extend the classes provided in the OrderFlow Magento extension.

Having added the custom mapping to the *config.xml* file, you will need to implement the methods that the methods to which the mapping applies.

This is shown clearly in the example product and order model classes below.

Product Model

```
<?php

/**
 * Custom Valued Product Model.
 */
class SixBySix_CustomValue_Model_Catalog_Product extends SixBySix_RealTimeDespatch_Model_Catalog_Product
{
    /**
     * Returns a custom value.
     *
     * This could be a call to a helper, service, additional business logic etc.
     *
     * @return string
     */
    public function getCustomValue()
    {
        return $this->getDescription();
    }
}
```

Order Model

```
class SixBySix_CustomValue_Model_RealTimeDespatch_Sales_Order extends
SixBySix_RealTimeDespatch_Model_Sales_Order {

    /**
     * Returns a custom value.
     *
     * This could be a call to a helper, service, additional business logic etc.
     *
     * @return string
     */
    public function getCustomField()
    {
        return 'custom order field value';
    }

    /** Example to retrieve the order create date
     *
     * @return string
     */

    public function getOrderCreateDate()
    {
        return $this->getCreatedAtDate();
    }
}
```

Applying the Changes

You will then simply need to copy the files into the appropriate location in the Magento web root directory, then flush the Magento cache.