**Ali Express Orders integration (Multiple Uses)**

The objective of this development is to be able to integrate the Ali Express Orders for multiple purposes such as assigning product cost to each order in shopify and to be able to be able to track the logisitics and to generate autoresponders from our email marketing tool.

At this moment we are only serving our orders from Ali Express. Therefore we need to be able to download all Ali Express orders and match them with shopify order IDs. By doing this we will be able to allocate to each shopify order the corresponding cost.

The first step will be to be able to export all the Ali express orders including the tracking numbers and to connect to their notification system to update shipping status while matching them to each shopify order ID.

I have been looking for ways to export Ali Express orders on a csv or via API and unfortunately I could not find any besides one chrome extension from an app called dropified.

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/dropified-formerly-shopif/aogkkekoinpipjlolpcicigndjlcpdcn?hl=en>

This extension will allow you you to download a csv with all the order details from ali express. This is something that we will probably have to build on our own.

Step 2 will be to match Ali Express Order ids with shopify Order IDs. Only place where are the 2 pieces of data is in Oberlo. I have also requested API Access to Oberlo but they do not provide an API at the moment. So only option would be to download Oberlo orders via CSV. In there we will have Shopify order ID and Ali Express Order ID, and we will match them properly.

When we have the information crossed we will proceed and upload Ali Express Invoices (Order ids) to Xero and we will apply the cost of sales to the appropriate order ID, same as with the stripe payments.

Later on, I would like to use the different logistics notification to communicate to our customers the status of their orders.