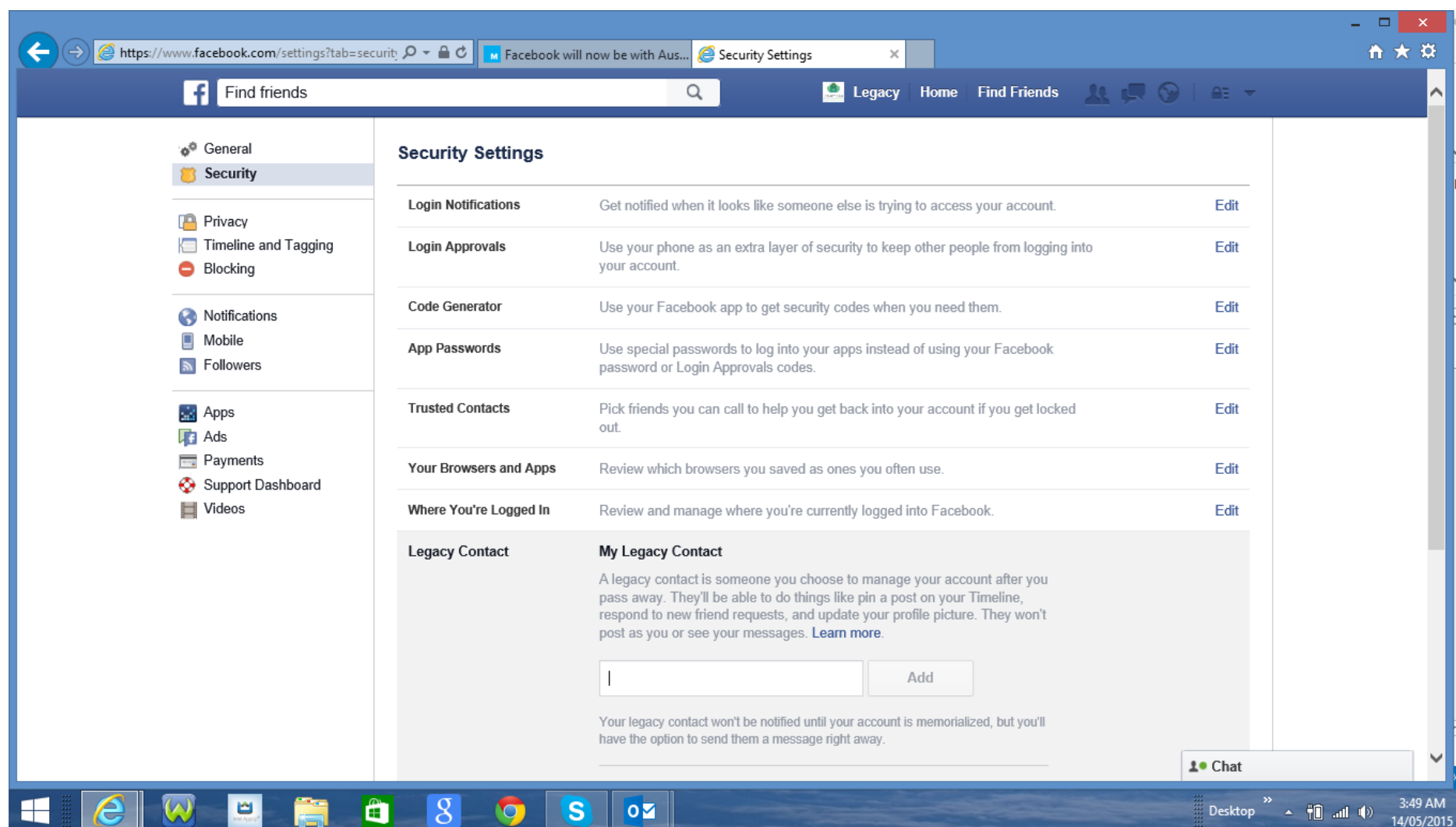


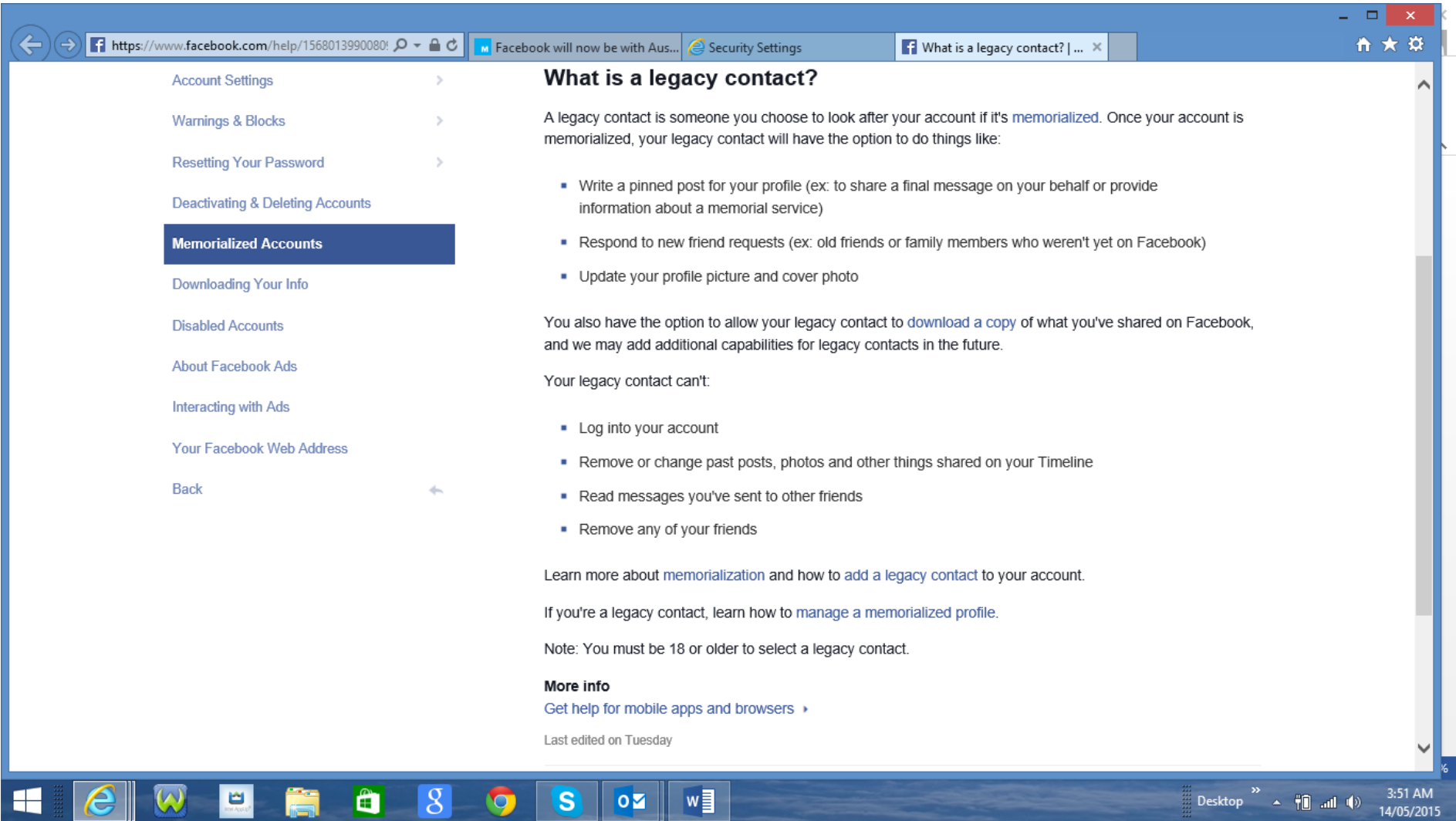
## FACEBOOK AND LEGACY DEVELOPMENT - 13 MAY 2015

Facebook has just launched a legacy contact feature which allows family members of a deceased person to request their loved one's Facebook profile be either shut down or changed to a "remembering" status. This is positive as many grieving families like to keep a person's online presence as a memorial and its deletion before people can access photos etc can cause great stress.

We suggest that people look at this now. To add the feature, which also allows you to select that your account self-destruct please see the attached screenshots.



The screenshot shows the Facebook Security Settings page. The left sidebar contains navigation options: General, Security (selected), Privacy, Timeline and Tagging, Blocking, Notifications, Mobile, Followers, Apps, Ads, Payments, Support Dashboard, and Videos. The main content area is titled "Security Settings" and lists several options with "Edit" links: Login Notifications, Login Approvals, Code Generator, App Passwords, Trusted Contacts, Your Browsers and Apps, and Where You're Logged In. Below these is the "Legacy Contact" section, which includes a sub-section "My Legacy Contact" with a description: "A legacy contact is someone you choose to manage your account after you pass away. They'll be able to do things like pin a post on your Timeline, respond to new friend requests, and update your profile picture. They won't post as you or see your messages. [Learn more](#)." Below the text is an input field and an "Add" button. At the bottom of the Legacy Contact section, it states: "Your legacy contact won't be notified until your account is memorialized, but you'll have the option to send them a message right away."



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## What is a legacy contact?

A legacy contact is someone you choose to look after your account if it's [memorialized](#). Once your account is memorialized, your legacy contact will have the option to do things like:

- Write a pinned post for your profile (ex: to share a final message on your behalf or provide information about a memorial service)
- Respond to new friend requests (ex: old friends or family members who weren't yet on Facebook)
- Update your profile picture and cover photo

You also have the option to allow your legacy contact to [download a copy](#) of what you've shared on Facebook, and we may add additional capabilities for legacy contacts in the future.

Your legacy contact can't:

- Log into your account
- Remove or change past posts, photos and other things shared on your Timeline
- Read messages you've sent to other friends
- Remove any of your friends

Learn more about [memorialization](#) and how to [add a legacy contact](#) to your account.

If you're a legacy contact, learn how to [manage a memorialized profile](#).

Note: You must be 18 or older to select a legacy contact.

### More info

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