Ivan Rakitić

was born in Rheinfelden, Switzerland, on 10 March 1988. He is a Croatian professional footballer who plays as midfielder for Sevilla FC and the Croatian national team.

Ivan started his professional career at FC Basel and spent two seasons there before joining Schalke 04. Having spent three-and-a-half seasons in the Bundesliga, he was signed by Sevilla in January 2011. Two years later, Rakitić was confirmed as the club captain and led the team to UEFA Europa League triumph. In June 2014, Barcelona and Sevilla reached an agreement on Rakitić's transfer. In his first season in Catalonia, he won a continental treble: La Liga, Copa del Rey and UEFA Champions League. He scored the first goal of the 2015 Champions League Final and became the first player ever to win the Champions League a year after winning the Europa League while playing for two separate clubs.

Considered as one of the best midfielders of his generation, Ivan made his debut for Croatia in 2007 and has since represented the country at UEFA EURO 2008, UEFA EURO 2012, the 2014 FIFA World Cup, UEFA EURO 2016 and the 2018 FIFA World Cup (runner-up), earning over 100 caps.

During his career, Rakitic has won numerous trophies: 1x Champions League winner, 4x Spanish Champion, 4x Spanish Cup winner, 3x Spanish Super Cup winner, 1x German Cup winner, 1x Swiss Cup winner, 2x FIFA Club World Cup winner, 1x Europa League winner, 2x UEFA Super Cup winner, 1x footballer of the year (Croatia).